



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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### San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. UC Irvine Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. Friday, Nov. 27, 2020

## FINAL EDITION: San Diego State 77, UC Irvine 58

**Next Game:** Wednesday, Dec. 2 | vs. Saint Katherine, 6 p.m. PT | Viejas Arena | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

#### Big Picture

- San Diego State opens 2-0 for the third consecutive season. The Aztecs have outscored their first two opponents – No. 22 UCLA and UC Irvine – by a combined 34 points.
- San Diego State forced 25 turnovers tonight and has forced 40 through two games. The Aztecs are 54-7 in the Dutcher era when forcing more turnovers than it commits.
- The 25 turnovers forced by SDSU is its most since forcing 25 turnovers on Nov. 28, 2017 at Loyola Marymount.
- Sophomore **Keshad Johnson** scored a career-high 14 points (entered the game with 36 career points) on the strength of three three-points (entered the game with four career three-point field goals).
- San Diego State connected on 13 treys. It marked the sixth time since the beginning of last season that the Aztecs have made at least 13 three-point field goals. Nine different players contributed to the total of 13.
- Brian Dutcher posts his 75<sup>th</sup> career win just two games into his fourth season (career record: 75-26).
- Eleven San Diego State players scored and 12 saw action in the game.

#### Win Streaks

- San Diego State has won 14 straight non-conference regular season games.
- San Diego State has won 11 straight games played in November.
- San Diego State has won nine straight non-conference home games.
- San Diego State has won eight straight games against teams from California.
- San Diego State has won three straight home games and is 16-1 in its last 17 games at Viejas Arena.

#### Team Notes / Game Runs

- San Diego State trailed UC Irvine, 25-23 with 3:59 to play. After that, the Aztecs outscored the Anteaters, 54-33.
- San Diego State ended the first half on an 11-0 run and held the Anteaters scoreless over the last 3:58.
- UC Irvine out rebounded San Diego State by seven in the first half (20-13). The rebound category was tied in the second half (18-18).
- For the game, San Diego State had 14 made free throws, 13 three-point field goals and 12 two-point field goals.
- San Diego State had major advantages in point off turnovers (26-11) and second chance points (17-6).

## Player Notes

### **Keshad Johnson – career-high 14 points, 4 rebounds, 3-5 3FGs**

Scored a career-high 14 points (previous high was seven vs. Texas Southern, 11-5-19)... Entered the game with 36 career points (in 19 games)... Reached double figures for the first in his career... He entered the game with four career three-point field goals and a career-best three today... San Diego State is 20-0 in games in which he has played... Scored 13 of his 14 points in the second half.

### **Matt Mitchell – 11 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals**

Reached double figures for the second time in two games this season and the 58<sup>th</sup> time in his career... Added four rebounds, two assists and two steals... Started his 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive game... This is the eighth time in his career where he has scored in double figures with at least four rebounds while recording multiple assists and multiple steals (SDSU is 8-0 in those games).

## Entering Today

- San Diego State was 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Sagarin Ratings prior to the UCLA game, today the Aztecs are 18.
- San Diego State was 30<sup>th</sup> in BPI prior to the UCLA game, today the Aztecs are 29.
- San Diego State was 44<sup>th</sup> in KenPom prior to the UCLA game, today the Aztecs are 36.

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