

AZTEC BASKETBALL

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



Postgame Notes

Wichita State at No. 17/19 San Diego State ► Dec. 4, 2010

Final Score: No. 17/19 San Diego State 83, Wichita State 69

Next Game: Wednesday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. PT, at California | **TV:** CSN California and Channel 4 San Diego HD | **Radio:** AM 600 KOGO

TEAM NOTES

* San Diego State improves to 8-0 on the season matching the best start to a campaign in the 90 seasons of Aztecs Basketball. This is the third 8-0 start in school history, equaling the openings of both the 2006-07 and 1984-85 campaigns.

* San Diego State extends its school-record for most consecutive non-conference home wins to 18. The Aztecs have not lost a non-conference home game since Nov. 18, 2008, when SDSU fell to 15th-ranked Arizona State, 59-52.

* San Diego State has won 20 consecutive home games against unranked opponents dating back to a 69-59 loss to Brigham Young on Feb. 24, 2009.

* San Diego State has won 18 consecutive games, in any location, against unranked teams dating back to a 76-66 loss at UNLV on Jan. 13, 2010.

* San Diego State has won 17 consecutive home games played during the month of December dating back to a 69-48 loss to 14th-ranked Arizona on Dec. 9, 2006.

* San Diego State has won eight consecutive games overall and eight consecutive home games dating back to last season.

* Tonight's attendance of 12,414 is the 10th sellout in Viejas Arena history and coupled with Wednesday's sellout against Saint Mary's, marks the first time the Aztecs have had consecutive sellouts in the arena. San Diego State is 3-0 this season playing in front of a capacity crowd and the Aztecs have won four consecutive games playing in front of a full house dating back to last season.

* In its first eight games this season, San Diego State has posted an 8-0 record with three road victories, three wins in the Eastern Time Zone, two neutral site victories, two wins over teams that advanced to the NCAA Tournament last season, one victory against a team that advanced to 2010 NCAA Sweet 16 and one win over an opponent ranked 11th in the country at game time.

* San Diego State led 37-36 at halftime. The Aztecs are now 5-0 this season and have won 16 in a row when leading at halftime.

PLAYER NOTES

* **Billy White (24 points, 10-of-12 FG's)** - Recorded his seventh career 20-point game and his second this season of 20 or more... His scoring output was his most since going for 30 at No. 11 Gonzaga in the second game of the year... Hit double figures in scoring for the fourth time this year and for the 49th time in his career.

* **Kawhi Leonard (16 points, 12 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals)** - Posted his sixth double-double of the season and his 23rd of his career... It is his first double-double in his last three games... The double-digit rebounding effort is his 25th of his career... Connected on multiple three-point attempts for just the third time this season... He now has eight this season after having just 16 all of last year... Reached double figures in scoring for the first time in three games, for the seventh time this season and for the 31st time in 42 career games... Tied his career high with four steals... His five assists is a career high... Led the team in rebounding for the 26th time of his career and seventh time this season.

* **D.J. Gay (14 points, 6 assists, 4 rebounds)** - Finished with six assists and two turnovers, and now has 22 assists and five turnovers over his last five games... Established a season high for assists in a game... Notched his third double-figure scoring effort of the season and the 41st of his career.

* **Malcolm Thomas (12 points, 5 rebounds, 4 blocks)** - After having a career-high six blocks vs. Saint Mary's on Wednesday, he followed that effort with four blocks tonight... He has blocked multiple shots in three games this year... Has blocked at least one shot in six straight games... Reached double figures in scoring for the second straight game, which is a season best... It is the first time he has scored 10 or more points in consecutive games since March 6 and March 11 of last season... The double-figure scoring effort is his fourth of the season and the 21st of his Aztec career.

* **Mehdi Cheriet (6 points)** - Played an effective five minutes and finished with six points on 3-of-4 shooting and two rebounds... The three field goals ties his season best... The 3-for-4 effort matches his best shooting night of the campaign.

* **Chase Tapley (4 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals)** - Has a steal in seven straight games and has had multiple steals in two ballgames this year, including tonight.