



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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### Postgame Notes: at Air Force | Colorado Springs, Colo. | Friday, Jan. 22, 2021

## FINAL EDITION: San Diego State 98, Air Force 61

**Records:** San Diego State 10-4, 4-3 MW; Air Force 4-9, 2-7

**Next Game:** Sun., Jan. 24 | at Air Force, 8 p.m. MT / 7 p.m. PT | Colorado Springs, Colo. | **TV/Stream:** FS1 / FOX Sports GO | **Radio:** 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

### Big Notes

- This is San Diego State's third largest margin of victory in a Mountain West Conference game and the largest margin ever in a Mountain West road game (previous: 32 points at Air Force, 77-45, on Jan. 20, 2015).
- The 98 points tie the most ever in a Mountain West game (also: 98 at TCU, 3-3-12).
- This is the fourth largest road victory ever by a any team in a Mountain West Conference game.
- This is San Diego State's largest margin of victory in series history (84 all-time meetings).
- San Diego State's 37-point marks the worst margin of defeat for Air Force this season and matches the largest margin since a 39-point loss at Colorado State (40-79) on Jan. 16, 2013.
- The last time Air Force had a wider margin of defeat in a home game was an 81-42 loss to New Mexico on Jan. 31, 2012.
- San Diego State snaps a two-game losing streak and has now gone 97 consecutive games without suffering a three-game losing streak.
- The Aztecs defeat the Falcons for the fourth consecutive time and the 13<sup>th</sup> time in the last 15 meetings.
- San Diego State forced Air Force into 27 turnovers, its highest total since a 36-turnover game at No. 21 TCU on Jan. 21, 1999.
- The following five players set career scoring highs: Adam Seiko (14), Aguek Arop (14), Keith Dinwiddie Jr. (13), Che Evans (3), Cade Alger (3).
- Junior guard **Adam Seiko** had a career-high 14 points and a career-high five assists (had no turnovers).
- Junior forward **Aguek Arop** had a career-high 14 points, making all five of his field goal attempts.
- San Diego State had a season-high 27 assists. Its most since a 30-assist game against New Mexico on Jan. 15, 2019.
- San Diego State shot 54.5 percent from the field and has won 21 straight games and is 33-1 under Dutcher when making at least 50 percent from the field.
- San Diego State had a +21 rebound advantage and has won 11 straight and is 59-9 in the Dutcher era when owning an advantage in this category.
- Air Force shot 55.0 percent from the field. That is the highest percentage for an opponent in a San Diego State win since Nov. 10, 2006 (Murray State shot 59.3 percent in an 87-84 San Diego State win).

### Big Halftime Notes

- This is the third largest lead (52-16), by any Mountain West Conference team, in a league game in conference history and is the largest ever by a road team.
- SDSU's 52 first-half points are the most for any half this season and the most ever in a Mountain West Conference road game for the Aztecs.
- San Diego State's 36-point halftime lead was the largest for the Aztecs this season and the second largest in the last 25 seasons (led Saint Katherine, 63-17, on Dec. 27, 2013).

## Game Trends

- Nathan Mensah scored San Diego State's first points on a turnaround jumper deep in the paint and added the free throw at the 17:28 mark of the first half.
- San Diego State's first five baskets were made by five different players – Nathan Mensah, Terrell Gomez, Lamont Butler, Aguek Arop, Adam Seiko.
- San Diego State had its 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> runs of at least 10-0 this season (tonight's runs were 22-0 over a 6:21 and also a 14-0 run).
- San Diego State made 11 consecutive field goal attempts from the 13:16 mark to the 5:15 mark of the first half.
- San Diego State had 13 different players see playing time and 11 of them scored.
- San Diego State had a 39-12 advantage on points off turnovers and a 16-2 edge in second chance points.

## Player Notes

### **Lamont Butler – 7 points, 5 assists, 4 rebounds, 3 steals**

Started the first game of his career and was the first Aztec freshman to start a game since Nathan Mensah started the final game of the 2018-19 season (March 16)... This was his 14<sup>th</sup> career game... Coming off a career-high 13 points at Utah State on Saturday, he posted his second-highest scoring game (seven points)... Last two games: 20 points, six rebounds, six assists, eight steals... Had 15 points in his first 12 games and has 20 points in his last two games.

### **Aguek Arop – career-high 14 points, 3 steals, 2 rebounds, 5-5 FGs**

Reached double figures for the second time this season (also: season-opener against UCLA) and the fourth time in his career... Responded from the first scoreless game of the season with a career-high 14 points.

### **Adam Seiko – career-high 14 points, 5 assists, 0 turnovers, 4-6 3FGs**

Reached double figures for the second time this season and third time in his career... Had a streak of six consecutive starts snapped... Posted a career-high 14 points in his 75<sup>th</sup> career game... Had five assists (career high with no turnovers)... Tied a career-high with four three-point field goals... Now has 50 treys in his career... Just the 14<sup>th</sup> time in the Brian Dutcher (head coaching) era that a player has posted at least five assists without a turnover (Malachi Flynn did it five times).

### **Nathan Mensah – 13 points, 5-6 FGs, 7 rebounds**

After having his career-best four-game double-digit scoring streak snapped last Saturday in Logan, he once again got to double figures... He has 10 or more points in seven games this season and 17 times in his career (SDSU is 15-2 in those games)... Was an efficient 5-of-6 from the field... Last six games: 11.8 points, 7.0 rebounds, 1.5 blocks, 27-44 (61.4 percent) FGs.

### **Jordan Schakel – 18 points, 2 rebounds, 3-6 3FGs**

Scored in double figures for a second straight game, the ninth time this season and the 39<sup>th</sup> time in his career (SDSU is 34-5 in those games)... Led the Aztecs in scoring for the sixth time this season and the 11<sup>th</sup> time in his career... Had a trey in his career-high 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive game.

### **Keith Dinwiddie Jr. – career-high 13 points, 2 assists, 3-6 3FGs**

Came off the bench in the second half to connect on three treys and post his second double-digit scoring game of his career... Played in just the fourth game of his career and now has 31 points and nine three-point field goals.

### **Matt Mitchell – Did Not Play**

The senior forward missed today's game due to injury... It was his second consecutive missed game after a streak of 111 consecutive games that the forward had played in since arriving on campus... This marks the second game (first was last Saturday) San Diego State has played without him since March 10, 2017. The Aztecs starting lineup that day was Malik Pope, Valentine Izundu, Trey Kell, Dakarai Allen and Jeremy Hemsley.

## Entering Today

- San Diego State was 46<sup>th</sup> in the NET
- San Diego State was 15<sup>th</sup> in RPI

- San Diego State was 32<sup>nd</sup> in the Sagarin Ratings
- San Diego State was 39<sup>th</sup> in BPI
- San Diego State was 40<sup>th</sup> in KenPom
- San Diego State was 54<sup>th</sup> in Strength of Record

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