



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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### No. 4/4 San Diego State Postgame Notes at UNLV

Thomas & Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nevada

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020

## FINAL SCORE: San Diego State 71, UNLV 67

**Next Game:** Wednesday, Jan. 29 | at New Mexico, 6 p.m. PT (7 p.m. MT) | Albuquerque, N.M. | TV: CBS Sports Network | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

**Next Media Availability:** Monday, Jan. 27 | Time and location TBD

### School Records

- San Diego State improves to 21-0 and BREAKS the school-record for best start in the program's 99-seasons. In the 2010-11 season, the Aztecs opened 20-0, ended the season 34-2 and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 (the leading scorer was second-team All-American Kawhi Leonard).
- San Diego State wins its 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive game and BREAKS the school record of 20 straight wins set during the 2010-11 season (see above) and matched by the 2013-14 squad (ended the season 31-5 and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16; the leading scorer was third-team All-American Xavier Thames).

### Win Streaks Extended

- San Diego State extended the following win streaks:
  - 21-game overall win streak (longest active win streak in the nation, school record)
  - 11-game win streak against Pacific Time Zone teams
  - 10-game road/neutral win streak (tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> longest in school history)
  - 10-game conference win streak (tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> longest in school history)
  - 8-game road win streak (longest since a 9-game streak from March 6, 2010 through Jan. 15, 2011)
  - 5-game win streak against UNLV

### Game Notes

- Junior guard **Trey Pulliam** scored a career-high 18 points, on 6-for-6 shooting (previous career best was nine points).
- Junior guard **Malachi Flynn** recorded his sixth 20-point game of the season and 18<sup>th</sup> of his career with a game-high 21 points.
- Junior guard **Jordan Schakel** had 11 points and the Aztecs have now won 14 straight games when he reaches double figures.
- San Diego State has won 26 straight games when leading at intermission.
- For just the third time this season, the Aztecs shot worse than its opponent from the field (41.8 to 43.6).
- As a team, San Diego State had a 2.17-to-1 assist-to-turnover ration.
- Senior forward **Yanni Wetzell** led the team in assists (4). It is the first time he has led SDSU outright in the category.

## Series Notes

- San Diego State has won 16 of the last 17 encounters against UNLV, regardless of location.
- For the first time ever, the Aztecs, who once trailed in the series 26-6, lead the all-time series, 37-36.
- Brian Dutcher has been on the SDSU sidelines for 33 of SDSU's 37 victories in the series. Those 33 wins have come against nine different UNLV head coaches (Bill Bayno, Max Good, Charlie Spoonhour, Jay Spoonhour, Lon Kruger, Dave Rice, Todd Simon, Marvin Menzies and T.J. Otzelberger).
- San Diego State has handed UNLV three of its last seven home losses.
- The Aztecs have handed the Runnin' Rebels 10 of its 40 home losses since March 5, 2014. During that span, SDSU is 10-1 vs. UNLV at Thomas & Mack while the rest of the nation is 30-65.
- San Diego State's 25 victories over UNLV since the start of the 2008-09 campaign are tied for the most victories by any NCAA Division I school against another team.
- San Diego State's 15 victories in Thomas & Mack Center since the start of the 2008-09 campaign are the most by any school in any venue in which it has not played at least one home game.

## Road Notes

- The Aztecs improve to 10-0 away from home this season (road/neutral) and 7-0 in true road games in 2019-20.
- The 10-0 record is tops in the nation. SDSU is the only undefeated team in road/neutral games in the nation and its 10 wins away from home are tied for tops in the nation.
- San Diego State snaps UNLV's 6-game homecourt win streak.
- In addition, the Aztecs have handed Brigham Young and Utah State their only home losses this season.
- San Diego State improves to 5-0 in conference road games this season, while the other 10 teams in the league have combined to go 10-35.

## The Start

- San Diego State remains the nation's lone undefeated team. A statement the Aztecs have been able to make since Auburn lost its first game on Jan. 15. Currently, there are only two one-loss teams (Baylor and Gonzaga).
- San Diego State's 21-0 start is the best start to a season for any Division I team since Gonzaga opened the 2016-17 campaign with a 29-0 (ended up 37-2 and advanced to the NCAA championship game).
- The 21-0 start is the best for any NCAA team that did not advance to the NCAA tournament the year before since the 2011-12 Murray State team started 23-0.

## Other Notes

- San Diego State opens a 3 ½-game lead in the Mountain West Conference race. The Aztecs, who have won a conference record 11 Mountain West Conference championships, are looking for their first regular-season title since the 2015-16 season.
- The 2010-11 team that opened 20-0 suffered its first loss on Jan. 26. With today's victory, the 2019-20 squad becomes the first Aztec team to advance this far on the calendar without suffering a loss.

## Player Notes

### **Malachi Flynn – 21 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 stelas, 0 turnovers**

Reached 20 points for the sixth time this season and the 18<sup>th</sup> time in his career... He scored 10+ points for the 20<sup>th</sup> time in 21 games this season and the 58<sup>th</sup> time in his career... He led the Aztecs in scoring for the 14<sup>th</sup> time this season... He had two threes and now has multiple treys in three straight games and has at least one three in 17 consecutive games... 14 of his 21 points came after intermission (he was 4-for-6 from the field after the break)... Scored 14 points in the final 12:09 of the contest).

### **Trey Pulliam – 18 points, 6-6 FGs, 2-2 3FGs, 3 rebounds**

Scored a career-high 18 points (had 60 points all season and had never scored more than nine points in a game prior to tonight)... He is the fifth player in the Dutcher/ Fisher era and first since Zylan Cheatum (vs. Savannah State, 11-28-16) to score at least 18 points without missed a shot from the field (complete list of players: Cheatum, Aerick Sanders, Kyle Spain and Billy White).

**Jordan Schakel – 11 points, 3-8 3FGs, 3 rebounds**

Recorded his third straight double-digit game, the 13th of the season and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of his career . . . The Aztecs are 21-2 when he scores at least 10 points and have won 14 straight contests when scoring at least 10 points . . . Has made eight three-point field goals in his last three games (matches his highest three-game total since the opening three games of the 2019-20 campaign).

**Entering Today**

- San Diego State was 2nd in NET.
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- San Diego State was 7th in KenPom.
- San Diego State was 8th in the Sagarin Ratings.
- San Diego State was 11th in BPI.
- San Diego State was 16th in RPI.

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