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### San Diego State Postgame Notes vs No. 14/17 [1] Nevada

Mountain West Championship – Semifinal Round – March 15, 2019 – Las Vegas, Nevada

**Next Game:** Saturday, March 16 | vs. (2) Utah State / (3) Fresno State, 3 p.m. PT | MW Championship Final | Thomas & Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nev. | CBS Sports Network | 101.5 KGB, XTRA 1360

#### Big Notes

- SDSU advances to its 11<sup>th</sup> championship game, a Mountain West record.
- The Aztecs are playing in the championship game for the ninth time in 11 years.
- In three games against SDSU, Nevada averaged 64.7 points per game and went 1-2. In the 30 other games against non-SDSU opponents, Nevada went 28-2 and averaged 82.3 points per game.
- San Diego State has won 24 straight games when holding their opponent to less than 60 points.

#### General Notes

- SDSU's opponent, Nevada, entered the game as the 14<sup>th</sup>-ranked team in the AP Poll. This is the highest-ranked team the Aztecs have defeated away from Viejas Arena since defeating No. 14/13 California, 72-58, at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas on Nov. 26, 2015.
- SDSU records its 21<sup>st</sup> win of the season. It marks the second straight season with 21 or more wins (both of Brian Dutcher's two seasons as head coach) and the 10<sup>th</sup> time in the last 11 seasons.
- San Diego State records its second victory over an AP Top 25 team this season, both against Nevada.
- Brian Dutcher is 5-4 against AP Top 25 teams as a head coach. Entering today, only 14 teams in the nation had a winning record during that span (start of the 2017-18 season) against AP Top 25 teams (minimum: nine games played).
- As an unranked team at the time of the game, since the start of last season, SDSU's 5-4 record is second nationally to Alabama (9-4, minimum 8 games played entering today).
- Overall, SDSU has won 11 of its last 15 games (11-4).
- Brian Dutcher improves to 4-2 as head coach against Nevada.
- The Aztecs are 53-20 in their last 73 games played during the month of March.
- Brian Dutcher is 16-4 in his two seasons in games played after Feb. 12.

#### Team Notes

- San Diego State has won 24 straight games when holding their opponent to less than 60 points.
- Coach Dutcher improves to 22-0 when opposing team scores less than 60 points.
- Improves to 18-4 this season when leading at the half.
- This marks the third time this season that San Diego State has held its opponents to under 60 points in back-to-back games, holding UNLV to just 55 points on 32 percent shooting in the quarterfinals of the Mountain West tournament.

## **Tournament Notes**

- San Diego State will look to extend its Mountain West Conference record five tournament titles and 11 overall championships tomorrow.
- SDSU advances to its 11<sup>th</sup> championship game, a Mountain West record.
- The Aztecs are playing in the championship game for the ninth time in 11 years.
- San Diego State improves to 32-14 in Mountain West tournament history. That is the best record in the history of the event.
- The Aztecs are 11-4 in the semifinal round of the event and has won five of its last six consecutive semifinal games.
- San Diego State improved to 3-0 lifetime against Nevada in the event. All three games have been played in the semifinal round of the tournament.
- San Diego State improved to 6-3 lifetime against the tournament's top seed.
- The Aztecs improve to 9-3 as the number four seed. The Aztecs won the title from the four-line in 2010.
- San Diego State wins its 28<sup>th</sup> game in the Thomas & Mack Center since the start of the 2008-09 campaign. That is the highest win total by any team in the nation in any building not designated as a home venue during that time.

## **Nevada Related Notes / Series Update**

- In three games against SDSU, Nevada averaged 64.7 points per game and went 1-2. In the 30 other games against non-SDSU opponents, Nevada went 28-2 and averaged 82.3 points per game.
- San Diego State leads the all-time series with Nevada, 17-6.
- The Aztecs have won five of the last seven meetings between the teams.
- SDSU is 4-0 against the Wolf Pack on a neutral court.

## **Player Notes**

### **Devin Watson (20 points, 5-10 FG, 6-7 FT, 4-7 3-pt FG, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 0 turnovers)**

Scored 20 points or more for the 14<sup>th</sup> time this season... Recorded his fifth straight double-digit scoring game, the 29<sup>th</sup> of the season and the 94<sup>th</sup> of his career... Has scored in double-digits in 29 of SDSU's 33 games... Led SDSU in scoring for the 14<sup>th</sup> time this season and for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time of his career... Hit four three-pointers for the third time in the last five games and for the eighth time this season... Has hit six or more free throws in three of the last four games... Committed zero turnovers for the second consecutive game... Led the team in assists for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time this year... SDSU improves to 9-2 when Watson scored 20 or more points... Played a team-high 38 minutes.

### **Jalen McDaniels (12 points, 5-14 FG, 1-1 3-pt FG, 10 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals)**

Recorded his 11<sup>th</sup> double-double of the year and 20<sup>th</sup> of his career... Scored in double digits for the 30<sup>th</sup> game this season and 50<sup>th</sup> time of his career... Notched his 11<sup>th</sup> game of the season with double-digit rebounds and the 22<sup>nd</sup> of his career... Is now ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in SDSU's Division I history in points in a single season (533)... Led the team in rebounding for the 22<sup>nd</sup> time this season and 40<sup>th</sup> time of his career... SDSU improves to 20-3 in games where McDaniels has a double-double.

### **Matt Mitchell (11 points, 4-9 FG, 1-3 3-pt FG, 4 rebounds, 2 steals)**

Scored in double-digits for the 17<sup>th</sup> time this season and for the 36<sup>th</sup> time of his career... SDSU improves to 14-5 when Mitchell scores at least nine points.

### **Jeremy Hemsley (10 points, 4-7 FG, 2-2 FT, 3 rebounds, 2 assists)**

Scored in double-digits for the 17<sup>th</sup> time this season and for the 74<sup>th</sup> time of his career... Has shot 50 percent or better from the field in four of his last five games.