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Postgame Softball Notes – [3] San Diego State vs. [4] Grand Canyon **Game 3 of NCAA Los Angeles Regional | May 20, 2023 | Easton Stadium | Los Angeles, Calif.**

Records: San Diego State (37-15); Grand Canyon (47-12)

Up Next: [3] San Diego State vs. Game 5 winner at 3 p.m. PT Sunday; [4] Grand Canyon vs. Game 4 winner - [1] UCLA / [2] Liberty at 7 p.m. PT Saturday

Big Notes

- The Aztecs advanced to an NCAA regional final without a loss for the first time since the NCAA moved to the four-team, double-elimination format in 2005.
- SDSU will need one win on Sunday to advance to the NCAA Super Regionals for the first time in school history and will need to be beaten twice to be eliminated.
- San Diego State advanced to the NCAA regional final for the seventh time out of its 13 appearances, including five times in six trips to Easton Stadium.
- The Aztecs improved to 38-15 (.717), the second-highest winning percentage in program history (best was 44-17 in 2008 (.721)).
- Second-year head coach **Stacey Nuveaman Deniz** improves to 76-31 (.711) as SDSU's head coach with two Mountain West championships, two NCAA tournament appearances and a 4-2 record in NCAA tournament games.
- San Diego State improves to 21-6 (.778) over its last 27 games.
- The Aztecs recorded their fourth consecutive shutout (all during the postseason) for the first time since March 6-12, 2010.
- SDSU had consecutive shutouts in the NCAA tournament for the first time since its first two NCAA tournament games in 2001.

More NCAA Tournament Notes

- The Aztecs improved to 20-24 all-time in the NCAA tournament.
- SDSU improved to 20-14 in the NCAA tournament when playing as a neutral team.
- San Diego State improved to 12-10 in Los Angeles in the NCAA tournament.
- The Aztecs improved to 12-12 in the NCAA tournament when playing as the No. 3 seed.
- SDSU is now 8-3 in the NCAA tournament against the No. 4 seed.

Team Notes

- The Aztecs haven't allowed a run in 28 2/3 innings.
- SDSU is outscoring its opponent, 33-4, in the postseason this year, going 5-0.
- In two NCAA tournament games this season, San Diego State pitchers are 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA in 14 innings, striking out 19 against two walks and holding the opposition to a .130 average.
- In five postseason games his year, the Aztecs pitchers are 5-0 with a 0.85 ERA in 33 innings, striking out 39 against nine walks and limiting their opponents to a .171 average.
- SDSU didn't allow a hit until the top of the sixth inning.

Trends

- San Diego State won its fifth straight game.
- The Aztecs improved to 24-6 on the season when playing as the home team.
- SDSU improved to 12-3 with 10 consecutive wins in games played on Saturday.
- San Diego State improved to 28-6 on the season when only playing one game on the day.
- The Aztecs improved to 27-5 on the season when scoring first.
- SDSU improved to 18-4 on the year when scoring in the first inning.
- San Diego State improved to 31-2 this year when outhitting their opponent.
- The Aztecs improved to 20-1 on the season when scoring at least six runs.
- SDSU improved to 31-3 when leading after five innings and 27-0 when leading after six innings.

Player Notes

* **Bella Espinoza, So., LF (2-for-3, 2 R, BB, SB)**

Recorded her team-high 20th multi-hit game of the season and team-best 18th multi-run game ... Also scored her team-high 21st go-ahead run and 21st game-winning run ... Now has 56 runs on the season (T-3rd at SDSU) ... Also has 68 hits on the season, tied for the eighth most in SDSU single-season history ... Stole her 30th base of the season (2nd at SDSU), just two behind Gina Punaro's school record of 32 set in 1997 ... Now has 45 stolen bases for her career (T-7th at SDSU) ... Is now 10-for-18 (.556) in the postseason this year with nine runs and four stolen bases.

* **Makena Brocki, Jr., 2B (2-for-3, HR, 2 RBI, R)**

Recorded her first home run of the season and third of her career ... Recorded her 10th multi-hit game of the season and ninth multi-RBI game.

* **Cali Decker, So., C (1-for-4, 2 RBI)**

Recorded her 11th multi-RBI game of the season ... Is batting 10-for-17 (.588) in the postseason (five games) with two home runs and 11 RBIs ... Also threw out her eighth baserunner of the season (SDSU threw out two baserunners all season last year).

* **Mac Barbara, So., 1B (1-for-2, RBI, R, 2 BB)**

Drew two walks and now has 31 for the season (6th at SDSU) ... Had her first triple of the season and second of her career.

* **Sarah Lehman, Sr., RHP (4.0 IP, 0 H, 2 BB, 6 K)**

Improved to 11-4 on the season ... Pitched four scoreless innings, allowing just two walks in the top of the first inning ... Retired the final nine batters she faced, including five via strikeout ... In five postseason appearances in 2023, she's 1-0 with a 1.35 ERA in 10 1/3 innings, striking out 15 against six walks as opponents are hitting .171 against her.

* **Dee Dee Hernandez, So., LHP (2.0 IP, 2 H, 0 BB, 4 K)**

Extended her career-long scoreless inning streak to 16 innings ... In four postseason appearances this year, she's 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA in 10 2/3 innings, striking out nine without a walk, holding her opponents to a .205 average.

* **Allie Light, Jr., RHP (1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 BB, 2 K)**

Is now 3-0 in four postseason appearances this year with a 1.17 ERA in 12 innings, striking out 15 against three walks and limiting the opponents to a .140 average.

Other Notes

- First pitch was 2:05 p.m. PT.