



CSUN Hockey Pre-Game Report



Game #26- Jan. 20, 2017 10:00 PM at Simi Valley Iceoplex

20-4-0-1

#12 CSUN vs #7 University of Denver Pioneers

13-7-1-1

Matadors Hockey Tradition *Est. 1971*

2 Nationals Berths 2010 & 2012	3 Regional Finals 2009, 2010, 2012	5 Regionals Berths 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012	3 Conference Titles 1978, 1983, 1999
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2015-16 SEASON

The Matadors had their best season in Division 2. They qualified for the WCHC playoffs for the first time as the #2 seed and made it to the championship game against Arizona State. They won the inaugural Kings College Cup with a 5-3 win over LMU. They also had their most wins (18) since moving up to Division 2 and they achieved their highest ranking at 12th.

LAST WEEK

The Matadors played in the Texas A&M MLK Showcase for the third consecutive year and went 2-1 but lost to No. 17 A&M 2-1.

THIS WEEK

The Matadors play two key games against top ten teams. If the Matadors do well they may cement themselves in the top 12 but if they don't they will probably drop out of a Regionals spot.

ABOUT DENVER

The Pioneers are having a bounce back season after missing Regionals last season for the first time since 2012. Tonight is game two of their four game So Cal road trip. Last night they played Cal State Fullerton and they'll finish the trip at LMU then at San Diego State.

MATADOR NOTES

Narrow defeats- Three of the Matadors four losses this season have been by just one goal (1-0 Long Beach St, 6-5 San Diego St, 2-1 Texas A&M). The lone exception was the 7-4 loss at NAU.

Milestones- A few Matadors reached career milestones in Texas. Sophomore Eli Berengut recorded his 100th career point vs Texas State. Senior Alex Reints scored his 70th career goal vs Texas. Lastly junior Levi Bolls recorded his 50th career point also vs Texas.

20 wins- CSUN has earned their first 20 win season in Division 2 and their first 20 win campaign overall since the 2009-10 season when they won 24 games and made Nationals for the first time.

2016-17 Results		
<u>September</u> (1-0)		
9/30	at CAL	W 4-2
<u>October</u> (10-0-0-1)		
10/1	at SJSU	T 4-4
10/2	at SJSU	W 3-2
10/7	CSUF*	W 8-2
10/8	SDSU*	W 4-3
10/14	LMU*	W 4-3 OT
10/15	CHAP	W 6-2
10/21	GCU	W 6-2
10/22	CHAP**	W 9-2
10/23	at LMU*	W 4-3
10/28	at UCLA	W 6-2
10/29	UCLA	W 8-2
<u>November</u> (5-2)		
11/4	UCSD	W 19-3
11/5	at LBSU*	L 1-0
11/10	at #19 ASU	W 3-1
11/11	at #5 NAU	L 7-4
11/12	at GCU	W 4-1
11/18	at #12 WY	W 6-4
11/19	at #12 WY	W 3-0
<u>December</u> (2-1)		
12/2	LBSU*	W 5-3
12/4	CSUF**	W 6-3
12/10	#9 SDSU*	L 6-5
<u>January</u> (2-1)		
1/13	at TEX	W 4-2
1/14	at TXST	W 5-1
1/15	at #17 TXAM	L 2-1
1/20	#7 Denver	
1/21	#9 BYU	
1/27	at Cal State Fullerton*	
1/28	San Jose State	
<u>February</u>		
2/3	WCHC Playoffs	
2/4	WCHC Playoffs	
2/10	at UNLV	
2/11	at UNLV	
2/16	Final vs UCLA**	
*WCHC Conference Game		
**Kings College Cup		

2016-17 West Region Ranking (Week of 1/16-1/22)		
1. Williston State College		
2. UNLV		
3. Northern Arizona		
4. Utah State		
5. Northern Colorado		
6. Weber State		
7. Denver		
8. Metro State		
9. BYU		
10. San Diego State		
11. UTEP		
12. CSUN		
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13. Colorado		
14. CAL		
15. Arizona State		
16. Boise State		
17. Wyoming		
18. Texas A&M		
19. Washington		
20. Montana Tech		
Post Season Explanation		
*After the final computer ranking in February the top two seeds receive auto bids to Nationals.		
*Seeds 3-12 advance to Regionals. The format...		
<u>Day 1</u> - #9 vs #12 & #10 vs #11		
<u>Day 2</u> - #3 vs Lowest, #4 vs Highest, #5 vs #8 & #6 vs #7		
<u>Day 3</u> - Highest Seed vs Lowest Seed & Middle Seed vs Middle Seed (two winners also advance to Nationals)		

All-Time History vs. Denver	
DEN leads 2-0	
2014-15: L 9-1	2012-13: L 3-1

Records/Situational Stats		
Home: 8-1	OT: 1-0-1	vs Ranked: 6-3-0-1
Road: 8-3-0-1	One Goal: 4-3	vs Unranked: 13-1
Neutral: 4-0	Score 1st: 14-0-0-1	

2016-17 WCHC Standings						
Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GD
1. San Diego State-x	7	6	1	0	12	24
2. CSUN-x	7	5	2	0	10	9
3. Long Beach State	5	2	2	1	5	0
4. Cal State Fullerton	6	2	4	0	4	-15
5. Loyola Marymount	7	1	5	1	3	-18
*Top 4 teams make playoffs x-Clinched playoff spot						

CSUN's Last Five Seasons	
2015-16-	17-11-1-1 (Finished 15th in West, 2nd WCHC)
2014-15-	15-11-1-1 (Finished 14th in West, 4th WCHC)
2013-14-	10-12-1-3 (Finished 15th in West Region)
2012-13-	6-13-1-1 (Finished Unranked)
2011-12-	19-8-1-1 (Finished 9th at Nationals , 2nd PCHA)