

AZTEC BASKETBALL

DEFENDING MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS | FIVE STRAIGHT POSTSEASON APPEARANCES | FIVE CONSECUTIVE 20-WIN SEASONS



Postgame Notes

No. 25 San Diego State at Long Beach State ► Nov. 13, 2010

Final Score: No. 25 San Diego State 81, Long Beach State 65

Next Game: Tuesday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m. PT, at No. 12/12 Gonzaga | TV: ESPN2 | Radio: AM 600 KOGO

TEAM NOTES

- * The Aztecs improve to 10-2 in season-opening games under 12th-year head coach Steve Fisher
- * San Diego State improves to 5-0 under Fisher in season openers away from Montezuma Mesa. Two of the five wins have come at Long Beach State with the other occurring on Nov. 21, 2003 (74-44).
- * SDSU has won 12 consecutive games against non-ranked opponents
- * With the victory, the Aztecs have won three straight in the series with Long Beach State and 11 of the last 12.
- * San Diego State improves to 35-22 all-time vs. the 49ers and 17-12 in games played at Long Beach State.
- * SDSU is now unbeaten in their last six trips to Long Beach State.
- * The Aztecs improve to 41-4 dating back to the 2006-07 season when scoring at least 71 points.
- * San Diego State played in front of 5,143 fans, which is the largest crowd to witness a basketball game in the Walter Pyramid.
- * The Aztecs shot 85.7 percent from the free-throw line (6-for-7) after finishing the 2009-10 season with a team percentage of 62.1 percent.

PLAYER NOTES

- * **Kawhi Leonard (Game-high 21 points, game-high 12 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 block, 2 steals)** - Posted his fourth career 20-point effort and his 25th career double-figure scoring performance... All 12 of his rebounds came in the second half and marks his 20th career double-digit rebounding game and the 20th time he has led the Aztecs in rebounding... His double-double is his 18th of his young career.
- * **D.J. Gay (20 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 4-5 3FG)** - Recorded his sixth career 20-point effort after connecting on seven field goals, which is one off his career high... Went 4-for-5 from three-point distance, marking his 10 career game with at least four three-pointers in a game... Logged 37 minutes, marking the eighth straight game in which he has played at least 37 minutes... Started his 35th straight game.
- * **James Rahon (14 points, 4 rebounds, 4-7 3FG)** - Made a splash in his regular season debut with the Aztecs by scoring 14 points, his 19th career double-figure scoring game... Knocked down four three-pointers, which is one off his career best, and made three straight three-point field goals in the second half to help the Aztecs pull away... Grabbed four rebounds, which is one shy of his personal best.
- * **Chase Tapley (11 points, 2 rebounds, 5-7 FG)** - Notched his 14th double-figure scoring effort of his career... Nine of his 11 points came in the first half... Was nearly perfect from the field, going 5-for-7.
- * **Malcolm Thomas (9 points, 10 rebounds, game-high 6 assists, 1 block)** - Grabbed 10 boards to post his eighth double-digit rebounding effort... The Aztecs are 7-1 when he grabs at least 10 rebounds... Had a game-high six assists, which ties his career best, and has now led the team in the category 11 times in his career.