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UC Irvine at San Diego State Postgame Quotes
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San Diego State Sophomore Forward Keshad Johnson

On the patience required to sit on the bench last year and watch more than play:

"I knew there was a reason I was here. Last year was an unbelievable season and I just wanted to learn from Yanni, KJ, and Malachi. I wasn't expecting to play a lot; it was a learning process and a benefit to me to learn from their mistakes and successes."

On the confidence he has after this game:

"Once you see the ball go through the hoop a couple of times and you are contributing on defense and bringing energy to the team, it makes you want to contribute and produce even more. So, after this game I'm very confident as we move forward."

On what was working for him in the second half that allowed him to go off:

"Coaches were telling me to be loose and play my game. Once that happened that gave me confidence to go out there and let the game come to me."

San Diego State Senior Guard Trey Pulliam

On what Aguek Arop brings to practice:

"AG can come in and guard any position 1-to-5, so he is a real X-factor for us, and we see it every day and now you all are seeing it."

On his adjustment to being the starting point guard:

"I think I've adjusted well. I've tried to use some of the things I saw KJ and Malachi do last year and implement them into my game. I'm also working on adapting to being a leader on this team and I think, so far, I'm getting more and more comfortable doing that."

On if he saw this coming from Keshad:

"For sure. It's just that last year, as (Keshad) said, we had really good players in front of us, so people really didn't get to see us a lot. We see (what Keshad can do) every day in practice and were all just happy for him tonight."

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