

San Diego State vs. Air Force Postgame Notes Clune Arena | USAFA, Colo. February 6, 2024

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Big Notes

- Since at least the start of the 1996-97 season, San Diego State has had two 25-point halftime road leads, both at Air Force, tonight (45-20) and (52-16) on Jan. 22, 2021.
- San Diego State improves to 58-34 (.637) in Mountain West road games since the start of the 2013-14 season (since the current configuration of the league started), the best winning percentage in the league (No. 2 is Boise State at .516).
- San Diego State shot a season-high 70.0 percent (14-of-20) from the field in the first half, which marked the second time in the Mountain West era that the Aztecs have shot at least 70 percent in the first half (also: at Air Force (.704 on Jan. 22, 2021)
- SDSU shot season-best 72.7 percent (8-of-11) from the bonus distance, which marked the fifth time in the Mountain West era, SDSU has shot at least 70 percent from beyond the arc in a first half in a minimum of 10 three-point attempts.
- San Diego State has won 9 straight against Air Force, regardless of location, and has current winning streaks of at least five games against six of the 10 teams in the league.
- The Aztecs win their 23rd straight game when leading at the half.

Team Notes

 SDSU is now 99-98 all-time in Mountain West road games, the only program to have a league road record above .500, which includes a 34-22 record in Mountain West road games under Brian Dutcher.

- Since the start of the 2009-10 season, SDSU's 75-48 (.610) record in Mountain West road games tops the league and is more than 100 percentage points better than its closest competitor; Boise State which is 51-58 (.468).
- As a ranked team, San Diego State improves to 8-2 against Air Force and has won the last five in a row
 against the Falcons when it is ranked in the AP top 25. The last time a ranked Aztecs team lost to Air Force
 was on 67-70 on Feb. 2, 2013 at Clune Arena.
- Nine of the Aztecs 10 wins at USAFA, Colo., since the start of the 2009-10 season have come by 10 or more points.
- SDSU snaps a three-game road losing streak in Mountain West play, it longest losing streak away from home in MW play since a three-game stretch from Jan. 5 to Jan. 22, 2019 season.
- San Diego State improves to 95-47 in its last 142 road games against non-AP top 25 teams.
- SDSU has won 43 of its 71 road games (43-28) since Brian Dutcher ascended to the top job for the Aztecs.
- SDSU's bench outscores its opponent's bench for the 15th consecutive game after achieving it in just three of its first eight contests.
- SDSU stands at 114-26 under Brian Dutcher and 240-51 in its last 291 games when outscoring the opponent's bench.
- San Diego State wins its 23rd straight game when leading at the half (17-0 this season) and is now 152-16 in the Brian Dutcher era when leading after 20 minutes.
- SDSU moves to 152-10 in the Brian Dutcher era and has won 405 of its last 419 when leading with five minutes to play.
- The Aztecs win their 22nd straight game and improve to 16-0 this season when leading with five minutes to play.
- SDSU is 123-14 under Brian Dutcher and 264-40 in its last 304 games when it outrebounds the opponent.
- Under Brian Dutcher, the Aztecs are 39-8 in games in February and as a program has won 66 of its last 87 (66-21) games in the second month of the year.
- As a program, SDSU is now 255-142 (.642) all-time in Mountain West games.
- The Aztecs move to 61-18 in its last 79 games played on Tuesday and under Brian Dutcher is 29-11 in games on the day.
- SDSU outscores Air Force in the following situations:
 - 17-15 off the bench
 - 26-22 in points in the paint
 - 18-6 in points off turnovers
- 8-2 in fast break opportunities

Series Notes

- San Diego State is now 65-24 all-time against Air Force.
- In the Mountain West era, SDSU's record is 35-14 against the Falcons.
- Head coach Brian Dutcher's record against Air Force improves to 11-1 and sees his win streak against the Falcons, regardless of location, increase to nine games.
- At Clune Arena, the Aztecs are 25-17, having taken each of the last five meetings, but since the inception of the Mountain West, SDSU is 13-11 on the Falcons' home floor.

Game Flow

- Air Force won the tip.
- Air Force's Jeffery Mills scored the first points of the game on a 3-pointer at 18:21.
- San Diego State's first bucket came at the 18:00 mark on a 3-pointer from Reese Waters.
- San Diego State trailed 8-6 with 16:16 to play in the first half and then closed the period outscoring the Falcons 39-12.
- San Diego State led 45-20 at the half, tying its largest road lead in the Mountain West era.
- Scores at each media timeout:

First Half, 15:41: Air Force 8, San Diego State 6 (-2)

First Half, 11:29: San Diego State 16, Air Force 11 (+5)

First Half, 7:47: San Diego State 28, Air Force 13 (+15)

First Half, 3:37: San Diego State 35, Air Force 17 (+18)

Halftime: San Diego State 45, Air Force 20 (+25)

Second Half, 15:38: San Diego State 55, Air Force 32 (+23)

Second Half, 11:53: San Diego State 63, Air Force 39 (+24)

Second Half, 10:31: San Diego State 63, Air Force 42 (+21)

Second Half, 7:36: San Diego State 66, Air Force 46 (+20)

Second Half, 2:49: San Diego State 77, Air Force 56 (+21)

Final: San Diego State 77, Air Force 64 (+13)

Player Notes

Reese Waters - 15 points, 5-8 FG, 5-8 3FG, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal

Scored in double figures for the 15th time this season (SDSU is 11-4) and 30th time of his career... His five 3-pointers are a career high and the most for an Aztec since Micah Parrish has as many against Cal State Fullerton (11/6) in the season opener... Led the team in scoring for the fourth time this season...

Jaedon LeDee — 14 points, 4-9 FG, 6-8 FT, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal

Scored in double figures for the 22nd time this season in 22 appearances... Now has 41 career double-figure scoring games, 33 of which have come in the 61 games he has played as an Aztec... Led SDSU in rebounding for the 18th time this season and has led his team in rebounding 37 times for his career.

Lamont Butler – 11 points, 5-8 FG, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal

Scored in double figures for the 10th time in 2023-24 and the 36th time (30-6) in his career.

Micah Parrish — 14 points, 4-6 FG, 2-3 3FG, 4-4 FT, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal

Scored in double figures for the 13th time this season and the 55th time in his career.

Other Notes

• Jay Pal had a season-high three blocked shots... Miles Heide scored a career-best six points.