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San Diego State Postgame Notes – vs. Air Force

Final Score: San Diego State 81, Air Force 50

Records: San Diego State (13-8; 5-5 MW), Air Force (8-13; 2-7 MW)

Next Game: Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Fresno State, 8 p.m. PT | CBS Sports Network | 101.5 KGB, XTRA Sports 1360, Fox Sports IE 1350

Look-Ahead Note: San Diego State won at Fresno State last season, 70-67.

Team Notes

- San Diego State started more freshmen (Jalen McDaniels, Matt Mitchell) than seniors (Malik Pope) in a conference game for the first time since Feb. 24, 2010. In that game eight years ago, the Aztecs went with freshmen Kawhi Leonard and Chase Tapley, and started zero seniors at Brigham Young.
- The last time SDSU started more freshmen than seniors in a conference victory was Feb. 20, 2010, vs. Utah.
- SDSU set a season high with 10 blocked shots. San Diego State's previous best was seven rejections at USD (Nov. 30, 2017) and vs. San José State (Jan. 9, 2018).
- The Aztecs have recorded at least 15 assists in 10 games this season. Tonight's they had 15 assists on 28 baskets.
- SDSU won its 63rd straight game when shooting at least 50 percent from the field.
- The Aztecs improved to 9-0 on the season holding the opposition to less than 40 percent shooting from the field.
- SDSU never trailed in the game.

Series Notes

- SDSU leads the all-time series with Air Force, 55-23, including a 32-6 record at home.
- San Diego State wins its 13th straight home game vs. Air Force and improves to 17-3 all-time in Viejas Arena.
- The Aztecs improve to 8-1 in their last nine and 16-3 in their last 19 vs. the Falcons.
- The 31-point win tied SDSU's largest margin of victory in the series (also Feb. 7, 2009) and only trailed a 32-point win on Jan. 20, 2014.

Player Notes

Jalen McDaniels – 16 points, 13 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 blocked shot, 1 steal

Posted his fifth double-double of the season and the third against Mountain West competition... Recorded his seventh double-digit rebounding game of the year (4th of conference season)... Tied his career high with 13 rebounds, marking the third time he has accomplished the feat... Scored 10 or more points for the 11th time this season and for the eighth time in his last nine outings... Led the team in scoring for the fifth time this season and in rebounding for the 10th occasion... He has scored at least nine points in nine straight games.

Jeremy Hemsley – 14 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal

Started his fifth game this season and first since the Gonzaga game (Dec. 21, 2017)... Honored before the game for becoming the 32nd player in school history to reach the 1,000-point plateau in a career... Reached double figures in scoring in three straight games for the second time this season... His double-figure scoring streak is a season long... Posted his ninth double-digit scoring game of the season and the 56th of his career.

Max Montana – 13 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 blocked shot

Hit multiple three-pointers for the seventh time this year and for the 21st time of his career... Reached the double-figure scoring plateau for the sixth time this season... Posted three straight double-figure scoring efforts for the first time this season (had not had back-to-back double-digit scoring efforts prior to this stretch)... Is 13-for-27 (.481) from three-point distance in his last five games after making 3 of 7 tonight... Tied season highs in rebounds (6) and blocked shots (1).

Devin Watson – 13 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal

Recorded his 16th double-figure scoring game of the season (58th career)... He has scored at least nine points in 11 straight games... Led the team with four assists and has now led the team in the category 10 times this season.

Malik Pope – 9 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 blocked shots

Recorded his seventh game this season with multiple blocked shots after finishing with three... Has scored at least nine points in 13 straight games.

Jordan Schakel – 8 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist

Tied a career high with eight points and two three-point field goals.

Matt Mitchell – 4 points, 1 rebound, 4 assists, 3 blocked shots, 2 steals

Set a career high with three blocked shots after entering the game with two total on the season... Recorded three or more assists in three straight games after finishing with four... It marks the first time in his career that he has had at least three assists in three consecutive outings... Had multiple steals for the sixth time this season.

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