

# Postgame Notes: vs. Nevada (MWC-SF) | Las Vegas, Nev. | Friday, March 12, 2021

# FINAL EDITION: No. 19/T-19 San Diego State 77, Nevada 70

Next Game: Saturday, March 13 | MW championship game, 3 p.m. PT | Thomas & Mack Center | TV/Stream: CBS | Radio: 101.5 KGB & XTRA 1360

## Win Streaks Extended

<u>Category</u>	Strk.	Note
Overall Win Streak	13	3 <sup>rd</sup> -longest active DI streak (at the end of the SDSU game); T-4 <sup>th</sup> -longest streak in school history
Games Played in Pacific Time Zone	14	2 <sup>nd</sup> longest nationally
Road/Neutral Win Streak	7	5 <sup>th</sup> longest streak in school history
Win Streak vs. Nevada	6	Aztecs are 5-0 all-time on neutral courts against Nevada, including 4-0 in the MW Tournament
Conf. Tourney SF Round Win Streak	4	

## **Big Notes**

- San Diego State, which owns a Mountain West Conference record 13 league titles (eight regular season titles and five tournament title both are league highs) will try and sweep the regular-season and tournament crown in the same season tomorrow. SDSU has done that only twice – 2006 and 2011.
- San Diego State advances to the Mountain West Conference championship game for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and the record 13<sup>th</sup> time in league history (UNLV is second with eight appearances).
- The Aztecs win their 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive game which is the third longest active win streak in Division I and is tied for the fourth longest win streak in school history. Of the nine longest win streaks in school history, Brian Dutcher has been the head coach for two of them and served as Steve Fisher's top assistant for seven others.
- With his jumper at the 15:25 mark of the first half, Jordan Schakel passed the 1,000-career-point plateau. He becomes the 35<sup>th</sup> player in SDSU's 100-year history to achieve the milestone. He is the third player on the roster with 1,000 points (also: Matt Mitchell and Terrell Gomez).
- Schakell has 15 or more points in four consecutive games for the first time in his 119-game career (SDSU is 21-1 when he scores at least 20 points).
- San Diego State wins its 22nd game of the season. It marks the fourth consecutive season the Aztecs have compiled at least 21 victories (all four under head coach Brian Dutcher).
- San Diego State is 52-6 since the start of the 2019-20 season. That is the second-best record in the nation over that span, trailing only Gonzaga.
- Since the start of the 2008-09 campaign, San Diego State has 37 victories at Thomas & Mack Center. That is the most victories by any school in the
  nation in any venue in which they have not played a home game during that span. In second place is Villanova with 30 victories in Madison Square
  Garden.
- San Diego State led at the half for the 14<sup>th</sup> straight game and improves to 13-1 in those games.

## **Tournament Notes**

• San Diego State improves to 36-16 all-time in the Mountain West tournament (69.2 percent). The 36 wins are a league record.

- San Diego State is 26-8 in the event (76.5 percent) since the start of the 2009-10 season. The 26 victories in that span are tied for the most nationally (Gonzaga, 26).
- The Aztecs are 12-4 in the semifinal round of the event. That is the most victories in this round of the event.

# <u>Series</u>

- San Diego State leads the all-time series with Nevada, 22-6.
- The Aztecs have won the last six meetings played between the teams. It is the second longest win streak in the series for either team (SDSU won seven straight from Jan. 23, 2103 to March 11, 2016).
- San Diego State is 5-0 all-time against the Wolf Pack on a neutral court, including a 4-0 record at Thomas & Mack Center, all in the semifinal of the MW Tournament (2016, 2018, 2019, 2021).
- Brian Dutcher improves to 9-2 lifetime against Nevada.

# <u>Game Notes</u>

- San Diego State's first 20 points of the second half were scored by either Matt Mitchell (15) or Jordan Schakel (5).
- San Diego State did not trail in the second half marking the 12<sup>th</sup> game during the 13-game win streak that it did not face a deficit after intermission.
- San Diego State had nine turnovers tonight marking the sixth time the Aztecs have had single-digit turnovers (SDSU is 6-0 in those games). The Aztecs are 17-1 the last 18 times they have had nine turnovers or less.
- San Diego State short better than its opponent tonight (SDSU: 45.3, Nevada: 35.8) and improves to 52-1 the last 53 times it has had an advantage in the category.
- The Aztecs held Nevada to under 40 percent shooting and improves to 39-1 the last 40 times is has done so to its opponent.

# **Player Notes**

# Jordan Schakel – 15 points, 6-9 FGs, 3-5 3FGs, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals

Surpassed the 1,000-career point plateau, becoming the 35<sup>th</sup> player in program history to achieve the milestone... Has 15+ points in four consecutive games for the first time in his 119-game career... Tied a career-high with nine rebounds (third time this season and fifth time in his career)... He has scored 15 points or more 15 times this season (SDSU is 15-0 in those games) and 22 times in his career (21-1)... Reached double figure scoring for the 20<sup>th</sup> time this season (SDSU is 18-2 in those games) and 50<sup>th</sup> time in his career (45-5)... Hit multiple threes for the 19<sup>th</sup> game this season (SDSU is 17-2 in those games) and 62<sup>nd</sup> time for his career (52-10)... Schakel entered the game with 51 career points against Nevada for a 5.1 ppg average... He had 15 points this evening.

## Matt Mitchell – game-high 24 points, 3-7 3FGs, 8 rebounds, 2 steals

Scored in double figures for the 20<sup>th</sup> time in 2020-21 (SDSU is 17-3 in those games)... Mitchell reached 20 points in the a game for the sixth time this season and 14<sup>th</sup> time in his career (SDSU is 13-1 in those games)... In three games against Nevada this season he attempted 35 free throws... Scored 19 of his game-high 24 points in the second half... Drew a game-high eight fouls... Mitchell ends his career with 149 career points against Nevada.

## Trey Pulliam – 13 points, 6-12 FGs, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals

Pulliam has consecutive double-figure scoring games for the first time in his 58-game career... Last 2 games: 28 points, 13-25 FGs, 8 assists... Led the team in assists for the fourth consecutive game and the 18<sup>th</sup> time this season... He has four or more assists in four straight games (20 totals) for the first time in his career... Last four games: 20 assists, five turnovers... Eleven times this season an Aztec player had at least four rebounds and four assists in a game (Pulliam has done it seven times)... Has five double-digit scoring games in his last nine games after posting two in his first 49 games.

## Lamont Butler - 10 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists

Notched his fifth career double-digit scoring game and first since Feb. 10... Has 18 points in his last two games... Drew five fouls in 12:39 of action.

# Entering Today

- San Diego State was 22<sup>nd</sup> in the NET
- San Diego State was 11<sup>th</sup> in Torvik

- San Diego State was 9<sup>th</sup> in RPI
- San Diego State was 13<sup>th</sup> in KPI
- San Diego State was 23<sup>rd</sup> in BPI
- San Diego State was 23<sup>rd</sup> in KenPom
- San Diego State was 24<sup>th</sup> in Sagarin Ratings

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