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No. 4/4 San Diego State Postgame Notes at New Mexico Dreamstyle Arena at The Pit | Albuquerque, N.M. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2020

# FINAL EDITION: San Diego State 85, New Mexico 57

Next Game: Saturday, Feb. 1 | vs. Utah State, 7 p.m. PT | San Diego, Calif. | TV: CBS Sports Network | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360 Next Media Availability: Thursday, Jan. 30 | Fowler Athletics Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Recruiting Lounge | 12:30 p.m. PT

## **Big Notes**

- San Diego State is the only team in the nation to hand three different teams its only home loss of the season (Brigham Young, Utah State and New Mexico).
- San Diego State improves to a nation best 8-0 in NET Quadrant 1 and 2 games. All eight of those victories have come either on the road and neutral (5-0 away, 3-0 neutral).
- San Diego State's 28-point victory over New Mexico was its largest in its 42 games against the Lobos in the Pit.
- SDSU's 28-point victory was the largest for a New Mexico opponent in the building since a 30-point loss to Utah on Jan. 21, 2002.
- This is tied for the third-largest margin of victory, by a Division I team, in a road game over an opponent undefeated at home (min. 10 home games played) in the last 24 seasons.
- This matches the largest margin of victory for the Aztecs in a road game since defeating Air Force by 32 (77-45) on Jan. 20, 2015.
- San Diego State scored the first 17 points of the game, never trailed and built a 35-point lead in the second half.
- San Diego State now has a 4-game lead in its quest to earn its 12th Mountain West Conference title.
- San Diego State set season highs for field goal percentage (58.2 percent), three-point field goals made (15) and blocked shots (7).

#### Records

- San Diego State wins its 11th straight road/neutral game and has TIED the school-record for most consecutive wins away from home. The Aztecs won 11 straight road/neutral games from Nov. 30, 2010 through Jan. 15, 2011.
- San Diego State wins its 11th straight conference game and has TIED the school-record for most consecutive league victories. The Aztecs won 11 straight conference games from Dec. 30, 2015 through Feb. 2, 2016.
- San Diego State improves to 22-0 and EXTENDS the school-record for best start in the program's 99-seasons. In the 2010-11 season, the Aztecs opened 20-0, ended the season 34-2 and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 (the leading scorer was second-team All-American Kawhi Leonard).
- San Diego State wins its 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive game and EXTENDS the school record. The previous record was 20 straight wins set during the 2010-11 season (see above) and matched by the 2013-14 squad (ended the season 31-5 and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16; the leading scorer was third-team All-American Xavier Thames).
- San Diego State becomes the FIRST school in Mountain West Conference history (since 1999-2000) to win at UNLV and at New Mexico, in any order, in consecutive games. The previous 11 teams all lost the first game in the series and were a collective 3-19 in the two-game swing.

#### Win Streaks Extended

- San Diego State extended the following win streaks:
  - 22-game overall win streak (longest active win streak in the nation, school record)
  - 11-game road/neutral win streak (tied for longest in school history)
  - 11-game conference win streak (tied for longest in school history)
  - 9-game road win streak (longest since a 9-game streak from March 6, 2010 through Jan. 15, 2011)

#### **Series Notes**

- New Mexico leads the all-time series, 48-41.
- San Diego State is 7-4 in the last 11 games in the series, regardless of location.
- San Diego State snaps a three-game losing streak to New Mexico in Albuquerque, recording its first win at The Pit since March 1, 2016.
- The Aztecs are 8-7 in their last 15 games played at New Mexico.

#### **Road Notes**

- The Aztecs improve to 11-0 away from home this season (road/neutral) and 8-0 in true road games in 2019-20.
- The 11-0 record is tops in the nation. SDSU is the only undefeated team in road/neutral games in the nation and its 11 wins are tops in the nation.
- San Diego State snaps New Mexico's 15-game homecourt win streak.
- The Aztecs have handed Brigham Young, Utah State and New Mexico their only home loss this season.
- San Diego State improves to 6-0 in conference road games this season, while the other 10 teams in the league entered today with a combined 12-35 road record.

#### The Start

- San Diego State remains the nation's lone undefeated team. A statement the Aztecs have been able to make since Auburn lost its first game on Jan.
  15. Currently, there are only two one-loss teams (Baylor and Gonzaga).
- San Diego State's 22-0 start is the best start to a season for any Division I team since Gonzaga opened the 2016-17 campaign with a 29-0 (ended up 37-2 and advanced to the NCAA championship game).
- The 22-0 start is the best for any NCAA team that did not advance to the NCAA tournament the year before since the 2011-12 Murray State team started 23-0.

#### **Team Notes**

- San Diego State shot 58.2 percent from the field. It is the highest field goal percentage for the Aztecs since Feb. 21, 2015 (at San Jose State, 59.6 percent). It is the 9th time this season the Aztecs have shot at least 50 percent from the floor and the Aztecs have won 14 straight games when reaching that percentage.
- San Diego State made a season-high 15 three-point field goals. It is the highest total for SDSU since draining 17 treys against Wyoming on Jan. 29, 2011.
- San Diego State had a season-high seven blocked shots.
- 13 of San Diego State's 22 victories this season have come by at least 16 points.
- San Diego State placed five players in double figures for the second time this season (also: lowa).

## **Player Notes**

## KJ Feagin — game-high 18 points, 6-9 3FGs, 4 assists, 3 rebounds

Led San Diego State in scoring for the second time this season (both have come in the last six games)... Matched a career-high with six three-point field goals (accomplished three times)... This is the 16<sup>th</sup> time in his career that he has scored at least 18 points and dished out four assists in the same game... This is his sixth double-diait scoring game this season and the 63<sup>rd</sup> of his career.

## Matt Mitchell – 12 points, 4-6 FGs, 2-4 3FGs, 5 assists, 2 rebounds

Posted a season-high five assists... He reached double figures for the 12th time in the season and 49th time in his career... Scored 10\_ points for the fifth time in the last six games... Scored seven of San Diego State' 17 points in the 17-0 run to open the game.

## Malachi Flynn – 12 points, game-high 6 assists, 4 rebounds

Reached double figures for a 12th straight game, 21st time in 22 games this season and 59th time this season... Has 6 assists and no turnovers... This is the fourth time this season he has posted a game with at least six assists with no turnovers... Led the team in assists for the 14th time this season... On a night when San Diego State was remarkable on offense, Flynn did not score his first points until 2:42 remained in the first half (SDSU's 38th and 39th point of the night).

## Jordan Schakel — 11 points, 3-7 3FGs, game-high 9 rebounds, 2 assists

Set a career-high with a game-high nine rebounds... Reached double figures for the fourth straight game, the 14th time this season and the 24th time in his career... This was his fourth straight game with multiple treys (11)... The Aztecs are 22-2 in his career when he reaches double figures.

## Yanni Wetzell — 11 points, 5 rebounds, game-high 4 blocked shots, 2 assists

Set a career-high with four blocked shots...Posted 10+ points for the eighth time in the last nine games, 15th time this season and 24th time in his career.

## **Entering Today**

- San Diego State was 2nd in NET.
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- San Diego State was 8th in KenPom.
- San Diego State was 10th in the Sagarin Ratings.
- San Diego State was 11th in BPI.
- San Diego State was 16th in RPI.