



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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### Postgame Notes at Arizona State | Desert Financial Arena | Tempe, Ariz. | Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020

## FINAL EDITION: No. 24 San Diego State 80, No. 23 Arizona State 68

**Records:** No. 24/rv San Diego State 5-0; No. 23/23 Arizona State 3-2

**Next Game:** Fri., Dec. 18 | vs. Brigham Young, 2 p.m. PT | Viejas Arena | TV/Stream: CBS Sports Network | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

**Next Media Availability:** Mon., Dec. 14 | Remote News Conference via Zoom | Details TBA

#### Big Notes

- San Diego State joins Gonzaga, Kansas and Villanova as the only teams with two victories this season against AP Top 25 teams.
- San Diego State extends its Division I leading non-conference win streak (17 games) and road win streak (13 games).
- San Diego State is the first non-“major conference” team to have five straight double-digit wins against major conference opponents since Hawaii had a five-game streak from 03/12/1997 - 03/11/1998.
- **Jordan Schakel** scored a career-high 25 points and made five treys (SDSU is 23-2 when he makes 3+ treys with 18 straight wins).
- **Nathan Mensah** record his fourth career double-double with a career-high 17 points and a career-high 15 rebounds.
- **Matt Mitchell** and **Jordan Schakel** record their seventh victory over an AP Top 25 team (that ranks third in school history behind Winston Shepard and Skyler Spencer (8)). Both Mitchell and Shepard are 7-4 in games against AP Top 25 teams.
- Since the start of the 2019-20 season, San Diego State owns the nation’s best record (35-2). Gonzaga is second at 34-2.
- The Aztecs improve to 5-0 for the second consecutive season and the third time in 10 seasons.
- San Diego State hands Arizona State its widest margin of defeat this season (remember, the Sun Devils played Villanova earlier this season), and its worst home loss since Feb. 7, 2019.

#### Win Streaks Extended

Category	Strk.	National Note	School Note
Non-Conference Win Streak	17	<b>Longest active streak in the nation</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> longest streak in school history
Road Win Streak	13	<b>Longest active streak in the nation</b>	<b>Extends school record</b>
Mountain Time Zone Win Streak	8	2 <sup>nd</sup> longest active streak in nation (New Mexico State, 14)	
December Win Streak	8		
“Major” Conference Win Streak	5	T-6 <sup>th</sup> longest active win streak in nation	<b>School record (Div. I era)</b>
AP Top 25 Win Streak	3	T-5 <sup>th</sup> longest active win streak in nation	2 <sup>nd</sup> longest streak in school history
Pac-12 Conference Win Streak	3		

#### Nationally-Ranked Notes

- San Diego State improves 2-0 against AP Top 25 teams with victories over the teams picked to finish first and second in the Pac-12 Conference - No. 22 UCLA and No. 23 Arizona State.
- San Diego State joins Gonzaga, Kansas and Villanova as the only teams with two victories this season against AP Top 25 teams.

- The Aztecs win their third consecutive game against an AP Top 25 team. That is the second longest win streak for the Aztecs against teams in the poll in school history (SDSU had a four-game win streak during the 2013-14 campaign).
- San Diego State improves to 36-102 lifetime against AP Top 25 teams, but the Aztecs are 7-4 since the start of the 2017-18 campaign.
- San Diego State claims just its sixth AP Top 25 road win in school history, and first since winning at No. 25 Wyoming, 60-52, on Jan. 14, 2015. The last time SDSU defeated a team ranked 23 or higher in the poll was Jan. 5, 2014, when the Aztecs won at No. 16 Kansas, 61-57.
- This marked the 15<sup>th</sup> time in school history that San Diego State played a men's basketball game in which both the Aztecs and their opponent were in the AP Top 25 Poll. SDSU improves to 6-9 in those games and picks up its first win in the subset since the 16<sup>th</sup>-ranked Aztecs defeated No. 25 Utah, 53-49, on Nov. 18, 2014.

### **Rare Arizona State Home Loss**

- The Aztecs hand Arizona State just its fourth loss in its last 21 home games.
- San Diego State hands Arizona State just its third home loss in its last 25 non-conference home games.

### **Fast Starts**

- The Aztecs improve to 5-0 for the second consecutive season and the third time in 10 seasons.
- Entering today, of the 351 Division I basketball teams, 305 have played at least one game and only 65 are undefeated.

### **Team Notes**

- Since the start of the 2019-20 season, San Diego State owns the nation's best record (35-2). Gonzaga is second at 34-2.
- San Diego State snaps a four-game losing streak against Arizona State. That was tied for SDSU's third longest active losing streak against any opponent. The two longest losing streaks for SDSU are against Washington State (6, last meeting: Nov. 26, 2017) and Tulsa (5, last meeting: Feb. 19, 1998).
- San Diego State hands Arizona State its widest margin of defeat this season (remember, the Sun Devils played Villanova earlier this season), and its worst home loss since Feb. 7, 2019.
- San Diego State is 34-1 in its last 35 games when leading at the half.
- San Diego State has won 29 straight games when holding its opponent to 40 percent or less field goal shooting (tonight: ASU shot 34.5 percent).
- San Diego State has won 23 straight games when owning an advantage in free throws attempted (tonight: SDSU 25, ASU 22).

### **Player Notes**

#### **Jordan Schakel – career-high 25 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, 9-15 FGs, 5-9 3FGs**

Reached double figures for the third game in a row, the fourth time this season and the 34<sup>th</sup> time in his career (31-3)... Made three or more three-point field goals for the 25<sup>th</sup> time in his career (SDSU is 23-2 in those games with 18 straight wins)... Made multiple three-point field goals for the 46<sup>th</sup> time in his career (38-8)... Played in his seventh victory over an AP Top 24 team in his career (one short of the school record of eighth held by Winston Shepard and Skyler Spencer)... Tied a career-high with five three-point field goals.

#### **Nathan Mensah – career-high 17 points, career-high 15 rebounds, 3 blocked shots, 7-12 FGs**

Recorded his fourth career double-double (4-0)... 11<sup>th</sup> career game reaching double figures (10-1)... Reached double-figures in rebounds for the eighth time (8-0)... Posted season game highs in the first half (had 10 points and 10 rebounds at intermission)... He is just the second Aztec in the last 18 seasons to produce a 15-point, 15-rebound game (Yanni Wetzell had a 17/16 game vs. Nevada, 1-18-20).

#### **Matt Mitchell – 14 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, career-high 12-15 FTs**

Reached double figures in all five games this season and 62 time in his career... Played in his seventh victory over an AP Top 24 team in his career (one short of the school record of eighth held by Winston Shepard and Skyler Spencer)... Made 12-of-15 free throws in the game... The 15 free throw attempts are the most by an Aztec player since Devin Watson did it against Brigham Young (12-22-18)... No Aztec player in the last 25 seasons had this made free throw attempts against a nationally-ranked opponent.

### **Entering Today**

- San Diego State was 12<sup>th</sup> in Strength of Record
- San Diego State was 22<sup>nd</sup> in RPI
- San Diego State was 24<sup>th</sup> in the Sagarin Ratings
- San Diego State was 29<sup>th</sup> in BPI
- San Diego State was 33<sup>rd</sup> n KenPom

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