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San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. No. 22/22 Nevada Mountain West Semifinal Round — March 9, 2018

*** Final Edition

Final Score: [5] San Diego State 90, [1] Nevada 73

Records: San Diego State: 21-10 overall; Nevada: 27-7 overall

Next Game: Saturday, March 10, vs TBD, 3 p.m. PT; MW Championship Game, Thomas & Mack Center; Las Vegas; CBS

Big Notes

San Diego State wins its eighth consecutive game (only seven teams in the nation currently have a longer win streak).

• The eight-game win streak is SDSU's longest since winning 11 straight from Dec. 30, 2015-Feb. 6, 2016.

• Over the eight-game win streak, the Aztecs' average margin of victory is 14.1 (78.0-63.9).

- SDSU led Nevada by 30 points (55-25) at the half, the largest halftime lead by an unranked team against a ranked opponent since Butler led No. 23 Wake Forest, 43-10, at the half in the 2001 NCAA Tournament.
- The Aztecs scored 55 points in the first half, the most by a team in MW tournament history.

Mountain West Tournament Notes

- San Diego State, which has won a record 10 Mountain West championships, will play for its 11th league title and its fifth MW tournament championship tomorrow.
- SDSU advances to its record 10th Mountain West tournament championship game.
- This is the fourth time in five seasons that the Aztecs have been in the title game and the eighth time in the last 10 seasons.
- The Aztecs scored 55 points in the first half, the most by a team in MW tournament history.
- San Diego State improves to 10-4 in Mountain West semifinal games.
- The Aztecs scored 90 points, their most ever in a Mountain West tournament game.

AP Top 25 Notes

- San Diego State improved to 3-1 against AP Top 25 teams this season. That is the most top 25 victories for the Aztecs in a single season since posting a 4-3 mark against AP Top 25 opponents during the 2013-14 Sweet 16 season.
- SDSU is 10-9 in its last 19 games against AP Top 25 teams.
- The Aztecs have won their last two neutral court games against AP Top 25 teams (No. 14 California on Nov. 26, 2015 and No. 22 Nevada today).
- San Diego State improves to 4-3 in the Mountain West tournament against AP Top 25 teams.

Team Notes

- SDSU's 55 points were its most points in a half this season.
- The Aztec starting five scored 50 of the 55 points in the first half.

- SDSU improves to 20-4 on the season when leading at the half. San Diego State is also now 82-12 in its last 94 games when leading at the half.
- The Aztecs improve to 15-5 at the Thomas & Mack Center since the 2013-14 season.
- San Diego State wins its 10th straight game when leading with 5:00 to go. SDSU improves to 20-4 on the season when leading with five minutes to go.
- The Aztecs improve to 16-5 on the year when outrebounding their opponent.
- San Diego State wins its ninth straight game when shooting better than its opponent (18-2 on the season).
- The Aztecs improve to 15-0 on the season (16 straight wins overall) when holding their opponent below 40 percent shooting.
- The Aztecs trailed for only 42 seconds in the game.
- SDSU's 26 made free throws were a season high.

Series Notes

- San Diego State improves to 15-5 all-time against Nevada.
- The Aztecs improve to 10-2 over the Wolf Pack since they joined the Mountain West for the 2012-13 season.

Player Notes

Devin Watson – 20 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists

Reached double figures in scoring for the 22nd time this season and 64th time of his career... Recorded his fourth 20-point game this season and 23rd of his career... Recorded his first 20-point game since scoring 26 at San Diego on Nov. 30... Led SDSU in scoring for the ninth time this season, for the first time since sharing the honor with Trey Kell at New Mexico on Jan. 20 and for the first time by himself since Jan. 13 at Boise State... Tied a season high with four 3-point field goals.

Jalen McDaniels — 17 points, 12 rebounds, 1 blocked shot, 4 assists

Recorded his ninth double-double of the season... Reached double figures in scoring for the 17th time this season and in rebounding for the 11th time... Led the team in rebounding for the 17th time this season (SDSU is 15-2 in those games)... Was two points off a career high and one rebound shy of a career best... Set a career high with four assists... Became the first player in Mountain West tournament history to record at least 17 points, 12 rebounds and four assists without a turnover.

Malik Pope — 14 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist

Scored in double figures for the 22nd time this season (51st career) and seventh straight game he has seen action in... SDSU improves 35-16 over his career when reaching double figures in scoring ...

Matt Mitchell – 13 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals

Reached double figures in scoring for the 20th time this season (20th career)... Now has reached double-figures in scoring in six of the last seven games... Tied a career high with three steals.

Trey Kell – 11 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 steals

Scored in double figures for the 13th time of the season (71st career)... SDSU is 10-3 this year when he reaches double-figures and 53-18 over his career when reaching double figures... Had five assists and just one turnover, and over the team's eight-game winning streak he has 47 assists and just 10 turnovers in 241 minutes... In the two games he played against Nevada this year, he averaged 14.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 7.0 assists.

Kameron Rooks — 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist

The Aztecs improved to 13-0 this season when he plays at least 12 minutes; He played 17 minutes tonight.