

# Postgame Softball Notes — rv/rv [3] San Diego State vs. No. 22/20 [2] LSU Game 1 of NCAA Tempe Regional | May 20, 2022 | Farrington Stadium | Tempe, Ariz.

Records: San Diego State (38-14), LSU (34-22)

**<u>Up Next</u>:** San Diego State vs. 8/5 [1] Arizona State in Game 3 at 2 p.m. PT Saturday; [2] LSU faces [4] Cal State Fullerton in Game 3 at 4:30 p.m. PT Saturday

## Big Notes

- San Diego State won its 38th game of the season, its most since also winning 38 games in 2015 and tied for the sixth-most wins in school history.
- The Aztecs improved to 38-14, currently the best winning percentage (.731) in school history (the 2008 team finished with a .721 winning percentage at 44-17).
- SDSU picked up its second win of the season against a nationally ranked team (also a 7-5 victory against No. 5/5 Washington on Feb. 25).
- San Diego State improved to 13-35 all-time against current members of the SEC in recorded history (since 1980).
- The Aztecs snapped a four-game losing streak against current members of the SEC (last win was a 10-5 victory over Texas A&M on March 4, 2016).
- SDSU won a game in the NCAA tournament for the seventh consecutive appearance (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2022).
- San Diego State won a game in the NCAA tournament for the 11th time of its overall 12 appearances (lone exception is 2009, 0-2).
- SDSU's four home runs were its most in a NCAA tournament game.
- San Diego State won its 64th straight game when scoring at least 10 runs (5-0 this year).
- DP Mac Barbara became the fourth Aztec with two home runs in an NCAA tournament game, joining Justeen Maeva (May 21, 2011 vs. North Dakota State) and Haley Miles (May 21, 2011 vs. Long Beach State).

# NCAA Tournament Notes

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- The Aztecs improved to 17-14 all-time in the NCAA tournament when playing as a neutral team.
- SDSU improved to 5-8 all-time in Tempe, Arizona, in the NCAA tournament.
- San Diego State improved to 9-10 all-time in the NCAA tournament when playing as the No. 3 seed.
- The Aztecs snapped a three-game losing streak in their NCAA tournament openers, wining for the first time since beating Florida State, 1-0, in the 2012 NCAA Los Angeles Regional (May 18).
- SDSU is now 4-8 all-time in its NCAA tournament openers.

# The Series/SEC

- San Diego State improved to 1-2 all-time against LSU. The Aztecs lost the previous meetings in 1998 (4-1) and 2015 (6-1).
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#### <u>Team Notes</u>

- San Diego State had back-to-back home runs (Mac Barbara and Taylor Adams in the first inning) for the first time this season.
- The Aztecs recorded their ninth multi-home run game of the season but first since hitting two at Fresno State on March 25.
- SDSU's four home runs were its most in a NCAA tournament game in program history.
- San Diego State's four homers were its most in a game this season.
- The Aztecs improved to 8-1 on the season when hitting multiple home runs and 2-0 when homering at least three times.
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# <u>Trends</u>

- SDSU improved to 31-1 on the season when scoring first.
- San Diego State improved to 36-4 on the year when leading at any point in the game.
- The Aztecs won their seventh straight game when scoring in the first inning, improving to 16-3 on the season.
- SDSU won its 20th consecutive game and improved to 26-3 on the season when leading after five innings.
- San Diego State won its 21st straight game and improved to 23-1 on the year when leading after six innings.
- The Aztecs improved to 30-8 on the season in single-game days (SDSU is 8-6 when playing multiple games in a day).
- SDSU improved to 14-1 on the year in games decided by at least five runs.

## <u>Player Notes</u>

## \* Mac Barbara, RS-Fr., DP (2-for-3, 2 HR, 3 RBI, 2 R, 1 BB)

Tied an Aztec program record with two home runs in a NCAA tournament game, joining Justeen Maeva (May 21, 2011 vs. North Dakota State) and Haley Miles (May 21, 2011 vs. Long Beach State) ... Had multiple home runs for the second time this season (also two Stony Brook on March 6) ... Now has 17 home runs on the season, tied with Patrice Jackson (2014) for the fourth most in SDSU single-season history ... Is also now ranked third in RBIs (59), fourth in batting average (.400), on-base percentage (.503), slugging percentage (.819), extra-base hits (32) and total bases (131) and tied for fourth in walks (34) ... Had her team-leading 17th multi-RBI game, 17th multi-hit game (second on team) and fourth multi-run game ... Logged her team-leading 12th go-ahead RBI with her solo home run in the first ... Has now reached base safely in 49 of the team's 52 games this season.

## \* Taylor Adams, Sr., 1B (2-for-3, 1 HR, 1 RBI, 2 R)

Slugged her fifth home run of the season ... Had her 10th multi-RBI game of the year ... Also had her fourth multi-run game of the season ... Is now batting .522 (24-for-46) since April 1, raising her batting average from .246 to .357 over that span ... Has reached base safely in a career-long 16 straight games.

## \* AJ Murphy, Fr., SS (2-for-3, RBI, R, BB)

Logged her 12th multi-hit game of the season ... Extended her career long hit streak to eight games.

## \* Jillian Celis, So., 2B (1-for-3, 2 RBI, R)

Homered for the first time of the season and third time of her career ... The home run was her first since April 10 at UC Santa Barbara (second game of double header) ... Recorded her seventh multi-RBI game of the season ... Started for the 124th straight game, every game since she's arrived at San Diego State in 2020.

## **Other Notes**

- RF Bella Espinoza recorded her team-leading 21st multi-hit game of the season.
- CF Alexa Schultz had her sixth multi-hit game of the season.