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### **No. 5/5 San Diego State Postgame Notes vs. Utah State (Mountain West Conference Final)**

**Thomas & Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nev.**

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

## **FINAL SCORE: Utah State 59, No. 5/5 San Diego State 56**

### **Big Picture**

- San Diego State has been in the Mountain West title game in each of the last three years (1-2), in six of the last seven seasons and in 10 of the last 12 years.
- San Diego State has played in the Mountain West championship game 12 times, the most in conference history.
- San Diego State is now 11-1 in NCAA NET Quadrant 1 and 2 games this season, with 11 of those victories coming away from home.
- San Diego State leads the nation in victories this season (30).
- Brian Dutcher is 8-2 as a head coach in Mountain West tournament action with two titles (2018, 2020).
- San Diego State's 30-2 start ties its best 32-game record in school history.
- San Diego State is 16-1 in road/neutral games this season.
- San Diego State is 5-1 in neutral court games this season, including wins over Creighton, Iowa and Utah State.

### **Series Notes**

- San Diego State leads the all-time series, 13-6.
- San Diego State is 2-2 against Utah State in the Mountain West tournament.

### **Tournament Notes**

- San Diego State is now 35-16 in Mountain West tournament history (68.6 percent). The Aztecs own the highest winning percentage and have the most victories of any team – current or past – in league history.
- The Aztecs own a 5-7 record in championship games.
- The Aztecs are 24-8 in the Mountain West tourney since 2010.

### **Game Notes**

- Utah State scored the first basket of the game. San Diego State is 10-1 in games when the opponent is first on the scoreboard.
- San Diego State led at the half (29-21). It was the 24<sup>th</sup> time this season the Aztecs took a lead into the locker room and the previous 23 times the Aztecs were undefeated.
- The Aztecs shot 90 percent from the free throw line (9-10).
- Yanni Wetzell becomes the 24<sup>th</sup> player in San Diego State history in the Dutcher/Fisher era to record a double-double in a conference tournament.

## Game Trends

- Since making a season-low three three-point field goals in the game vs. Fresno State (1-1-20), the Aztecs made 172 treys in the next 17 games (10.1 per game). Today, SDSU was 5-for-19 (26.3 percent).
- San Diego State held a 16-point lead with 2:56 remaining in the first half.
- San Diego State used an 11-0 run over 4:03 to turn a 7-2 deficit into a 13-7 lead with 10:34 to play in the first half.
- San Diego State used an 11-0 run in the first half to turn an 16-11 lead into a 27-11 advantage.
- San Diego State held Utah State without a field goal for 13 minutes (from 15:06 to 2:06) in the first half. In that stretch Utah State went 0-for-10 from the floor.
- Yanni Wetzell had 10 rebounds in the first half and finished with 13.
- San Diego State trailed with 5 minutes to play for just the fourth time this season and are now 2-2 in games in which its opponent led at that point in the game.
- Utah State shot 56 percent from the floor in the second half. San Diego State had a field goal percentage of 36.4 after intermission.
- San Diego State was 1-8 from three-point range in the second half while Utah State was 6-10.

## Player Notes

### **Yanni Wetzell** - 12 points, 13 rebounds

Reaches double figures scoring for the 20<sup>th</sup> time this season and 29<sup>th</sup> time in his career... Had his 4<sup>th</sup> double figure rebounding game of the season and 7<sup>th</sup> of his career... Led SDSU in rebounds for the 14<sup>th</sup> time... His double-double is the 4<sup>th</sup> of the season and 6<sup>th</sup> of his career... Fourth time this season with at least five offensive rebounds... Becomes the 26<sup>th</sup> player in SDSU history, since the 1996-97 season to record a double double in the conference tournament.

### **KJ Feagin** - 11 points, 5 rebounds

Named to All-Tournament team... Scored in double figures for the 12<sup>th</sup> time this season and 69<sup>th</sup> of his career... 14<sup>th</sup> time this season with multiple made three-pointers... Had zero turnovers in 35 minutes.

### **Malachi Flynn** - 16 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals

Named to All-Tournament team... Reaches double figures in scoring for the 31<sup>st</sup> time this season and 69<sup>th</sup> time in his college career... Led Aztecs in scoring for the 21<sup>st</sup> time this season... 10<sup>th</sup> straight game with multiple made three-pointers... 13<sup>th</sup> time having two or more steals... Led the team with 36 minutes played, his 10<sup>th</sup> straight game playing at least 35 minutes.

### **Aguek Arop** - 8 points, 4-5 FG, 4 rebounds, 2 blocked shots

Tied season-high with 8 points (vs. Brigham Young, 11-9-20)... Tied season-high with three offensive rebounds... Third straight game playing 11 or more minutes.

## Other Notes

- Trey Pulliam had a team-best plus/minus of +5 in his 18 minutes.
- Matt Mitchell had his third game of the year with at least four assists... First time this season leading SDSU in assists.

## Entering Today

- San Diego State was 4<sup>th</sup> in NET.
- San Diego State was 3<sup>rd</sup> in strength of record.
- San Diego State was 4<sup>th</sup> in KenPom.
- San Diego State was 7<sup>th</sup> in BPI.
- San Diego State was 7<sup>th</sup> in the Sagarin Ratings.
- San Diego State was 7<sup>th</sup> in RPI.