

# Postgame Notes: at Air Force | Colorado Springs, Colo. | Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021

# FINAL EDITION: San Diego State 91, Air Force 59

Records: San Diego State 11-4, 5-3 MW; Air Force 4-10, 2-8 Next Game: Thurs., Jan. 28 | vs. Wyoming, 2 p.m. PT | Viejas Arena | <u>TV/Stream</u>: FS1 / FOX Sports GO | <u>Radio</u>: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

### **Big Notes**

- San Diego State wins its second consecutive game overall and defeats Air Force for the fifth consecutive time.
- San Diego State outscored Air Force, 189-120 (+69).
- San Diego State defeats Air Force in Colorado Springs for the third consecutive time, matching the school record for most consecutive wins at Air Force.
- San Diego State completes a two-game season sweep of Air Force just the third time in the last six seasons. The Aztecs did it in 2017-18, 2019-20 and 2020-21. It is worth noting that in 2015-16, SDSU won the only meeting with the Academy.
- San Diego State made a season-high 16 three-point field goals tonight and shot a season-best 53.3 percent from beyond the three-point line.
- San Diego State's 53.3 percent shooting from beyond the arc was its highest since making 11-of-18 (61.1 percent) vs. Creighton on Nov. 28, 2019. The last time the Aztecs shot this well from beyond the arc on the road was a 12-for-21 (57.1 percent) at California on Dec. 8, 2018.
- Senior guard Jordan Schakel recorded his third career 20-point game, going for 24 points, on 8-of-17 shooting, including 6-of-13 from beyond the arc. He led San Diego State in scoring for the seventh time this season and the 12<sup>th</sup> time in his career
- Senior guard Terrell Gomez had 15 points to post his 88<sup>th</sup> career double-digit scoring point. He was 5-of-8 from three-point range.
- After missing the last two games, **Matt Mitchell** returned and reached double figures for the 13<sup>th</sup> straight game in which he has played. That is every game he has played in this season. He had 10 points, seven rebounds and three assists in just 14 minutes.

## <u>The Series</u>

- San Diego State leads the overall series 61-24 and has won 14 of the last 16 encounters with the Academy (14-2).
- At Air Force, San Diego State leads the series 23-17.
- San Diego State is 7-1 in the Brian Dutcher era against Air Force.

#### <u>Team Notes</u>

- San Diego State has won 22 straight games and is 34-1 in the Dutcher era when shooting at least 50 percent from the field.
- San Diego State is 71-11 the Brian Dutcher era when leading at the half.
- San Diego State has won 12 straight games when outrebounding its opponent.
- San Diego State outrebounded Air Force, 42-18, and owned a 15-0 advantage in second chance points.
- Since Ja. 31, 2015, San Diego State is 125-24 when shooting at least 38.9 percent from the field.

#### **Game Tidbits**

- San Diego State had an 11-0 run in the second half.
- San Diego State made eight consecutive field goal attempts, with six of those coming from three-point range.
- Later in the first half, San Diego State missed eight straight field goal attempts.

#### **Player Notes**

#### Jordan Schakel – 24 points, 6-13 3FGs, 3 assists, 2 rebounds

Recorded his third career game with at least 20 points... Has scored at least 10 points 10 times this season and 40 time in his career... San Diego State is 35-5 when he scores at least 10 points... Has a three-point field goal in all 15 games this season... Has at least three three-point field goals in 29 career games (26-3)... Has 12 or more points eight of his last 12 games... Scored 16 points in the second half... Led San Diego State in scoring for the seventh time this season and the 12<sup>th</sup> time in his career... Now has 185 career three-point field goals... In his last six games he has 10 assists and two turnovers.

#### Terrell Gomez – 15 points, 5-9 3FGs, season-high 6 assists, 3 rebounds

Reached double figures for the seventh time this season and the 88<sup>th</sup> time in his career... Led the team in assists for the seventh time this season... Is the first Aztec this season to post a game with at least 15 points and six assists... Now has 1,763 points, 325 three-point field goals in his career.

#### Matt Mitchell – 10 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists in 14 minutes

After missing the last two games due to a hyperextended right knee, Mitchell returned to the court with 9:47 to play in the first half... This is Mitchell's 112<sup>th</sup> career game... This marked the first time Mitchell has come off a bench in a game since Dec. 28, 2019... Mitchell reached double figures for the 13<sup>th</sup> straight game (every game he has played in this season) and the 70<sup>th</sup> time in his career... Produced a game with 10 points, seven rebounds, three assists in just 14 minutes of action in his return.

#### **Entering Today**

- San Diego State was 39<sup>th</sup> in the NET
- San Diego State was 15<sup>th</sup> in RPI
- San Diego State was 28<sup>th</sup> in BPI
- San Diego State was 33<sup>rd</sup> in the Sagarin Ratings
- San Diego State was 36<sup>th</sup> in KenPom
- San Diego State was 55<sup>th</sup> in Strength of Record

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