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San Diego State vs. Colorado State Postgame Quotes

Moby Arena | Fort Collins, Colo.

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Brian Dutcher, San Diego State head coach

Opening Statement:

"Our kids fight, and I told them 'We're not a program that's into moral victories.' You hang 14 banners for a reason, because you don't lose games like this. But we fought back from 20 down and probably their best environment all year. Lamont (Butler) hit a big three to take the lead. Their last play, they fumbled the ball, and it went right to (David) Roddy. He had a little runner in the front (of the basket) and then I couldn't see the play at the end. Matt (Bradley) thought he was fouled. I don't know if he was or not. I'll look at the tape. I tried to take a timeout but that's probably what I would try to draw up anyway; a guard downhill to the basket through contact to try to win the game. We had Matt with the ball downhill in contact and we didn't get the call. So that's basketball."

On what he told the team after the game:

"I told them win or lose my message had to be the same after this game. After I praise them for their mental toughness and their effort was that we play on Sunday at 1 p.m. and we have to have an NBA mentality. We have to get on the plane. We have to fly home. We have to prepare for one day and we have to play a game at one o'clock after all the energy we put into this one. That's basketball. I'm proud of the kids but disappointed like crazy that we didn't find a way to finish and win this game."

On where things stand in the league:

"There are a lot of games like this and a lot of parity this year. That being said, Boise (State) and Wyoming only have one loss and they've got a big cushion on the field. But there's a lot of basketball to be played and our role as coaches is to get our team playing better each and every time we take the floor. That's always the goal. No matter what the record is there's always room for improvement. Now we got to go back and find ways to improve."

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