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## **Postgame Softball Notes – [3] San Diego State vs. [2] Liberty**

**Game 6 of NCAA Los Angeles Regional | May 21, 2023 | Easton Stadium | Los Angeles, Calif.**

**Records:** San Diego State (38-15); Liberty (40-22)

**Up Next:** San Diego State at No. 15 overall seed Utah (40-13) | Three-game series | May 25-28, 2023 (Official dates TBA)

### **Big Notes**

- The Aztecs advanced to the NCAA Super Regionals for the first time in school history.
- SDSU won its first NCAA Regional final game. San Diego State is now 1-7 in NCAA Regional final games.
- The Aztecs improved to 38-15 (.717), the second-highest winning percentage in program history (best was 44-17 in 2008 (.721)).
- Second-year head coach **Stacey Nuvean Deniz** improves to 77-31 (.713) as SDSU's head coach with two Mountain West championships, two NCAA tournament appearances and a 5-2 record in NCAA tournament games.
- San Diego State improved to 22-6 (.786) over its last 28 games.

### **More NCAA Tournament Notes**

- The Aztecs improved to 21-24 all-time in the NCAA tournament.
- SDSU improved to 21-14 in the NCAA tournament when playing as a neutral team.
- San Diego State improved to 13-10 in Los Angeles in the NCAA tournament.
- The Aztecs improved to 13-12 in the NCAA tournament when playing as the No. 3 seed.
- SDSU is now 6-6 in the NCAA tournament against the No. 2 seed.

### **Team Notes**

- San Diego State allowed its first run of the tournament with one out in the bottom of the first inning, snapping the Aztec pitchers' streak of 27 innings without giving up a run.
- SDSU is outscoring its opponent, 39-7, in the postseason this year, going 6-0.
- San Diego State outscored its opponents, 19-3, in the NCAA Los Angeles Regional.
- In three NCAA tournament games this season, Aztecs pitchers are 3-0 with a 1.00 ERA in 21 innings, striking out 22 against two walks and holding the opposition to a .181 average.
- In six postseason games this year, SDSU pitchers are 6-0 with a 1.23 ERA in 40 innings, striking out 42 against nine walks and limiting their opponents to a .189 average.
- San Diego State has eight home runs in six postseason games (five in three NCAA regional games) after having just 27 in its first 47 games.
- The Aztecs improved to 3-1 all-time against Liberty.

### **Trends**

- San Diego State won its sixth straight game, all in the postseason.
- The Aztecs are 10-6 on the season against teams who made the NCAA tournament.
- SDSU improved to 29-6 on the season when only playing one game on the day.
- San Diego State improved to 21-1 on the season when scoring just six or more runs.

- The Aztecs won their 50th straight game when leading after six innings (28-0 this year).
- SDSU improved to 36-6 on the year when leading at any point in the game.
- San Diego State improved to 32-2 this year when outhitting its opponent.

### Player Notes

#### \* **Allie Light, Jr., RHP (6.1 IP, 3 ER, 7 H, 0 BB, 3 K)**

Liberty was 5-for-5 against her in the first inning and 2-for-16 the rest of the game ... Improved to 14-6 on the season, the eighth-best winning percentage (.700) in SDSU single-season history ... Is now 4-0 in four postseason appearances this year with a 1.91 ERA in 18 1/3 innings, striking out 18 against three walks and limiting the opponents to a .194 average.

#### \* **AJ Murphy, So., 3B (2-for-3, HR, 2 RBI, R)**

Recorded her fifth home run of the season and seventh of her career ... Had her fifth multi-RBI game of the season.

#### \* **Cali Decker, So., C (1-for-3, HR, 2 RBI)**

Homered for the second time of the NCAA Los Angeles Regional, third time this postseason, fourth time in the last seven games and sixth time this season ... Recorded her 12th multi-RBI game of the season ... Logged her team-leading third game-tying RBI of the season ... Is batting 11-for-20 (.550) in the postseason (six games) with three home runs and 13 RBIs.

#### \* **Jillian Celis, Jr., SS (2-for-4, 2 R, 2B)**

Recorded her 18th multi-hit game of the season and her seventh multi-run game ... Had her 14th double of the season, tied for sixth in SDSU single-season history ... It was her 37th double of her career, which ranks fifth in program history.

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

Recorded her team-high 21st multi-hit game of the season Now has 70 hits this season, tied for the seventh most in SDSU single-season history ... Also has 65 singles, the second most in SDSU single-season history (she is also first with 66 last year) ... Is now 12-for-22 (.545) in the postseason this year with nine runs and four stolen bases.

#### \* **Jeweliana Perez, Jr., RF (1-for-3, HR, RBI, R)**

Homered for the second time of the season (and career).

#### \* **Dee Dee Hernandez, So., LHP (0.2 IP, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 K, 1 SV)**

Extended her career-long scoreless inning streak to 16 2/3 innings ... Recorded her fifth save of the season, which is tied for sixth in SDSU single-season history ... Also logged the eighth save of her career, tied with Allie Light for the fifth most in program history ... In five postseason appearances this year, she's 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA in 11 1/3 innings, striking out nine without a walk, holding her opponents to a .195 average.

### Other Notes

- First pitch was 3:05 p.m. PT.

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