



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

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### Postgame Notes: vs. Nevada | Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021

## FINAL SCORE: San Diego State 65, Nevada 60

**Records:** San Diego State 8-2, 2-1 MW; Nevada 8-4, 3-2

**Next Game:** Sat., Jan. 9 | vs. Nevada, 6 p.m. PT | Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. | [TV/Stream:](#) CBSSN | [Radio:](#) 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

### Big Notes

- **Matt Mitchell** recorded his second double-double of his career with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Mitchell scored 18 of SDSU's 33 second-half points. Mitchell passed Chad Nelson (1,225), Kyle Spain (1,230) and Xavier Thames (1,232) on the program's career scoring chart and now is 13th all-time at SDSU with 1,239 points.
- San Diego State defeats Nevada for the fourth straight time and has won seven of the last eight meetings with the Wolf Pack.
- San Diego State improves to 10-1 all-time at home against the Wolf Pack and has won eight straight meetings at Viejas Arena.
- San Diego State has handed Nevada seven of its last 24 losses. Since March 3, 2018, San Diego State is 7-1 against Nevada while the rest of the country is 17-58.
- The Aztecs win their 25th straight game when attempting more free-throws than their opponent, and improves to 6-0 on the season and 54-5 in the Brian Dutcher era.
- SDSU wins its 41st consecutive game when shooting better than its opponent, and improves to 6-0 on the season and 69-4 in the Brian Dutcher era.
- San Diego State wins its fifth straight game played on a Thursday and is 9-1 on the day in the Dutcher era.

### Team Notes

- San Diego State improves to 47-8 at home in the Brian Dutcher era.
- The Aztecs are now 7-1 on the season when leading at the half and 68-10 in the Brian Dutcher era.
- SDSU improves to 8-1 on the season when leading with five minutes (5:00) remaining in the game and 75-7 in the Brian Dutcher era.
- San Diego State is now 7-0 on the season when outrebounding its opponent and 57-9 in the Brian Dutcher era.
- SDSU outscores Nevada, 26-16, in the paint.

### Game Trends

- San Diego State made its first eight shots of the game by five different players. San Diego State's first miss came at the 12:38 mark on a three-point attempt by the nation's active NCAA three-point percentage leader Terrell Gomez.
- The Aztecs missed their next nine attempts from the floor.
- SDSU finished the game on a 7-0 run over the final 2 minutes, 4 seconds (2:04).
- The game featured six lead changes and seven ties.
- SDSU led for 34:13 of the game and trailed for just 58 seconds.
- 90.4 percent of the points tonight (113 of 125) came from the starters (SDSU outscored Nevada, 8-4, off the bench).

## **Player Notes**

### **Matt Mitchell – 20 points, 9-10 FT, 10 rebounds, 1 blocked shot, 2 steals**

Recorded his second career double-double... Had his second 20-point game of the season and 10th of his career (SDSU is 9-1 in those games)... Passed Chad Nelson (1,225), Kyle Spain (1,230) and Xavier Thames (1,232) on the program's career scoring chart and now is 13th all-time at SDSU with 1,239 points... Scored at least 15 points for the 26th time in his career (the Aztecs are 24-2 in those games)... Reached double figures for the 10th straight game (every game this year)... Scored 18 of SDSU's 33 points in the second half... Led the team in scoring for the third time this season and 16th time of his career... The 10 rebounds were a season high and two off a career high... Led the team in rebounding for the second time this season and 16th time of his career... Tied a season high with two steals... Had one three-pointer and is now tied for eighth all-time at SDSU with Trey Kell (150)... Started his 30th consecutive game and his 94th of his career.

### **Nathan Mensah – 16 points, 8-10 FT, 7 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, 1 assist, 1 steal**

Reached double figures in consecutive games for the third time in his career, fourth time this season and the 14th time in his career... San Diego State is 3-0 this season and 12-1 in his career when Mensah scores at least 10 points... Set career highs in made free-throws (8, previous high was 5) and free-throw attempts (10, previous high was 6)... Recorded two blocks and now has at least one in eight straight games.

### **Trey Pulliam – 10 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist**

Reached double figures in scoring for the first time this season and the second time in his career (also: 18 at UNLV on Jan. 26, 2020... SDSU has won both games he has reached double figures.

### **Jordan Schakel – 8 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 blocked shot**

Hit a go-ahead three-pointer with 2:04 remaining in the game and proved to be the game-winner as SDSU finished on a 7-0 run... Had multiple three-pointers for the seventh time this season and 50th time of his career (SDSU is 41-9 in those games)... Is 14-for-24 (.583) from the three-point line over the last three games... Tied a career high with three assists... Recorded his first block of the season and now has 10 for his career (one 10 times).

## **Entering Today**

- San Diego State was 32<sup>nd</sup> in the NET
- San Diego State was 13<sup>th</sup> in RPI
- San Diego State was 13<sup>th</sup> in the Sagarin Ratings
- San Diego State was 27<sup>th</sup> in BPI
- San Diego State was 28<sup>th</sup> in KenPom
- San Diego State was 40<sup>th</sup> in Strength of Record

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