



Aztec Postgame

San Diego State vs. Southern Mississippi

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SDSU Postgame Notes from the BP Top of the World Classic Third-Place Game

Final Score: San Diego State 79, Southern Mississippi 51

Lead Changes: 9

Ties: 4 (at 14, 16, 18, 24)

SDSU Record: 2-1

Next Game: San Diego State vs. Albany on Sat., Nov. 26 in the home opener. Game time at Cox Arena is set for 7:05 p.m. PST.

* - **The Storyline** - After falling behind 7-0, San Diego State dominates Southern Mississippi and cruises to a 28-point victory in the third-place game at the BP Top of the World Classic in Fairbanks, Alaska. The Aztecs went 2-1 in the eight-team, four-day tournament and matched its best record after three games in the last 11 seasons.

* - **SDSU SCHOOL RECORD** - The Aztecs broke a school-record in the game, connecting on 10-of-13 three-point field goals in the contest (76.9 percent)... That broke the record of 75.0 percent on 9-of-12 shooting set against Texas Tech on Dec. 28, 1988.

* - **The 28-Point Margin** - The 28-point margin of victory was the widest for the Aztecs since defeating UC San Diego 86-51 on Nov. 27, 2004... It was the largest over a Division I opponent since a 74-44 win over Long Beach State on Nov. 21, 2003... It was the widest margin of victory in a road game since Jan. 22, 1985, when the Aztecs defeated U.S. International, 112-74.

* - **BRANDON HEATH** (16 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists) - With 16 points on Sunday, Heath became the 21st player in school history and the 12th player in the Division I era to reach 1,000 career points... Heath has 1,002 career points and is tied with Randy Holcomb for 20th place on the school's all-time chart... He connected on 10-of-23 three-point field goal attempts (43.5 percent) through three games... Heath has made a three-point field goal in six straight games dating back to last season, going 20-of-42 (47.6 percent) during that stretch... He also leads the Aztecs in assists with 10 through three contests.

* - **MARCUS SLAUGHTER** (game-high 18 points, 5 rebounds) - Responded from having his 28-game double-digit scoring streak snapped, Slaughter responded with a game-high 18 points... Slaughter has 760 career points and needs 240 points to join Heath as the 22nd member of the SDSU 1,000-point club... The junior is averaging 14.3 points and 7.0 rebounds while connecting on 51.6 percent of his passes through three games this season.

* - **TRIMAIN DAVIS** (10 points in 17 minutes) - Davis reached double figures twice in three games during the tournament, including 10 points on Sunday against Southern Mississippi... He is averaging 10.0 points with four blocked shots through three games... He heads back to San Diego having connected on 12-of-16 attempts from the field (75.0 percent).

* - **JOHN SHARPER** (12 points, 4-4 3FGs) - Sharper came off the bench to connect on all four of his three-point field goal attempts en route to 12 points... The senior scored 12 points in just 13 minutes against the Golden Eagles... He is 6-of-14 from bonus distance (4.9 percent) on the season.

* - **KYLE SPAIN** (11 points, 4-4 FGs, 3 rebounds) - The true freshman scored a career high 11 points on perfect 4-of-4 shooting from the field... Spain is averaging 6.7 points and 6.0 rebounds and has connected on 66.7 percent of his field goal attempts through three games.