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San Diego State at Colorado State Postgame Quotes

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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening statement:

"Teams lose games (to Colorado State) because they give up threes and give up fast breaks. I didn't want to give up any threes. (Nico) Carvacho is a really good passer. As soon as we start doubling him, he is going to start kicking it out. The one mistake we made was when Malachi dropped in too deep and that resulted in three three-pointers for them in the first half and that is not what we wanted to happen. We doubled them one time all game just to keep them off balance. We left Nathan (Mensah) on an island out there and he did a pretty good job."

On what changed for the Aztecs coming out of a timeout with the score tied 42-42:

"We finally got stops. With our mid-ball screen, we started destroying them, so we ran it over and over again. Malachi (Flynn) hit the slip guy. He drove in there and got some layups. We just found something that worked and rode it the entire second half. I didn't do a very good job of getting Yanni (Wetzell) post touches. They forced us so high that we didn't have an angle to feed him the ball. We couldn't even get him the ball to be double teamed and then kick it out. So I have to find ways to get him more touches."

On how that game was ultimately won:

"They shot 48 percent in the first half and 37 percent from three, but in the second half we shut them down (28 and 10 percent, respectively) I think we played pretty good offensively all game, but then we started to get stops. Once we got stops we were able to build some momentum and put them away."

Junior forward Matt Mitchell

On what happened in the timeout, with the score was tied 42-42, that resulted in the victory:

"We knew we had to break the game open and come out of that timeout hard. I think we kind of cruised through the first part of the second half and we knew if we continued to do that we wouldn't come out with a win or the game would be way closer than we wanted it to be. The coaches told us we had to play harder and play our game. As long as we did that we'd come out with a win."

On how he is playing right now and his three clutch offensive rebounds:

"I feel like I'm playing like my old self. I feel like I can not only rebound on the defensive side of the floor but the offensive side, too. On those missed threes, I took advantage of the defense sleeping and not boxing out. I crashed and the ball came to me and I got the put backs. I'm trying to do more and be a more dynamic player and I think you saw some of that tonight."

On if he has embraced the roll of coming off the bench:

"I'm enjoying my roll right now. We are getting wins and everyone is playing well. As long as I am producing and playing well coach is going to use where and how he thinks is best for the team. We're 9-0 so there is no reason to switch things up."

Sophomore guard Adam Seiko

On Colorado States switch from man-to-man to zone defense and how he took advantage of it:

"Out of a timeout we had a play for man-to-man, but we saw they were in a 2-3 zone and quickly switched the play. Malachi (Flynn) found me in the corner and I was able to knock (a three-pointer) down. So that felt good."

On how San Diego State attacked Colorado State's zone to get him a couple of open looks in the corner:

"We set a back screen on the guard. Once we swing it to the wing and swing it back to the guard, Malachi is able to penetrate. Either he has a shot, can drop it off for the big or get it into the corner. He made the right decision because the defense collapsed in on him and he found me in the corner.

On the importance to him on hitting the first three:

I always feel good after hitting my first shot. Trey (Pulliam) found me on the second one and it was good to hit that one as well and then I just got back on defense.

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