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San Diego State vs. Fresno State Postgame Notes

Save Mart Center | Fresno, Calif.

February 15, 2023

Final Score: No. 21 San Diego State 45, Fresno State 43

Next Game: Tue., February 21 | vs. Colorado State, 8 p.m. PT | Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. | TV: CBS Sports Network | Radio: San Diego Sports 760

Records: San Diego State: 21-5 overall, 12-2 Mountain West; Fresno State: 9-16 overall, 5-9 Mountain West

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Big Notes

- San Diego State remains in sole possession of first place of the Mountain West standings at 12-2.
- The Aztecs move to 5-0 this season, 42-2 in the Brian Dutcher era when it limits its opponent to less than 35 percent shooting.
- San Diego State's 45 points are the fewest it has scored in a road win since at least the 1996-97 season.
- SDSU moves to 96-94 in Mountain West road contests since the inception of the league in 1999-00, which is the best record in league history, and San Diego State is the only program with a winning percentage above .500 in conference road games.
- San Diego State records its 17th 21-win season in the last 18 campaigns.
- Head Coach Brian Dutcher records his sixth consecutive 21-win season. No other head coach in San Diego State history has put together that many 20-win seasons to start his career.
- SDSU wins the 21st of its last 24 Mountain West games overall (21-3).
- San Diego State improves to 7-1 on the road this season and its 100-58 record in road games since the start of the 2009-10 season is the fifth best in the nation.
- Since the start of the Brian Dutcher era, the start of the 2017-18 season, San Diego State improves to 31-18 (63.3 percent) in Mountain West road games.
- SDSU improves to 140-45 (.757) under Brian Dutcher.
- San Diego State, as a top-25 team, moves to 8-0 when it has played Fresno State and 6-0 when playing in the Bulldogs' Save Mart Center.

Team Notes

- The Aztecs move to 127-9 in the Brian Dutcher era when leading with five minutes to play.
- SDSU moves to 4-2 on the season and 47-67 since the start of the 2010-11 season in games in which it trails at the half.

- San Diego State wins its 14th straight game when shooting better than its opponent and is now 17-1 this season and 118-8 under Brian Dutcher.
- SDSU improves to 4-3 on the season when it's outrebounded its opponent and 72-63 in its last 135 games when it happens.
- San Diego State improves to 71-19 in its last 90 Wednesday games, including a 26-7 mark in the Brian Dutcher era.
- The Aztecs outscore Fresno State, 14-10, off the bench. Over the last five games, SDSU's bench has outscored the opposition, 137-59.
- SDSU moves to 4-0 this year, 35-7 in the Brian Dutcher era and 62-20 in its last 82 games in the month of February.
- San Diego State's 23 points in the first half are its fewest since it scored 20 vs. Boise State on February 22, 2022.

Series Notes

- San Diego State improves to 8-0 in its last eight games against Fresno State, regardless of location.
- The Aztecs move to 10-4 in games played at the Save Mart Center.
- In the 126 games between the two programs, San Diego State leads the series 70-56.
- Since Fresno State joined the Mountain West (2012-13), San Diego State has either won or split the season home-and-home series with Fresno State in seven of the nine years they have each played on each other's floor. In 2020-21, the teams only played twice, at the Save Mart Center, with SDSU winning both games.

Game Flow

- San Diego State's Nathan Mensah won the opening tip to Darrion Trammell.
- Keshad Johnson scored the first points of the game on a reverse layup at 19:10.
- Fresno State missed its first four shots from the floor and did not score until 16:36 of the first half.
- In the first half there were seven (7) lead changes and three (3) ties.
- Down 41-40 with 4:51 to play, San Diego State held the Bulldogs to one basket and 1-of-7 shooting from the field.

Entering Today

- San Diego State was 8th in NET Strength of Schedule
- San Diego State was 8th in T-Rank
- San Diego State was 10th in KPI
- San Diego State was 18th in the NET
- San Diego State was 16th in Kenpom
- San Diego State was 31st in BPI
- San Diego State was 29th in Sagarin.

Player Notes

Keshad Johnson – 7 points, 2-of-4 FG, 1-of-1 3PFG, 2-of-3 FT, 10 rebounds, 1 steal

Grabbed double digit rebounds for the third time this season (3-0) and the seventh time in his career (7-0)... Led the team in rebounds for the eighth time in 2022-23 and the 14th time in his college career

Matt Bradley – 10 points, 4-of-12 FG, 2-of-3 3PFG, 2-of-2 FT, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steal, 1 block

Reached double figure scoring for the 17th time this season and 114th time of his career... Has reached double figures in each of the last four games and 12 of the last 14... Knocked down multiple 3-pointers for the 11th time in 2022-23 (9-2) and 76th time as a collegian (40-36)... Three steals equals his season high and it is the fourth time in 2022-23 he has totaled three in a game (4-0).

Nathan Mensah – 8 points, 3-of-5 FG, 2-of-6 FT, 8 rebounds, 4 blocks, 2 asissts
Blocked four shots for the second time this season (2-0) and the ninth time in his career (8-1).

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