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NO. 13/12 San Diego State Postgame Notes at Utah State Dee Glen Smith Spectrum | Logan, Utah January 4, 2020

# FINAL EDITION - San Diego State 77, Utah State 68

Next Game: Wednesday, Jan. 8 | at Wyoming, 7 p.m. MT / 6 p.m. PT | Laramie, Wyo. | Stream: MWN | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360 Next Media Availability: Monday, Jan. 6 | Details to be distributed Sunday

# **Biq Picture**

- San Diego State owns the nation's longest win streak (15).
- San Diego State remains one of two undefeated teams in the country.
- San Diego State, which entered today ranked No. 1 in the NET, is a perfect 5-0 in Quadrant 1 games (best record in the nation).
- SDSU's continues its second-best start in program history (20-0 in 2010-11).
- San Diego State's 15-game winning streak is the longest in the Brian Dutcher era and is the third-longest in school history.
- San Diego State improves to a nation-best 7-0 in road/neutral games this season (4-0 road and 3-0 neutral). Five of those road/neutral wins are against NET Quadrant 1 opponents.
- San Diego State extends its road/neutral win streak to seven games. That is the fourth-longest road/neutral win streak in school history.
- San Diego State becomes just the fourth team in the last 24 seasons to defeat Brigham Young, Utah and Utah State in the same season and the only school to do it with none of the games being played at home. The other three teams went on to have very successful seasons: 1997-98 Wyoming (19-9, postseason NIT), 2014-15 San Diego State (27-9, NCAA Tournament, third round) and 2018-19 Nevada (29-5 NCAA Tournament, first round).
- San Diego State improves to 14-0 when leading at the half this year and has won its last 21 straight when taking a lead into the locker room after 20 minutes. In the Brian Dutcher era, SDSU is 52-8.
- San Diego State's 9-point victory in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum is the largest loss the Aggies have suffered since a 12-point defeat (80-68) to UNLV on January 19, 2016.

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- San Diego State snaps Utah State's 15-game homecourt win streak, which was tied for the seventh longest active streak entering today.
- San Diego State is the first team to hand Utah State back-to-back losses under head coach Craig Smith in his two seasons leading the Aggies.
- The Aztecs hand the Aggies their first home loss in 360 days, dating back to Jan. 9, 2019.
- San Diego State is 11-0 this season when outrebounded its opponent.
- SDSU has won 22 straight games when owning a higher field goal percentage than its opponent.
- San Diego State has handed Utah State two of its last seven home losses.
- San Diego State improves to 12-5 against Utah State and has now won 12 of the last 14 encounters between the teams.
- The Aztecs improve to 6-0 in black uniforms this season including a 4-0 mark in the black uniforms with red writing. Those four wins have come at San Diego, vs. Creighton, at Colorado State and at Utah State.
- San Diego State won the game despite playing with two major contributors Aguek Arop (10.6 minutes per game) and Nathan Mensah (13 starts, 20.2 minutes per game).
- Jordan Schakel hit multiple three pointers for the eighth time this season and 29th of his career (SDSU is 22-7 in those games).

#### **Player Notes**

# Matt Mitchell – 19 points (7-11 FG, 3-4 3pt-FG), 7 rebounds, 2, steals, 1 assist, 1 block

Scored a season-high 19 points, including 12 in the second half... Produced his highest-scoring game since a 20-point effort against Wyoming (1-8-19)... Although this is the seventh time he has scored at least nine points, this was the first time he has produced that total away from Viejas Arena... San Diego State is now 16-1 in the 17 career games he has scored at least 15 points... Scored in double figures for the seventh time this season and the 44<sup>th</sup> time in his career... Has 34 points and 13 rebounds in his last two games (17.0 ppg, 6.5 rpg)... Made three three-point field goals marking the 15<sup>th</sup> time in his career when he has had at least three treys.

# Malachi Flynn — 22 points (10-10 FT), 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal

Reached double figures for the 5th straight game, the 14th time this year and 52nd time in his career... He had five rebounds and now has 15 boards in his last three games (5.0 rpg)... He was 10-for-10 from the free throw line... He is the first Aztecs to make at least 10 free throws without a miss in a game since Jalen McDaniels was 10-for-10 vs. San Jose State on Feb. 24, 2018... He is also the first San Diego State player to produce a game with at least 22 points, five rebounds, four assists and 10 made free throws since Jalen McDaniels against UNLV on Jan. 26, 2019... Flynn scored 15 of his 22 points after intermission... In his first seven games, he was 13-for-22 (59.1 percent) from the line, while in his last eight games he is 32-40 (80.0 percent).

# Yanni Wetzell – 10 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist

Reached double figures for the ninth time this season and 17th time in his collegiate career... He has now reached double-figures more times at SDSU (in 15 games) than he did in his 32 games at Vanderbilt... He has scored 10 or more points in four of his last five games.

### Jordan Schakel – 11 points (4-6 FG, 3-4 3pt-FG)

Scored in double figures for the eighth time this year and 19th time in his career... The Aztecs are 17-2 with 10 straight wins when he reaches double figures... He is now 32-of-70 from three-point range this season (45.7 percent)... Hit multiple three pointers for the eighth time this season and 29th of his career (SDSU is 22-7 in those games).

#### Adam Seiko - 12 minutes, 2 rebounds, 0 turnovers

Extended his streak of turnover free to 91 straight minutes.

#### **Entering Today**

- 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 9th in RPI.
- San Diego State was 18th in BPI.
- San Diego State was 20th in KenPom.