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### NEWS RELEASE

## San Diego State-New Mexico Postgame Notes

**Records:** [16/16] San Diego State 16-2, 2-0 MW; [rv/rv] New Mexico 16-2, 1-1 MW

**Next Game:** Saturday, Jan. 21 | vs. Air Force | 7 p.m. PT | The Mtn., Channel 4 San Diego

### Streaks/Trends

- At 16-2, San Diego State has matched its second-best record after 18 games in the 91-year history of the program.
- The Aztecs have won a season-high nine straight games (t-3<sup>rd</sup> longest in school history) and are 13-1 in their last 14.
- The current nine-game win streak by San Diego State is tied for the fifth-longest streak in the nation at the end of today.
- San Diego State leads the nation with 56 consecutive wins against teams not ranked in the coaches' top 25 poll at game time.
- SDSU improves to 39-3 as an AP Top-25 ballclub and 34-3 when holding a Coaches' poll ranking.
- San Diego State is a perfect 36-0 when nationally-ranked in the AP poll and facing an unranked team.
- San Diego State has won 23 consecutive games against the current configuration of the Mountain West Conference.
- San Diego State has won 11 consecutive road games against the current configuration of the Mountain West Conference.
- San Diego State has won five consecutive games played in January.
- San Diego State has won four consecutive road games.
- Since the beginning of the 2008-09 season, San Diego State is 101-24. Regardless of any other game tonight, that is the fifth best winning percentage in the country and tops among all schools located in the Pacific time zone.

### Series Notes

- SDSU, which went 1-18 against the Lobos from 1995-2001, has won four straight games against New Mexico and has won 11 of the last 14 encounters.
- This is the school-record seventh consecutive season in which San Diego State has defeated New Mexico.
- Steve Fisher improves to 15-12 against New Mexico.
- San Diego State wins at The Pit for the second consecutive season and has won on five of its last seven trips to the venue (2006, 2007, 2008, 2011 and 2012).
- Since late in the 2004-05 season, San Diego State is 5-2 at The Pit, while the rest of the country is a combined 12-101.

### Player Notes

**Xavier Thames** (game-high 22 points, team-high 4 assists, 1 turnover, 7-11 FGs, 3-5 3FGs, 5-5 FTs) – The sophomore had a career-high 22 points on 7-of-11 shooting from the floor... He had a career-high tying three three-point field goals... It was his third career 20+ scoring game and the 12<sup>th</sup> time he has reached double-figures in the scoring column... He has made 27 of his last 29 free throw attempts... Prior to tonight, in the two games since returning from his injury, Thames had 10 points total... He led the team in scoring for the third time this season and has now led the Aztecs in assists a team-high 12 times this season.

**Chase Tapley** (12 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, 2 blocked shots) – The junior continued his stellar play, reaching double figures for a team-high 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive game... He recorded seven rebounds, his highest total since grabbing 11 rebounds in the season opener against Bryant... His two blocked shots tied a career-high (he has reached that figure now six times in his career).

**Jamaal Franklin** (12 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 blocked shot, 1 steal) – The sophomore followed up his Mountain West Conference Player of the Week performance with 12 points... It was his sixth straight game in double figures, and the 14<sup>th</sup> time this season and the 15<sup>th</sup> time in his career he has scored at least 10 points.

**Tim Shelton** (4 points, team-high 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 0 turnovers, 1 charge drawn) – The senior paced San Diego State and recorded a season-high eight rebounds in the contest... He now has 20 boards in his last three games... He drew his 21<sup>st</sup> charge of the season tonight.

**LaBradford Franklin** (9 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 0 turnovers in 13 minutes) – Franklin was a perfect 3-for-3 from the field and posted his highest point output since an 11-point effort against Redlands... He had zero turnovers for the second time in three games... With two made FTs, the sophomore is now 21-of-25 from the line this season.

### Game Notes

- This marked the third time this season San Diego State has overcome a double-digit deficit. The Aztecs also rallied against Long Beach State and San Diego. Like tonight, the Aztecs won all three of those games.
- San Diego State is now 18-2 in its last 20 road games.
- The Aztecs are now 4-1 this season when trailing at the half.
- San Diego State has won 61 consecutive games when leading with five minutes to play.
- San Diego State committed a season low six turnovers. It is the fewest turnovers an Aztec team has committed against New Mexico in the Mountain West Conference era.
- San Diego State is 7-0 this season when committing fewer turnovers than its opponent.
- San Diego State won has won 32 straight games when holding an opponent to 40 percent or less field goal shooting.