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San Diego State at Air Force Postgame Quotes

San Diego State 77, Air Force 64

Clune Arena | USAFA, Colo. | February 6, 2024

Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"It's an academy team, they're not going to give in. They hit a rhythm with what they were doing, and they shot 58% in the second half. They played a great second half. That's why I'm so happy we created the margin we did at halftime. We maintained it for much of the second half, then they went on a run at the end of the game, but it's a hard place to play. I'm excited to get out of here with a win and to be back in first place in the Mountain West tonight."

On how Air Force's run at the end of the game impacts metrics:

"There's always a fine line between trying to pour it on for metrics and just playing a good basketball game against a good, well coached team and just playing. Obviously, the metrics always matter, but I'm not a guy that's going to try to run up the score and I'm not sure if we were capable of running up the score. We were holding on at the end. Let's get that clear. The metrics always matter, but I'm not a guy that will try to run a score up on anybody to try to improve my metrics."

On San Diego State's three-point shooting:

"We've shot it well the last three games, which has made a huge difference in our performance. We've hit ten, nine and 11 threes our last three games and shot them at a high percentage. It makes us a much more dangerous offensive team and now with the inside out game, we're getting better offensively."

On Reese Waters' shooting performance:

"He got some open looks. You don't want to give him open looks, he made them pay when they lost him. Reese is shooting the ball well and that bodes well for our season if he continues to shoot the ball tap base."

Junior Guard Reese Waters

On his hot shooting tonight:

"I was just shooting with confidence, something I've been working on in last few days in practice coming off the last game, just being aggressive and looking for my looks. I'm normally a good shooter so I know I'll knock them down."

On playing at altitude:

"I definitely heard about it from last year. I heard that the guys and even coach were talking about the altitude. I definitely felt it in spurts. I think we did a good job in terms of how we played and how we kept it together. I think the more you play, it's easier. It depends on how the game is going. When I was up and down, I was cool, but there were times where I was dead tired for sure. It's important to stay hydrated. The whole last week I was getting on the treadmill, just preparing to be tired while I was playing. I would come to practice tired just so I could make sure that it translated to the game."

On how good shooting effects the offense:

"I think the more you make, the more the other team has to respect it. We got more paint touches today in terms of just getting the ball out and getting open looks, so I think our percentage is going to go up, especially if they're opening up. When I'm hitting, when Micah's [Parrish] is hitting, Lamont [Butler], Jay Pal, it's going to open up the floor for Jaedon [LeDee] to have an easier time in the paint and not get dealt with all the time."

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