

# **SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS**

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San Diego State vs. San Jose State Postgame Notes Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. January 28, 2023

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Next Game: Tue., January 31 | at Nevada, 8 p.m. PT | Lawlor Events Center | Reno, Nev. | TV: CBS Sports Network | Radio: San Diego Sports 760

Records: San Diego State: 17-4 overall, 8-1 Mountain West; San Jose State: 13-9 overall, 4-5 Mountain West

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#### **Big Notes**

- San Diego State remains in sole possession of first place of the Mountain West standings at 7-1, one game ahead of Boise State (6-2) and Nevada (6-2), and two games ahead of New Mexico (5-3) and Utah State (5-3).
- San Diego State moves to 92-20 since the start of the 2019-20 season, which is the fifth-best record in the nation in that time frame.
- SDSU's three turnovers are its fewest in a game against a Division I opponent since the start of the Mountain West era (1999-20 season).
- San Diego State's 14 points allowed in the first half are its fewest since it surrendered 13 to Texas Southern on Nov. 5, 2019. It
  is the 17<sup>th</sup> times in the Mountain West era that SDSU has allowed 14 or fewer points in the first half of a game.
- The 14 first-half points were San Jose State's fewest in any half since also scoring 14 in the first half at Utah State on Feb. 25, 2020.
- SDSU wins the 17th of its last 19 Mountain West games overall (17-2).
- San Diego State improves to 11-1 in Viejas Arena this season and is 61-6 in its last 67 home games.
- San Diego State improves to 29-4 in MW games at Steve Fisher Court since the start of the 2019-20 season.
- San Diego State has won 21 of its last 23 MW home games.
- SDSU improves to 136-44 (.756) under Brian Dutcher.
- San Diego State beat San Jose State by 21 points. SJSU was coming off a 30-point win over Air Force on Jan. 24 and a 1-point loss at Utah State on Jan. 21.

#### **Team Notes**

- The Aztecs move to 123-9 in the Brian Dutcher era when leading with five minutes to play.
- The Aztecs move to 12-2 on the season when they score first, 95-22 under Brian Dutcher and 212-56 in their last 268 games.
- For the 11th time this year, San Diego State never trailed in the second half.
- SDSU wins its 11th straight game when leading at the half, and improves to 14-1 on the season and 118-14 under Brian Dutcher.
- SDSU wins its 11th straight game when attempting more free throws than its opponent, and improves to 13-1 this season, 59-3
  in its last 62 games and 88-8 under Brian Dutcher.
- San Diego State wins its ninth straight game when shooting better than its opponent and is now 12-1 this season and 113-8 under Brian Dutcher.
- The Aztecs improve to 4-0 on the season and 41-2 under Brian Dutcher when holding their opponent to under 35 percent shooting.
- SDSU improves to 7-0 on the season and 73-7 under Brian Dutcher when holding its opponent to under 60 points for the game.

#### **Series Notes**

- San Diego State moves to 46-35 in the all-time series against San Jose State.
- The Aztecs improves to 12-0 against San Jose State at Viejas Arena and 32-8 all-time at home in the series.
- SDSU has defeated the Spartans in 22 of the last 28 meetings, regardless of location.
- San Diego State has won six of the seven home and home series since SJSU entered the Mountain West and in the three seasons
  where the teams have only met once, the Aztecs are undefeated.

#### **Game Flow**

- Matt Bradley scored the first basket of the game on a layup at 19:37. He was fouled and converted the three-point play.
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- San Diego State held SDSU without a bucket from 10:32 in the first half to 16:46 in the second, covering 13:46 of game time
  and outscored the Spartans 25-3.
- San Diego State did not make a 3-pointer in the first half, but was 5-for-11 from beyond the arc in the second half.
- SDSU led for 36 minutes, 50 seconds (36:50) of the 40 minutes tonight (San Jose State led for 1:25 and the game was tied for 1:45).

## **Entering Today**

- San Diego State was 6<sup>th</sup> in NET Strength of Schedule
- San Diego State was 16th in T-Rank
- San Diego State was 18th in KPI
- San Diego State was 27th in Kenpom
- San Diego State was 24th in the NET
- San Diego State was 31st in BPI
- San Diego State was 35<sup>th</sup> in Sagarin.

# **Player Notes**

### Keshad Johnson — 16 points, 7-of-10 FG, 8 rebounds, 1 blocked shot

Scored a career-high 16 points... Scored in double figures for the ninth time this season and the 22<sup>th</sup> time in his career (SDSU is 19-3)... Has scored 10 or more points in five of the last six games... Led the team in scoring for the second time this season and third time of his career (SDSU is 3-0)... Was two rebounds shy of his third consecutive double-double... Led the team in rebounding for the seventh time this season and 17th time of his career... Over the last three games, is averaging 13.3 points and 9.3 rebounds.

## Matt Bradley - 14 points, 2 assists

Scored in double figures for the 14th time this season and 110th time of his career... Has back-to-back games without a turnover.

## Lamont Butler – 8 points, 3 rebounds, 5 assists, 1 steal, 0 turnovers, +30 plus/minus rating

Had five assists, one shy of tying a career high and his most since having six at Stanford on Nov. 15... Recorded the second 5-assist, 0-turnover game of his career (also at Stanford on Nov. 15)... Had a game-high +30 plus/minus rating in 26-plus minutes (next highest was Micah Parrish at +18).