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### San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. Cal Poly Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. December 28, 2019

## FINAL SCORE: San Diego State 73, Cal Poly 57

**Next Game:** Wednesday, Jan. 1 | vs. Fresno State, Noon PT | San Diego, Calif. | TV: Stadium | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

#### **Big Picture**

- San Diego State remains one of three undefeated teams in the country.
- The Aztecs finished with an undefeated non-conference record for just the fourth time in the 99-season program history with a 13-0 record. The other times were 4-0 in 1926-27, 3-0 in 1930-31 and 15-0 in 2010-11.
- SDSU's 13-0 start is its second-best start in program history (20-0 in 2010-11).
- San Diego State's 13-game winning streak is the longest in the Brian Dutcher era and equals the third-longest in school history.
- Brian Dutcher has now been on the sideline in three of the four longest winning streaks in program history (also 2010-11 and 2013-14).
- The Aztecs improve to 36-16 all-time against Cal Poly, including seven straight wins and a 24-4 all-time mark in games played in San Diego.

#### **Big Notes**

- SDSU forced a season-high 23 turnovers (previous high was 21 vs. LIU on Nov. 22).
- Cal Poly's 23 turnovers were its most since also recording 23 vs. UT Arlington on Dec. 21, 2018 and matched its most since having 24 at Seattle on Nov. 24, 2010.
- San Diego State improves to 34-5 at home in the Brian Dutcher era and 90-14 in its last 104 home games.
- The Aztecs improve to 55-14 in their last 69 games played during the month of December.
- The Aztecs wins their 19th straight game when leading at the half and are now 50-8 in the Brian Dutcher era when leading at intermission.
- SDSU wins its 10th consecutive game and improves to 38-6 in the Brian Dutcher era when committing less turnovers than its opponent.
- San Diego State wins its 20th straight game and improves to 48-4 in the Brian Dutcher era when shooting better than its opponent.
- The Aztecs improve to 125-4 the last 129 times they have held the opposition to 60 points or less at home.
- SDSU improves to 10-0 this season and has 18 straight wins when the opponent shoots 40 percent or less from the floor.

#### **Game Trends**

- SDSU outscored the Mustangs, 34-14, in the paint.
- The Aztecs outscored Cal Poly, 24-14, off turnovers.
- SDSU had 17 assists on 24 made field goals.
- San Diego State trailed for just 58 seconds of the game, all in the first half.
- In the first 4:27 of the game, the Aztecs held Cal Poly to 0-for-5 shooting from the field, forced two turnovers and allowed one point.

- Jordan Schakel scored San Diego State's first five points of the game.
- The Aztecs closed the half on a 9-0 over the final 2 minutes, 41 seconds (2:41), taking a 23-22 deficit to a 31-23 lead at the half.
- SDSU then opened the second half on a 19-8 run over the first 8:16 before leading by as much as 24 at 64-40 with six minutes remaining in the game.
- Total San Diego State dunks (5): J. Mensah (2), Mitchell (2), Wetzell
- 10 San Diego State players scored in tonight's game with three reaching double figures.

### **Player Notes**

#### **Malachi Flynn – 14 points, 5 rebounds, 7 assists, 5 steals**

Scored in double-figures for the third straight game, 12th time in 13 games this season (other game was nine points) and 49th time of his career... Led the team in scoring for the seventh time this season and 22nd time of his career... Led the Aztecs in assists for the eighth time this season and 40th time of his career... Had a career-high five steals... Tied a season high with three 3-pointers... Has multiple 3-pointers in nine straight games (24 total)... Became just the second Aztec since the 1996-97 season to total at least 14 points, 5 rebounds, 7 assists and 5 steals in the same game (also Matt Watts vs. Vanguard on Dec. 19, 1997).

#### **Yanni Wetzell – 12 points, 8 rebounds (3 off.), 2 steals**

Reached double figures in scoring for the third straight game, eighth time this season and 16th time of his career... Led the team in rebounds for the sixth time this season and 10th time of his career... Is averaging 14.3 points and 6.7 rebounds over the last three games.

#### **Jordan Schakel – 12 points, 7 rebounds**

Scored in double figures for the eighth time this season and 18th time over his career (SDSU is 16-2 in those games)... His seven rebounds were a season high, one off a career best... Made a 3-pointer for the seventh straight game.

### **Other Notes**

- **Matt Mitchell** had his third blocked shot of the season... Mitchell was 4-for-5 from the free-throw line and is now 14-for-16 (.875) from the charity stripe over his last six games.
- **Joel Mensah** tied a career high with six points, while recording his second steal of the season and third of his career.
- **KJ Feagin** scored a point for the 96th straight game, every game of his career.
- **Nathan Mensah** had multiple blocks for the seventh game of the season.
- **Trey Pulliam** had a career-high five rebounds.

### **Entering Today**

- Entering the day, San Diego State was one of three unbeaten teams in the nation.
- San Diego State was 1st in NET.
- San Diego State was 1st in strength of record.
- San Diego State was 6th in the Sagarin Ratings.
- San Diego State was 6th in RPI.
- San Diego State was 12th in BPI.
- San Diego State was 18th in KenPom.

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