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San Diego State Postgame Notes at [4] UNLV Mountain West Tournament Quarterfinals Thomas & Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nev. Thursday, March 14, 2024

Final Score: [5] San Diego State 74, [4] UNLV 71 (OT)
Records: San Diego State: 23-9 overall; UNLV: 21-10 overall

Next Game: Friday, March 15 | vs. No. 18/18 [1] Utah State, 6:30 p.m. PT | MW Semifinals | Thomas & Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nev. | TV:

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Big Notes

- **Jaedon LeDee**'s 34 points were the most ever by an Aztec in a Mountain West tournament game (previous high was 28 (three occasions)) and tied for the eighth most by any player in a Mountain West tournament game.
- Jaedon LeDee became just the fourth Division I player in the last five seasons to record at least 30 points and 15 rebounds in a conference tournament game.
- Jaedon LeDee has two games this season with at least 30 points and 15 rebounds, one more than any Aztec had total since at least the 1996-97 season (Jamaal Franklin vs. Colorado State on Feb. 25, 2012).
- Players with multiple 30-point, 15-rebound games this season
 - Purdue's Zach Edey (4)
 - San Diego State's Jaedon LeDee (2)
- Jaedon LeDee recorded his third 30-point game of the season, the most by an Aztec since Jamaal Franklin had three in the 2011-12 campaign, matching the most since Tony Ross had four in the 1986-87 season and tied of the fourth most in a season in program history.
- Jaedon LeDee passes Brandon Heath (637 in 2006-07), Xavier Thames (633 in 2013-14) and Anthony Watson (630 in 1985-86) into second place on SDSU's single-season scoring list with 649 points, 37 points behind Michael Cage's school record of 686 in the 1983-84 season.
- San Diego State wins its 17th consecutive conference tournament opening game, which is the third-longest active streak in the country (Gonzaga, 27;
 Akron, 19) (New Mexico State could tie the Aztecs win a win tonight against Western Kentucky).
- San Diego State wins its 46th game at Thomas & Mack Center since the start of the 2008-09 campaign. That is the most victories by any team in the
 nation in any venue in which it has not played a home game (Villanova is second with 38 wins at Madison Square Garden heading into its game
 tonight against Marquette).
- San Diego State improves to 43-17 in the Mountain West tournament for a winning percentage of 71.7 percent. The 43 wins are the most by any team current or former in league history (second currently is tournament host UNLV with 29).
- San Diego State's 35 conference tournament wins since the 2008-09 season are the most in the country over that span (Gonzaga is second at 33).
- San Diego State improves to 7-1 as the No. 5 seed in the Mountain West tournament and 3-1 as the No. 5 seed against the No. 4 seed.
- San Diego State improves to 5-2 in games this season decided by one possession (three or less points) and 6-3 in games decided by one possession
 OR overtime.
- San Diego State improves to 174-56 (.757) under head coach Brian Dutcher.

Tournament Notes

- San Diego State advances to the semifinal round of the Mountain West tournament for the 17th consecutive season.
- San Diego State is 20-5 all-time in the quarterfinal round of this tournament. That is the most wins in this round of the event.
- The last time SDSU did not win its opening game of the conference tournament was 2007, when the third-seeded Aztecs fell to sixth-seeded Colorado State, 69-64.
- San Diego State improves to 7-1 as the No. 5 seed in the Mountain West tournament and 3-1 as the No. 5 seed against the No. 4 seed.
- San Diego State improves to 6-2 all-time against the No. 4 seed in the Mountain West tournament.
- San Diego State improves to 3-0 all-time in overtime games in the Mountain West tournament.
- San Diego State improves to 7-5 against UNLV in the Mountain West tournament.

Series Notes

- San Diego State leads the all-time series with UNLV, 44-38.
- The Aztecs are 23-23 all-time on the road at UNLV, including a 22-17 mark vs. the Rebels at Thomas & Mack Center.
- SDSU is 40-21 vs. UNLV in the Mountain West era (since 1999-00).
- San Diego State has now won seven of the last eight meetings (7-1) with the Rebels, 12 of the last 14 (12-2) and 23 of the last 26 (23-3).

Team Notes

- San Diego State scored its fewest points in a first half (22) since scoring 20 vs. Fresno State on March 10, 2022 and fewest in any half since scoring 22 at Fresno State on Feb. 15, 2023.
- The Aztecs equaled its first-half scoring output (22 points) just 8:51 into the second half.
- SDSU improves to 3-9 on the season when trailing at the half.
- San Diego State improves to 21-1 this season and 157-11 under Brian Dutcher when leading with five minutes to play. The Aztecs have won 410 of their last 425 games when leading with five minutes to play.
- SDSU improves to 17-4 on the season and 127-16 under Brian Dutcher when outrebounding its opponent.
- San Diego State improves to 2-0 on the season and 21-3 under Brian Dutcher on games played on Thursday.
- The Aztecs improve to 26-10 in March under Brian Dutcher.
- SDSU outscores UNLV in the following situations:
 - 69-54 from the starting five
 - 32-20 in the paint
 - 20-8 in second-chance opportunities
 - 11-4 in fast-break chances
 - 16-13 off turnovers

Game Flow

- Scores at each media timeout:
 - 1st Half, 15:45: San Diego State 4, UNLV 4 (tied)
 - 1st Half, 11:07: UNLV 11, San Diego State 10 (-1)
 - 1st Half, 7:07: UNLV 16, San Diego State 12 (-4)
 - 1st Half, 3:07: UNLV 19, San Diego State 16 (-3)
 - Halftime: UNLV 27, San Diego State 22 (-5)
 - 2nd Half, 15:53: San Diego State 34, UNLV 34 (tied)
 - 2nd Half, 11:58: San Diego State 42, UNLV (+5)
 - 2nd Half, 7:59: San Diego State 54, UNLV 46 (+8)
 - 2nd Half, 3:21: San Diego State 60, UNLV 57 (+3)
 - End of Regulation: San Diego State 5, UNLV 5 (tied)
 - Final: San Diego State 74, UNLV 71 (overtime) (+3)
- UNLV won the tip.
- UNLV led, 4-0, before San Diego State scored on a Jaedon LeDee jumper with 3:36 into the game.

- SDSU's first substitution of the game was G Reese Waters for G Darrion Trammel and came 4:15 into the game.
- The Aztecs did not attempt a free-throw until 2:21 left in the first half. UNLV had attempted 10 by that moment.
- SDSU led for just 2:46 of the first half.
- San Diego State made only one three-pointer in the first half (going 1-for-9), which came on a Darrion Trammell heave at the buzzer.
- San Diego State took its first lead in the second half on a Lamont Butler lay-up with 15:32 left.
- The Aztecs trailed, 69-65, with three minutes left in overtime, but outscored the Rebels, 9-2, over the final 2:43.
- San Diego State forced two UNLV turnovers via shot clock violation.
- There were five lead changes and six ties in the game.
- SDSU led for 18:26, while UNLV led for 23:08 (the game was tied for 3:26).

Player Notes

Jaedon LeDee – 34 points, 11-21 FG, 16 rebounds, 1 block, 1 assist, 2 steals

Scored the most points (34) by an Aztec in a Mountain West tournament game (previous high was 28 (three occasions)) and tied for the eighth most by any player in a Mountain West tournament game... Became just the fourth Division I player in the last five seasons to record at least 30 points and 15 rebounds in a conference tournament game... Now has two games this season with at least 30 points and 15 rebounds, one more than any Aztec had total since at least the 1996-97 season (Jamaal Franklin vs. Colorado State on Feb. 25, 2012)... Joins Purdue's Zach Edey has the only players in the country this year with multiple 30-point, 15-rebound games... Recorded his third 30-point game of the season, the most by an Aztec since Jamaal Franklin had three in the 2011-12 campaign, matching the most since Tony Ross had four in the 1986-87 season and tied of the fourth most in a season in program history... Logged his 12th double-double of the season (SDSU is 11-1) and 14th of his career... The 12 double-doubles are the most under head coach Brian Dutcher, most since Jamaal Franklin had 13 in 2013 and tied of the ninth most in SDSU single-season history... Passed Brandon Heath (637 in 2006-07), Xavier Thames (633 in 2013-14) and Anthony Watson (630 in 1985-86) into second place on SDSU's single-season scoring list with 649 points, 37 points behind Michael Cage's school record of 686 in the 1983-84 season... Scored in double figures for the 31st time this season in 31 appearances... Now has 50 career double-figure scoring games, 42 of which have come in the 70 games he has played as an Aztec... Logged his 19th 20-point game of the season and 22nd of his career... Led SDSU in scoring for the 23rd time this season... After shooting 2-for-12 from the floor last week at UNLV, tonight he was 11-for-21... Became SDSU's first player with multiple 15-rebound games in the same season since Josh Davis had four in the 2013-14 campaign... Led the team in rebounding for the 24th time this season and 43rd time of his career... Logged his 1

Lamont Butler – 12 points, 5-8 FG, 3 rebounds, 1 block, 3 assists, +13 plus/minus ratio

Scored in double figures for the 15th time this season and 41st time of his career (SDSU is 33-8)... Had the highest plus/minus ratio (+13) on the team.

Darrion Trammell — 11 points, 3-4 3PFG, 3 rebounds, 5 assists, 5 steals

Scored in double figures for the 12th time this season and 79th time of his career... Was 3-for-4 from three-point range after entering the game making three of his last 19 attempts from beyond the 3-point arc... Recorded his sixth field goal over the final three seconds of the first half this season... Now has 31 assists over the last five games (6.2 apg)... Led the team in assists for the 15th time this season and 82nd time of his career... Had a season-high five steals, one shy of his career high... Became the first Aztec with at least 5 assists and 5 steals in a Mountain West tournament game... He's the first Aztec with those five assists and five steals in any game since Malichi Flynn vs. Cal Poly on Dec. 28, 2019.

Jay Pal – 10 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist

Scored in double figures for the sixth time this season (SDSU is 6-0) and 33rd time of his career... Was a rebound shy of his first double-double this season.

Entering Today

- San Diego State is 20th in NET
- San Diego State was 21st in KenPom
- San Diego State was 23rd in KPI
- San Diego State was 23rd in T-Rank
- San Diego State was 34th in BPI