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No. 18/18 [5] San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. rv/No. 22 [6] Creighton

NCAA Elite Eight

KFC Yum! Center | Louisville, Ky.

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Next Game: vs. No. 25/25 [9] Florida Atlantic | NCAA Final Four, Saturday, April 1 | TV: CBS | Radio: San Diego Sports 760

Records: San Diego State: 31-6 overall; Creighton: 24-13 overall

Final Edition: [5] San Diego State 57, [6] Creighton 56

Big Notes

- San Diego State advances to the Final Four for the first time in program history.
- San Diego State wins its 31st game of the season, tied for the second most in program history (2013-14). Only the 2010-11 squad led by Kawhi Leonard had more victories (34).
- San Diego State improves to 22-6 on the season as an AP nationally ranked team.
- San Diego State improves to 10-14 all-time in NCAA Tournament games.
- San Diego State improves to 9-5 in the NCAA Tournament as a higher seed.
- San Diego State improves to 4-0 as a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament.
- San Diego State improves to 1-3 against a No. 6 seed in the NCAA Tournament.
- San Diego State improves to 6-2 in the South Region of the NCAA Tournament.
- San Diego State wins its eighth consecutive game, which is the third-longest active streak in the country as the game ended (Texas has a seven-game winning streak entering its Elite Eight game later tonight).
- After snapping College of Charleston's 10-game winning streak in the NCAA First Round, Furman's seven-game winning streak in the NCAA Second Round and No. 1/2 Alabama's five-game winning streak Friday in the Sweet 16, SDSU snapped Creighton's three-game winning streak today. The three-game winning streak was tied for the seventh-longest active streak in the country heading into today.
- San Diego State has won 14 of its last 15 games (14-1) and 18 of its last 20 (18-2) with the two losses coming on the road against NCAA Tournament teams Nevada (14-2 at home) and Boise State (14-1 at home).
- San Diego State improves to 7-0 in postseason play with seven straight neutral wins.
- The San Diego State victory is the 150th for head coach Brian Dutcher. The Aztecs are now 150-46 (.765) under Dutcher.
- San Diego State held Creighton, which averaged 77.0 points per game on 47.0 percent shooting from the floor and 35.8 percent from three-point range, to 56 points on 40.0 percent shooting (22-for-55) and 11.8 percent from three-point range (2-for-17).
- San Diego State did not allow a fast break point in the South Regional (vs. [1] Alabama or [6] Creighton) after allowing 25 in the first two rounds in Orlando (15 vs. College of Charleston and 10 vs. Furman).
- In four NCAA Tournament games this season, San Diego State has limited the opposition to 17.0 percent shooting from three-point range (16-for-94).
- **Darrion Trammell** was named the most outstanding player of the South Regional and was joined on the all-South Regional team by **Lamont Butler**.

Series Notes

- San Diego State improves to 4-5 all-time against Creighton.
- The Aztecs improve to 3-1 all-time against Creighton in neutral games.
- San Diego State avenges a 72-69 overtime loss to Creighton in the first round of last season's NCAA Tournament.
- San Diego State improves to 7-16 against current members of the Big East Conference.

Team Notes

- San Diego State wins its fifth straight game when trailing at the half and improves to 7-2 on the season (20-27 under Brian Dutcher).
- The Aztecs wins their 12th consecutive game when scoring first and improve to 22-2 on the season (and 104-22 under Brian Dutcher).
- San Diego State improves to 20-3 on the season and 102-19 under Brian Dutcher when committing fewer turnovers than its opponent.
- San Diego State wins its eighth straight game when shooting less than 40 percent from the field (8-1 this season and 28-22 under Brian Dutcher).
- San Diego State wins its 17th consecutive game when holding its opponent to 40 percent shooting (18-1 this season and 98-9 under Brian Dutcher).
- San Diego State improves to 16-0 on the season and 82-7 under Brian Dutcher when holding its opponent to under 60 points.
- San Diego State wins its eighth straight game played on a Sunday (1-0 this season).

Game Flow

- San Diego State won the tip.
- San Diego State scored first on a Nathan Mensah jump shot 25 seconds into the game.
- San Diego State substituted four players - F Aguek Arop, F Jaedon LeDee, G Micah Parrish and G Adam Seiko - at the first media timeout (15:59). The only starter to stay in the game was G Lamont Butler.
- The first foul of the game didn't come until 5:55 into the contest.
- Creighton was only called for one foul for the first 17 minutes (17:00) of the game.
- San Diego State forced two turnovers via shot clock violation.
- Scores at each media timeout:
 - 1st Half, 15:59: Creighton 6, San Diego State 5 (SDSU -1)
 - 1st Half, 10:48: Creighton 17, San Diego State 12 (SDSU -5)
 - 1st Half, 7:40: Creighton 22, San Diego State 16 (SDSU -6)
 - 1st Half, 3:45: Creighton 28, San Diego State 24 (SDSU -4)
 - 1st Half, 0:44.9: Creighton 33, San Diego State 28 (SDSU -5)
 - Halftime: Creighton 33, San Diego State 28 (SDSU -5)
 - 2nd Half, 15:49: Creighton 35, San Diego State 34 (SDSU -1)
 - 2nd Half, 11:30: Creighton 43, San Diego State 39 (SDSU -4)
 - 2nd Half, 7:40: Creighton 45, San Diego State 41 (SDSU -4)
 - 2nd Half, 3:30: San Diego State 52, Creighton 50 (SDSU +2)
 - 2nd Half, 3:26: San Diego State 52, Creighton 50 (SDSU +2)
 - Final: San Diego State 57, Creighton 56
- San Diego State's bench outscored Creighton's bench, 12-0.

Entering Today

- San Diego State was 14th in KenPom
- San Diego State is 14th in NET
- San Diego State was 6th in KPI
- San Diego State was 9th in T-Rank
- San Diego State was 15th in Sagarin
- San Diego State was 15th in BPI

Player Notes

Lamont Butler – 18 points, 8-of-11 FG, 2-of-2 3PTG, 2 rebounds

Was named to the all-South Regional team... Recorded his 13th double-digit scoring game of the season (SDSU is 12-1) and 25th of his career (21-4)... Led the team in scoring for the fourth time this year (SDSU is 4-0) and sixth time this season (5-1)... Made multiple three-pointers for the fourth time this season (SDSU is 4-0) and 16th time of his career (13-3)... In the NCAA Tournament, is now averaging 10.3 points, 3.5 rebounds and 3.8 assists per game... Became just the second Aztec in an NCAA Tournament game to record at least 18 points with multiple three-pointers without a miss (Mohamed Abukar vs. Indiana on March 16, 2006).

Darrion Trammell – 12 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist

Was named the most outstanding player of the South Regional... Also made the all-South Regional team... Reached double figures in scoring for the 17th time this season (SDSU is 14-3) and 66th time of his career... Averaged 16.5 points in the two South Regional games... In four NCAA Tournament games, is averaging 12.8 points and 4.0 rebounds per game.

Nathan Mensah – 8 points, 6 rebounds, 3 blocked shots

Blocked three shots and now has 29 career games with at least three blocked shots... Had eight blocks total in the South Regional.

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