



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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### San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. Pepperdine Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020

## FINAL EDITION: San Diego State 65, Pepperdine 60

**Records:** San Diego State 4-0; Pepperdine 2-2

**Next Game:** Thurs., Dec. 10 | at No. 25/17 Arizona State, 8 p.m. MT | Tempe, Ariz. | TV/Stream: FS1 & FoxSports GO | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

**Next Media Availability:** Tue., Dec. 8 | Remote News Conference via Zoom | Details TBA

#### **Big Notes**

- The Aztecs overcame a 16-point second half deficit for just the fourth time in the last 25 seasons. The last time San Diego State did that was against CSUN on Jan. 1, 2019.
- The 16-point deficit matches the sixth largest comeback in the last 25 seasons. The last time the Aztecs overcame a 16-point deficit to win was against Iowa, 83-73, in Las Vegas last season (Nov. 30, 2019).
- San Diego State had its first non 0-0 tie and its first lead at the 6:17 mark of the second half.
- San Diego State outscored Pepperdine 34-13 to overcome a 16-point deficit and close out the game.

#### **Big Picture**

- San Diego State improves to 4-0. The Aztecs have won their first four games of the season for the second straight season but for just the third time in the last 10 seasons (2014-15, 2019-20 and 2020-21).
- The Aztecs extend the following win streaks: 16-game win streak in non-conference regular season win streak, 11-game win streak in non-conference home games, 10-game win streak against teams from the state of California, a seven-game win streak in games played in December and a five-game win streak in games played on a Sunday.
- San Diego State is 18-1 in its last 19 games played at Viejas Arena and has won five straight.
- The Aztecs have won their last four games against the WCC and is 20-3 against the league since Nov. 19, 2009.
- San Diego State is 34-2 since the beginning of the 2019-20 campaign (tied with Gonzaga for the best record in the nation).
- San Diego State improves to 18-36 lifetime against Pepperdine, a team it had not played prior to today since Dec. 22, 1994.
- San Diego State is 127-4 the last 131 times it has held an opponent to 60 points or less at home.
- San Diego State has won 22 straight games when attempting more free throws than its opponent.

#### **Game Flow Note**

- San Diego State improves to 6-4 when shooting 10.5 percent or worse from beyond the arc since 2010-11.
- Pepperdine jumped out to an 32-16 lead. That is the largest deficit the Aztecs have faced in a game this season (previous largest deficit was six points).
- San Diego State missed four shots, had six turnovers and three fouls before scoring its first point at 13:53.

- San Diego State did not score a point from a starter until the 10:38 mark (turnaround jumper by Matt Mitchell).
- San Diego State has posted turnover totals of 10, 10 and nine in its first three games of the season. The Aztecs had 11 turnovers at intermission today.
- San Diego State made consecutive field goals for the first time today on its 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> attempts of the game.
- San Diego State made six consecutive field goal attempts and connected on 9-of-10 during a stretch from late in the first half through the opening stretch of the second half.

### **Player Notes**

#### **Jordan Schakel – season-high 17 points, season-high 5 rebounds, 5-6 2FGs**

His 17 points tied for the third most points in a game in his career... Reached double figures for the third time this season and the 33<sup>rd</sup> time in his career (30-3)... It is his 11<sup>th</sup> game with at least 15 points (10-1)... He drew four fouls and committed none in 31 minutes of action... 15 of his 17 points came after intermission (5-of-8 field goals)... Connected on 5-of-6 two-point field goals (entered the game with 61 career two-point field goals in 96 games).

#### **Joshua Tomaic – season-high 10 points, 5 rebounds, career-high 3 steals, 5-6 FGs**

Scored a season-high 10 points on 5-of-6 shooting form the floor... Eight of his 10 points came after intermission... Scored in double figures for the second time in his career and was one off of his career high of 11 set at Ohio State (11-11-18)... Now has 24 points this season, more than his entire junior year and sophomore years (8) at Maryland (18).

#### **Matt Mitchell – 13 points, 5 rebounds**

Reached double figures for the fourth time in four games this season and the 61<sup>st</sup> time in his career.

### **Entering Today**

- San Diego State was 16<sup>th</sup> in Strength of Record
- San Diego State was 16<sup>th</sup> in the Sagarin Ratings
- San Diego State was 28<sup>th</sup> in BPI
- San Diego State was 34<sup>th</sup> in KenPom

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