



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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### San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. Iowa Orleans Arena | Las Vegas, Nevada November 29, 2019

## FINAL EDITION: San Diego State 83, Iowa 73

**Next Game:** Wednesday, Dec. 4 | at Colorado State, 7 p.m. MT / 6 p.m. PT | Fort Collins, Colo. | STADIUM | 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

**Next Media Availability:** Monday, Dec. 2 | Fowler Athletics Center | details will be sent to the media over the weekend

#### Big Notes

- San Diego State claims its first exempt tournament title since the 2017 Hawaiian Diamond Head Classic.
- San Diego State overcame a 16-point first-half deficit to win the game. That is tied for the sixth largest deficit overcome for a victory in the last 24 seasons. Of the seven largest comebacks during that span, Brian Dutcher has been the head coach for three of them.
- San Diego State improves to 8-0 for the first time in nine seasons (2010-11).
- Senior guard **Malachi Flynn** scored a season-high 28 points (all in the second half). It matched the second-highest scoring output of his career and now his teams are 5-0 when he scores at least 25 points. He became the third Aztec player since the last 23 seasons to produce a game with at least 28 points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals, joining Jalen McDaniels (Jan. 26, 2019) and Brandon Heath (Feb. 24, 2007).
- Senior forward **Yanni Wetzel** reached double figures for the fifth straight game with 14 points and a game-high six rebounds. In the 36 games prior to this five game streak, he had scored in double-figures in consecutive games only once (a two-game streak).
- Junior guard **Jordan Schakel** connected on 4-of-5 three-point field goal attempts and had 14 points. He is now 22-of-40 from bonus distance this season (55.0 percent).
- Junior forward **Matt Mitchell** reached double figures for the 40<sup>th</sup> time in his career with 11 points and three rebounds.
- San Diego State has won four straight nonconference road/neutral games for the first time since a seven-game win streak from Nov. 28, 2013 through March 22, 2014.
- San Diego State shot above 50 percent from the field and is now 20-1 under Brian Dutcher when doing that.

#### Rankings of Note as of 8 p.m. PT today

- San Diego State is one of 25 remaining undefeated teams in the country.
- SDSU is 21<sup>st</sup> in scoring margin (+19.1). Duke is 22<sup>nd</sup> at +19.0.
- SDSU is 8<sup>th</sup> in three-point field goal percentage differential (+14.2 percent).
- San Diego State is 39<sup>th</sup> in KenPom (the Aztecs were 47<sup>th</sup> entering today's game).

#### Team Notes

- San Diego State improves to 4-0 in away/neutral site games this season. The Aztecs were 6-10 away from home last season.

- The Aztecs have won two of their last three games against Big Ten Conference teams but claim their first victory over a member of the conference since Nov. 24, 2003 (defeated Ohio State, 83-61, in the EA Sports Maui Classic).
- San Diego State improves to 33-12 in games played in Las Vegas since the start of the 2009-10 campaign. That includes a 12-4 record in road games playing at UNLV and a 21-8 mark in neutral site games in the city.
- San Diego State has won consecutive meetings against “major conference” teams for the first time since defeating Washington and Georgia Tech at the end of the 2015-16 campaign. This includes games against teams from “major conferences” that are not necessarily played consecutively on the schedule.
- San Diego State snapped a four-game losing streak when trailing at the half, but this was the first game this season SDSU was not leading at the half.
- San Diego State is 20-1 in the Dutcher era when shooting better than its opponent.
- San Diego State is 42-22 in its last 64 neutral site games.
- San Diego State wins its ninth straight November game and is 18-4 in the month under Brian Dutcher.
- San Diego State improves to 7-0 on Friday games in the Brian Dutcher era.
- The Aztecs are 4-0 this season in the black uniforms, including a 2-0 mark in the traditional blacks.

## PLAYER NOTES

### **Malachi Flynn – season-high 28 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals**

Matched the second-highest scoring output of his career with a season-high 28 points... All 28 points came in the second half... Stat line by half: 1<sup>st</sup>: 0-3 FG, 0-3 3FG, 0-0 FT, 0 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> half: 8-13 FG, 3-7 3FG, 9-9 FT, 28 points... Flynn's teams are 5-0 in his career when he scores at least 25 points... He became the third Aztec player in the last 23 seasons to produce a game with at least 28 points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals, joining Jalen McDaniels (Jan. 26, 2019) and Brandon Heath (Feb. 24, 2007)... He has scored at least 20 points twice this season and 14 times in his career... He has reached double figures in all eight games this season and 46 times in his career... He led San Diego State in scoring for the fifth time this season.

### **Yanni Wetzell – 14 points, 6-9 FGs, 3 rebounds**

Wetzell reached double-figures for the fifth straight game, extending his personal best streak... Prior to this stretch he had only scored 10 or more points in consecutive games once in his career... During the five-game stretch, he is averaging 14.4 points, while shooting 72.5 percent (29-of-40) from the field, 2-for-4 (50.0 percent) from three-point range and 12-of-16 (75.0 percent) from the line.

### **Jordan Schakel – 14 points, 5-6 FGs, 4-5 3FGs, 6 rebounds**

Schakel connected on 4-of-5 three-point field goals and is now 22-of-40 on the season (55.0 percent)... He has seven three-point field goals in his last two games (7-10, 70.0 percent)... He tied a season-high with six rebounds and now has 15 rebounds in his last three games (5.0 rpg)... He has scored in double figures two straight games, five times this season and 13 times in his career (SDSU is 11-2 in those games).

### **Matt Mitchell – 11 points, 4-6 FGs, 3 rebounds, team-high 4 drawn fouls**

The junior scored in double figures for the third time this season and the 40<sup>th</sup> time in his career... He had three rebounds and has pulled down at least three in all eight games this season... He made 1-of-2 from three-point range and is 4-for-5 from bonus distance over his last two games... For the season he is 9-of-19 from three-point range (47.4 percent) after shooting 32.8 percent from three-point range last season... Mitchell had a +/- rating of +12 for the game.

### **KJ Feagin – 10 points, 5 assists, 4 rebounds**

Reached double figures for the third time this season and the 60<sup>th</sup> time in his career... Had his second consecutive five-assist game and led SDSU in dimes for the second straight game and the third time overall... Pulled down four rebounds for the second straight contest.