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No. 5/5 San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. Utah State (Mountain West Conference Final)

Thomas & Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nev.

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FINAL SCORE: Utah State 59, No. 5/5 San Diego State 56

Big Picture

- San Diego State has been in the Mountain West title game in each of the last three years (1-2), in six of the last seven seasons and in 10 of the last 12 years.
- San Diego State has played in the Mountain West championship game 12 times, the most in conference history.
- San Diego State is now 11-1 in NCAA NET Quadrant 1 and 2 games this season, with 11 of those victories coming away from home.
- San Diego State leads the nation in victories this season (30).
- Brian Dutcher is 8-2 as a head coach in Mountain West tournament action with one title (2018).
- San Diego State's 30-2 start ties its best 32-game record in school history.
- San Diego State is 16-1 in road/neutral games this season.
- San Diego State is 5-1 in neutral court games this season, including wins over Creighton, Iowa and Utah State.

Series Notes

- San Diego State leads the all-time series, 13-6.
- San Diego State is 2-2 against Utah State in the Mountain West tournament.

Tournament Notes

- San Diego State is now 35-16 in Mountain West tournament history (68.6 percent). The Aztecs own the highest winning percentage and have the most victories of any team – current or past – in league history.
- The Aztecs own a 5-7 record in championship games.
- The Aztecs are 24-8 in the Mountain West tourney since 2010.

Game Notes

- Utah State scored the first basket of the game. San Diego State is 10-1 in games when the opponent is first on the scoreboard.
- San Diego State led at the half (29-21). It was the 24th time this season the Aztecs took a lead into the locker room and the previous 23 times the Aztecs were undefeated.
- The Aztecs shot 90 percent from the free throw line (9-10).
- Yanni Wetzell becomes the 24th player in San Diego State history in the Dutcher/Fisher era to record a double-double in a conference tournament.

Game Trends

- Since making a season-low three three-point field goals in the game vs. Fresno State (1-1-20), the Aztecs made 172 treys in the next 17 games (10.1 per game). Today, SDSU was 5-for-19 (26.3 percent).
- San Diego State held a 16-point lead with 2:56 remaining in the first half.
- San Diego State used an 11-0 run over 4:03 to turn a 7-2 deficit into a 13-7 lead with 10:34 to play in the first half.
- San Diego State used an 11-0 run in the first half to turn an 16-11 lead into a 27-11 advantage.
- San Diego State held Utah State without a field goal for 13 minutes (from 15:06 to 2:06) in the first half. In that stretch Utah State went 0-for-10 from the floor.
- Yanni Wetzell had 10 rebounds in the first half and finished with 13.
- San Diego State trailed with 5 minutes to play for just the fourth time this season and are now 2-2 in games in which its opponent led at that point in the game.
- Utah State shot 56 percent from the floor in the second half. San Diego State had a field goal percentage of 36.4 after intermission.
- San Diego State was 1-8 from three-point range in the second half while Utah State was 6-10.

Player Notes

Yanni Wetzell - 12 points, 13 rebounds

Reaches double figures scoring for the 20th time this season and 29th time in his career... Had his 4th double figure rebounding game of the season and 7th of his career... Led SDSU in rebounds for the 14th time... His double-double is the 4th of the season and 6th of his career... Fourth time this season with at least five offensive rebounds... Becomes the 26th player in SDSU history, since the 1996-97 season to record a double double in the conference tournament.

KJ Feagin - 11 points, 5 rebounds

Named to All-Tournament team... Scored in double figures for the 12th time this season and 69th of his career... 14th time this season with multiple made three-pointers... Had zero turnovers in 35 minutes.

Malachi Flynn - 16 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals

Named to All-Tournament team... Reaches double figures in scoring for the 31st time this season and 69th time in his college career... Led Aztecs in scoring for the 21st time this season... 10th straight game with multiple made three-pointers... 13th time having two or more steals... Led the team with 36 minutes played, his 10th straight game playing at least 35 minutes.

Aguek Arop - 8 points, 4-5 FG, 4 rebounds, 2 blocked shots

Tied season-high with 8 points (vs. Brigham Young, 11-9-20)... Tied season-high with three offensive rebounds... Third straight game playing 11 or more minutes.

Other Notes

- Trey Pulliam had a team-best plus/minus of +5 in his 18 minutes.
- Matt Mitchell had his third game of the year with at least four assists... First time this season leading SDSU in assists.

Entering Today

- San Diego State was 4th in NET.
- San Diego State was 3rd in strength of record.
- San Diego State was 4th in KenPom.
- San Diego State was 7th in BPI.
- San Diego State was 7th in the Sagarin Ratings.
- San Diego State was 7th in RPI.