

# Postgame Softball Notes – [3] San Diego State vs. [2] Liberty Game 2 of NCAA Tempe Regional | May 19, 2023 | Easton Stadium | Los Angeles, Calif.

Records: San Diego State (36-15), Liberty (38-21)

Up Next: [3] San Diego State vs. [4] Grand Canyon in Game 3 at 2 p.m. PT Saturday; [2] Liberty vs. [1] UCLA in Game 4 at 4:30 p.m. PT Saturday

## **Big Notes**

- San Diego State won a game in the NCAA tournament for the eighth consecutive appearance (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2022 and 2023).
- The Aztecs won a game in the NCAA tournament for the 12th time of its overall 13 appearances (lone exception is 2009, 0-2).
- SDSU improved to 36-15, currently the third-best winning percentage (.706) in school history.
- San Diego State recorded its third consecutive shutout (all during the postseason) for the first time since a four-game stretch from March 6-12, 2010.

## NCAA Tournament Notes

- The Aztecs improved to 19-24 all-time in the NCAA tournament.
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- The Aztecs improved to 19-14 in the NCAA tournament when playing as a neutral team.
- SDSU improved to 11-10 in Los Angeles in the NCAA tournament.
- San Diego State improved to 11-12 in the NCAA tournament when playing as the No. 3 seed.
- The Aztecs are now 6-6 in the NCAA tournament against the No. 2 seed.
- SDSU won its NCAA tournament opener for a second straight appearance for the first time in program history.
- San Diego State is now 5-8 in its NCAA tournament openers.
- The 7-0 Aztec win was their second largest margin of victory in a NCAA tournament game (8-0 vs. Dartmouth on May 17, 2014).

#### Team Notes

- The Aztecs haven't allowed a run 21 2/3 innings.
- SDSU is outscoring its opponent, 27-4, in the postseason this year, going 4-0.
- San Diego State recorded its 17th game with at least 10 hits (the Aztecs are 16-1 in those games).

## <u>Trends</u>

- San Diego State won its fourth straight game.
- The Aztecs improved to 27-6 on the season when only playing one game on the day.
- SDSU improved to 14-0 this year with 15 straight wins when scoring at least seven runs.
- San Diego State improved to 26-5 on the season when scoring first.

• The Aztecs improved to 30-2 this year when outhitting their opponent.

## <u>Player Notes</u>

## \* Cali Decker, So., C (2-for-4, HR, 4 RBI, R)

Logged her fifth home run of the season ... Now has a home run in back-to-back games and three over the last five games ... Tied an Aztec NCAA tournament record with four RBIs (four others are tied) ... The four RBIs were a career high ... Is batting 9-for-14 (.643) in the postseason (four games) with two home runs and nine RBIs ... Recorded her 16th multi-hit game of the season and 10th multi-RBI game.

## \* Makena Brocki, Jr., 2B (2-for-4, 2 R, 3B)

Recorded her ninth multi-hit game of the season ... Had her fifth triple of the season, tied with three others for the second most in SDSU singleseason history and one shy of tying Kayla Jordan's record of six set in 2013.

#### \* Bella Espinoza, So., LF (2-for-4, 2 R)

Recorded her team-high 19th multi-hit game of the season and team-best 17th multi-run game ... Is now 8-for-15 (.533) in the postseason this season.

#### \* Allie Light, So., P (4.0 IP, O R, 1 H, O BB, 6 K)

Improved to 13-6 on the season ... Pitched three perfect innings before giving up a leadoff double in the fourth.

#### **Other Notes**

• First pitch was 8:15 p.m. PT.

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