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San Diego State Postgame Notes – vs. San José State

Final Score: San Diego State 85, San José State 49

Next Game: Saturday, Jan. 13, at Boise State, 8 p.m. MT/7 p.m. PT | ESPN2 | 101.5 KGB, XTRA Sports 1360, Fox Sports IE 1350

Team Notes

- San Diego State improves to 11-4 overall, continuing its best start in the last three seasons.
- The Aztecs improve to 3-1 in Mountain West play (last season the Aztecs opened league play 1-3).
- SDSU is 66-7 in its last 73 games vs. schools from the state of California.
- San Diego State is 23-1 in its last 24 home games vs. Cal State University schools.
- The Aztecs' 36-point margin of victory is tied for their second-largest margin of win in MW history, trailing only a 39-point win vs. Wyoming on Jan. 29, 2011 (W, 96-57).
- SDSU recorded 25 assists (on 35 baskets):
 - Most ever in a MW game (previous best was 23, twice)
 - Most since recording 27 vs. St. Katherine's on Dec. 27, 2013
 - Most against a Division I opponent since recording 33 vs. Campbell on Dec. 12, 2006
 - Fifth most against any opponent since at least the 1996-97 campaign

Game Notes

- The Aztecs scored 16 straight points during a 16-2 second-half-opening run. SDSU led, 32-23, at halftime and led, 48-25, by the end of the run.
- SDSU shot 69.2 percent (27-for-39) on two-point attempts.
- SJSU's Ryan Welage came in averaging 19.5 points in conference (18.4 overall); came in shooting 47.5 percent from the field (overall and conference). San Diego State tonight held him to eight points on 21.4 percent shooting (3-for-14).
- The Aztecs held the Spartans to just 30.8 percent shooting (16-for-52), their lowest mark of the season.
- SDSU also held SDSU to just one three-pointer on 1-of-11 shooting (9.1 pct.), each its lowest marks of the year.
- San Diego State made a season-high 35 shots and tied a season best with seven blocked shots (also at San Diego on Nov. 30).

Series Notes

- SDSU improves to 37-35 all-time vs. the Spartans.
- The Aztecs win their sixth straight home game vs. San José State and are now 26-8 at home vs. SJSU.
- San Diego State has now won eight of the last nine meetings vs. SJSU and is 7-1 since the Spartans joined the Mountain West.
- SJSU's 49 points were its fewest scored vs. SDSU in the MW era and fewest since 1959 when it scored 48.
- San Diego State's 36-point margin of victory was its largest in its series with the Spartans.

Player Notes

Malik Pope – 17 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 blocked shots

Scored in double figures for the ninth time this season and for the 38th time in his career... Had two blocked shots, giving him five in his last two games... Blocked multiple shots in back-to-back games for the first time this season.

Max Montana – 17 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist

Scored a season-high 17 points... Recorded his third double-figure game of the season and 14th of his career... Led SDSU in scoring (tied) for the first time this year and second time of his career... Is now 7-for-17 (41.2 pct.) from three-point range over the last three games after going through a 0-for-15 stretch before this.

Devin Watson – 15 points, 4 rebounds, 6 assists

Reached double-figures for the fifth consecutive game, the 11th time this season (SDSU is 9-2 in those games) and the 53rd time in his career... Had six assists, giving him 11 in his last two games... Was 6-for-9 from the floor, marking his fourth straight game with a field-goal percentage of at least 50 percent... Was 3-for-3 from the free-throw line and has now made 13 straight free throws.

Jalen McDaniels – 13 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 blocked shots, 4 steals

Scored in double figures for a career-high third straight game... Reached double figures in scoring for the sixth time this season (SDSU is 6-0 in those games)... Had a career high in steals for the second straight game, recording a game-high four tonight... Tied his career high with two blocked shots... Grabbed seven rebounds, marking his fifth straight game with at least that many (9.0 rpg)... Was 6-for-8 from the field, marking the ninth straight game in which he has not missed more than three times from the floor... Did not commit a turnover and now has one turnover or less in 10 straight games... Joined Marcelo Correa (Jan. 14, 1999 vs. Brigham Young) as the only Aztecs since the 1996-97 season to have a game with at least 13 points, seven rebounds, four steals, two blocked shots and shoot at least 75 percent from the field.

Trey Kell – 5 points, 5 rebounds, 7 assists, 1 blocked shot

Matched a career high with seven assists... Led the team in assists for the fourth time this season and 34th time of his career... Including this game, now has 44 assists in 13 games this season... Now has 20 rebounds over his last four games (5.0)... Passed Matt Shrigley for sixth place on the school's three-point field goal list (139)... Passed Bryan Williams for 18th place on the school's all-time assist chart (248).

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