



## **SAN DIEGO STATE (63) VS. NORTH DAKOTA STATE (44) – POSTGAME NOTES**

### **2014 NCAA TOURNAMENT THIRD ROUND**

- The teams combined for 25 percent (7-of-28) shooting from the field in the first 10 minutes of the game.
- Marshall Bjorklund's made lay-in with 6:11 remaining in the first half was the Bison's final made field goal of the opening half. It gave NDSU its largest lead of the game, 20-15.
- San Diego State closed the half on a 15-3 run, making six of its eight shots, including two 3-pointers.
- A Trayvon Wright dunk early in the second half ended an NDSU field goal drought that lasted over an eight-minute span. The Bison missed seven shots and turned the ball over twice during the drought.
- The Bison did not make a field goal in the final 6:30, missing their last four.
- North Dakota State's 44 points were a season-low. Its previous came in a 56-52 win at Western Illinois.
- NDSU entered the game as No. 1 in the country in field goal percentage at 50.9 percent. It was held to a season-low 32 percent from the field. Previous low was 39 percent (22-of-56) against South Dakota.
- The Aztecs have now won all four meetings between the programs. Prior to Saturday, the most recent meeting was an 86-69 SDSU victory in 1971.
- Steve Fisher's teams are now 24-12 in NCAA Tournament play.
- The Aztecs are 6-1 in neutral games this season, and 25-0 when leading at the half.
- SDSU has won 120 straight games when leading with five minutes to play.
- Xavier Thames has scored 10+ pts in 28 of last 32 games.
- Thames' nine attempted 3-point field goals are a new career high.
- Thames has led the Aztecs in scoring in 24 games this season.
- Thames' 30 points was the second highest total of his career and season.
- Dwayne Polee's six defensive rebounds ties his season high.
- Josh Davis' 11 rebounds gave him 19 games this season in double figures for rebounds.
- The Aztecs won their 24th-straight game when attempting more free throw than their opponent and improve to 25-1 on the season.
- SDSU won its 22nd-consecutive game when holding its opponent to 40 percent or less shooting.
- Fourteen times this season, San Diego State has held its opponent to its lowest scoring margin output of the year.
- The Aztecs are now 23-1 this season when they outrebound their opponents.
- San Diego State is 18-1 this season when its opponent scores less than 60 points.
- SDSU is 9-2 when playing on Saturday.
- Following its first NCAA Tournament win in program history, North Dakota State fell in its first appearance in the Round of 32. The Bison are now 1-2 in the NCAA Tournament all-time.
- NDSU had its 10-game winning streak snapped, but closed the season winning 15 of its last 17.
- The Bison matched the school record for victories in a single season with 26 set in 1924-25 and 2008-09.
- North Dakota State's 50 wins over the past two seasons is the most victories over a two-year span in the history of the program.
- North Dakota State's 23 points in the first half was its second-lowest first half total of the season. It scored 22 in the first half of a 66-63 win over South Dakota. The Bison shot a first half season-low 26.9 percent (7-of-26) against South Dakota.
- Xavier Thames' 30 points were the second-most posted by an NDSU individual opponent this season.
- After his career-high 28-point performance against Oklahoma in the second round, Lawrence Alexander was limited to three points. He made his first shot from the field and then missed his final seven.
- Marshall Bjorklund tops the country individually with a 63.6 field goal percentage, and is fourth in the NCAA with a 65.5 career percentage. He finished 3-of-7 from the field Saturday with eight points.
- North Dakota State's 9.8 turnovers per game ranks 12th in the nation, it had six Saturday.
- The Bison is now 3-6 against the top 25 all-time since joining Div. I in 2004.
- Bjorklund holds the program record for starts. The senior started every game in his career and his streak ends at 127 games. Mike Felt owns the program record for games played at 132.
- Summit League Player of the Year, Taylor Braun, made his first shot of the game but then missed his next nine from the field in the first half. He finished 2-of-14 with seven points.