Occidental College at San Diego State Postgame Quotes
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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:
"I mean it's always fun to see the basketball go in. To make 19 threes, I think it was an arena record. It was really fun. 26 assists, everybody that played scored a basket. If there's any carryover, it would be that it's fun to see the ball go in, shoot with some confidence moving forward the rest of year. I thought Matt Bradley was just sensational. I think you could tell when the game started, he was only concerned with getting everybody involved. You could just see it from the start, he just shared the ball. I think he had eight assists, he moved it freely, he got everybody sharing the ball. I think that's as much a byproduct of the fact that sometimes he's under a lot of pressure to have to score and I just think it was freeing to him to be able to move the ball and that he found a couple shots in the process too. He's by far our best playmaker. When he's playing like that everybody gets involved. I told him he's going to have to mix when he's going to have to score and when he's going to have to play like that. And that's what great players do, they know when to press their game and when just to let it flow and get everybody else involved. I thought he did a great job of that today."

On different lineup combinations:
"You're always thinking, you're going to try to put your best team out there. Lamont almost didn't start; he had a cold and didn't shoot around today. He warmed up and decided he wanted to play but, everyone's got this cold. It's going around and coaches and some of the team and so everyone's knocked down by it and Lamont got it fresh today and I wasn't sure he was even going to play. So, at that point, we're going to start Seiko and Micah. With Lamont wanting to try, we brought Adam off the bench. Adam has been very productive, Micah's been productive, we have a productive team. Off the bench Jaedon's productive and we can go to the bench to get production and that's always nice too."

On playing a non-division one school and what SDSU gets out of it:
"Sometimes it's as simple as metrics. We've always played two non-division one teams in the past, but now we're only allowed to play one. So instead of playing a team with an RPI of 300 and some, we're playing a team that doesn't count against the rankings. It's a win on your record, it might not be a division one win, but it's not a win against someone with a 289 ranking. It's a game where you can play. You play a 289 team, you're still planning on winning that game, but it probably hurts your metrics to play a team that low. Sometimes there's thought in that and sometimes there's just, it gives you opportunities to play Elijah, Miles, Demarshay, some of the guys that you've been wanting to see. We play such a hard schedule; they haven't had a taste of the floor. They're good players, we saw some stretches today. Then we also saw some young players' mistakes,

so it's good to get out there and now we can actually show them on tape some teachable moments. It's a good game to get young guys in. Not every game can be a challenge and I think our schedules ranked in the top 10 in the country or something right now, strength wise. I don't think this game hurts us at all, to play a lesser non division one opponent at home. It gives us a chance to grow our team and hopefully build some confidence."

San Diego State Senior Guard Adam Seiko

On how it felt to score 19 threes:
"That was incredible. Credit to all the guys, we played well together today. As the season has gone on, we've found our nice in moving the ball around and it was good to see it go in for everybody. If we keep that going into Troy as the month ends, we'll be in good shape."

On giving up 29 points in the first half:
"They hit some threes. They run a pretty good offense, honestly, so they caught us off guard with some stuff. But we weren't really too worried about that. We had to focus on the second half and hopefully not let them score as many points as the first half. We'll be better next game."

On embracing his role as a sparkplug off the bench:
"It doesn't really matter to me as long as I can affect the game. Micah got the start tonight— it was good for him, and it was great. Especially in this arena, hearing your name announced like that. I've been through it before, hearing my name announced. But it was great for him, getting the opportunity to start. Our guys who come off the bench just want to make an impact on the game. For me, I just have to make sure that I do everything I can do to win and help my teammates as much as possible."

San Diego State Junior Guard Micah Parrish

On the team's mindset going into the game:
"We still have things to get better at. We came in here wanting to work on ourselves and get better, no matter who we're facing. We think of the opponent and stuff like that, but in the locker room we always say to focus on ourselves and just keep getting better— we have stuff to get better at, so that's what we go out there and try to do."

On difficulties playing against lower division opponents:
"I feel like sometimes it can be like that, but when you have a group of guys that just love playing basketball, it's not hard to come out here and play— no matter who you play. I don't think it was difficult for our team at all."

Occidental College Head Coach Brian Newhall

On tonight's matchup:

"We broke them out of the three-point shooting slump. I told Coach Dutcher, two-three zone, you know whether you are making shots in games like that. I think it's a good thing for their team, a good thing for our team. We knew they were going to shoot the ball, but we can't guard them other ways."

On the environment at Viejas Arena:
"Our guys had a wonderful experience, class act, huge crowd, fun and no one got hurt. They go to league; we go to league."

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