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San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. UC San Diego Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021

# FINAL EDITION

Next Game: Tuesday, Dec. 28 | vs. San Diego Christian, 6 p.m. PT | San Diego, Calif. | TV: YurView | Radio: 101.5 KGB | XTRA 1360 Next Media Availability: TBA

### **Big Notes**

- San Diego State scored a season-high 78 points, besting its previous best of 73 against Georgetown on Nov. 25.
- San Diego State shot a season-high 54.1 percent from the field (33-for-61), easily eclipsing its previous best of 48.3 percent against Georgetown.
- The Aztecs also set season bests in field goals (33), 3-point field goals (9) and assists (23).
- Nathan Mensah scored a career-high 19 points.

#### Streaks Extended

- San Diego State has won 31 straight games vs. Big West competition
- San Diego State has won its last 25 home games against Big West teams.
- San Diego State extends its home winning streak to 15 games.
- San Diego State has won its last 13 games on Wednesday.
- San Diego State extends its winning streak against UC San Diego to 12 games (12-0 all-time).

#### **Big Picture**

- SDSU improves to 156-23 (.872) in games played in Viejas Arena since the start of the 2010-11 season.
- The Aztecs improve to 188-35 (.843) in game played in California since the start of the 2010-11 season.
- San Diego State improves to 65-17 (.793) in its last 82 games played on Wednesday.
- San Diego State improves to 59-8 (.881) in Viejas Arena since in the start of the Dutcher era (2017-18 season).

### **Team Notes**

- San Diego State's 23 assists were its most since recording 27 at Air Force on Jan. 22, 2021.
- The Aztecs won their 21st straight game when leading at the half (90-11 in the Brian Dutcher era, 7-0 this season).
- SDSU won its 25th consecutive game when outrebounding its opponent (73-9 in the Brian Dutcher era, 7-0 this season).
- San Diego State won its 26th straight contest when shooting at least 50 percent from the field (38-1 in the Brian Dutcher era)
- The Aztecs improved to 7-0 this season when leading with five minutes to play (SDSU is 349-12 in the last 361).
- The Aztecs outscored the Tritons, 21-11, in points off turnovers.
- SDSU outscored UCSD, 36-22, in the paint.
- San Diego State held a 7-2 advantage in second-chance points.
- The Aztecs outscored the Tritons, 10-2, in fast break opportunities.

#### **Trends**

- San Diego State won the tip.
- Nathan Mensah had the first bucket.
- UCSD missed its first seven attempts of the game.
- SDSU dunks: 5 (Keshad Johnson 2, Nathan Mensah 2, Chad Baker-Mazara 1)
- SDSU blocks: 6 (Keshad Johnson 3, Nathan Mensah 2, Tahirou Diabate 1)
- San Diego State is 56-3 in the Dutcher era when holding the opponent to less to less than 60 points.
- This is the ninth time in 11 games this season that SDSU has held its opponent to 40 percent or less shooting from the field.
- SDSU is 48-2 the last 50 times it has held its opponent to 40 percent or less shooting.

# **Entering Today**

- San Diego State was 42nd in KenPom.
- San Diego State was 39th in Strength of Record
- San Diego State was 48th in Strength of Schedule.
- San Diego State was 48th in BPI.

#### **Player Notes**

# Nathan Mensah (19 points, 9-12 FG, 9 rebounds, 2 blocked shots)

Scored a career-high 19 points... Reached his career high in his 86th career game... Reached double figures in scoring for the third time this season and 23rd time of his career (SDSU is 20-3)... Also made a career-high nine field goals... With nine rebounds tonight, is averaging 10.3 over his last three games (31 total)... Had multiple blocked shots for the eighth straight game... Became just the fifth Aztec since at least the 1996-97 season to record at least 19 points, 9 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, 9 made field goals while shooting at least 75 percent from the field) and first since Billy White accomplished the feat (20 points, 9 rebounds, 3 blocked shots, 10 made field goals (10-for-11 FG)) against UC San Diego on Nov. 17, 2017.

# Keshad Johnson (13 points, 6-8 FG, 7 rebounds, 3 blocked shots, 4 assists)

Set career highs in blocked shots (3) and assists (4)... Tied career highs in field goals (6)... Had a season-high 13 points... Recorded his second double-figure scoring game of the season and first since scoring 10 against Arizona State on Nov. 18... Matched his point total from his last three games combined... Now has four career double-figure scoring games (SDSU is 4-0 in those games)... Tied a career high with six made field goals (also vs. Wyoming on Jan. 30, 2021)... Tied a season high with seven rebounds (third time this season).

# Matt Bradley (13 points, 5 rebounds, 6 assists, 2 steals)

Reached double figures in scoring for the ninth time this season in 11 games and 80th time of his career... Matched a career high with six assists, three more than his best as an Aztec (had happened three times prior to tonight)... The two steals tied a season high.

# Adam Seiko (11 points, 3-6 3PFG, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal)

Led the team with a +/- rating of +28... Scored all 11 of his points in the first half... Made his first three 3-points field goals, extending his streak to 10 straight (over the last three games) before missing his fourth attempt of the game tonight... Reached double figures in scoring for the third time this season and sixth time of his career.

#### Trey Pulliam (4 points, 2 rebounds, 7 assists, 1 steal)

His seven assists were one off a career high... Now has 13 assists over the last two games (6.5 avg.)... Led the team in assists for the eighth time this year in 11 games and the 28th time of his Aztec career.