

Postgame Notes: vs. Nevada | Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021

FINAL SCORE: San Diego State 69, Nevada 67

Records: San Diego State 9-2, 3-1 MW; Nevada 8-5, 3-3

Next Game: Thurs., Jan. 14 | at Utah State, 6 p.m. PT | Logan, Utah | TV/Stream: CBSSN / CBSSN | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

Big Notes

- Trey Pulliam hits a runner as time expired to lift San Diego State to a 69-67 victory. This is the first time SDSU has hit a game-winner as time expired (no time remaining) since Jamaal Franklin hit a straight-away three-point field goal to defeat Boise State in the Mountain West tourney on March 8, 2012.
- This was the first buzzer-beater for the Aztecs in Viejas Arena to win a game in arena history. The Aztecs have hit shots at the buzzer to force overtime.
- Matt Mitchell scored 20 points for the second consecutive game. It marks just the second time in his 110-game career that the forward has posted consecutive games with 20+ points. He added eight rebounds and two assists.
- Nathan Mensah posted his third consecutive double-digit scoring game for the first time in his career (58 games). He added six rebounds
- San Diego State defeats Nevada for the fifth straight time and has won eight of the last nine meetings with the Wolf Pack.
- San Diego State improves to 11-1 all-time at home against the Wolf Pack and has won nine straight meetings at Viejas Arena.
- San Diego State has handed Nevada eight of its last 25 losses. Since March 3, 2018, San Diego State is 8-1 against Nevada while the rest of the country is 17-58.

<u>Team Notes</u>

- San Diego State improves to 48-8 at home in the Brian Dutcher era.
- San Diego State is 8-1 this season and 69-10 in the Brian Dutcher era when leading at halftime.
- The Aztecs are 116-7 at home the last 123 times they have led at intermission.
- San Diego State is 8-0 this season and has won 10 straight games when outrebounding its opponent.
- San Diego State started the same lineup for the third consecutive game.
- San Diego State is 95-10 since Feb. 22, 2012 at home when shooting at least 38.9 percent from the field.

Game Trends

- San Diego State scored the first five points of the game and held Nevada scoreless until the 17:17 mark (first 2:43 of the game).
- San Diego State had four offensive rebounds for the game on Thursday and had 10 this evening.
- In the first half, San Diego State has a 9-0 run and Nevada enjoyed an 8-0 run.
- Nevada took a lead, 41-39 with 15:08 to play, and San Diego State responded with an 8-0 run. Matt Mitchell had five consecutive points during the spurt.

 Jordan Schakel broke a 62-all tie with a right-angle three-pointer off the dribble with 31.7 seconds remaining. It was his first made field goal since the 13:17 mark of the first half.

Player Notes

Trey Pulliam – 7 points, 3 assists, 2 rebounds

Coming off the second double-digit scoring game of his career, Pulliam scores seven points, including the game-winning basket as time expired... It is the first game-winning shot for the Aztecs with no time left on the clock since Jamaal Franklin's trey to defeat Boise State in the Mountain West tourney (3-8-12)... He led the Aztecs in assists for the seventh time in 11 games this season... He now has 17 points in his last two games (highest two-game point total of the year).

Matt Mitchell – 20 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists

In his 110th career game, Mitchell scores 20+ points in consecutive games for the second time in his career (also: Dec. 12 and 22, 2018)... It his 3rd 20-point game of the season and the 11th of his career... Mitchell reached double figures for the 11th straight game (every game this season) and for the 68th time in his career... His current 11-game double-digit scoring streak is the longest of his career... Mitchell was 11-of-11 from the free throw line tonight and 20-of-21 in the two games against the Wolf Pack... Mitchell, who entered the game as the conference leader in free throw attempts, became just the fourth player in the last 25 seasons to make at least 11 free throws in a game without a miss (last time was Xavier Thames vs. Colorado State on 2-1-14 (12-for-12)... Joining Mitchell and Thames in the last 25 seasons as players who were perfect from the line with at least 11 attempts are Brandon Heath (did it twice, 17-17 and 12-12), Lorrenzo Wade (11-11)... Mitchell moves into a tie with Tony Ross (1987-88-89) for 13th place on the school's all-time scoring list (1,259).

Nathan Mensah – 15 points, 6 rebounds, 6-11 FGs

For the first time in his career, Mensah has scored in double-figures in three consecutive games... Tonight is his 58th career game... The junior now has 42 points on 15-of-24 shooting from the field... His 11 field goal attempts this evening were one off his career high.

Entering Today

- San Diego State was 33rd in the NET
- San Diego State was 13th in RPI
- San Diego State was 16th in the Sagarin Ratings
- San Diego State was 28th in BPI
- San Diego State was 34th in KenPom
- San Diego State was 36th in Strength of Record

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