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Brigham Young vs. San Diego State Postgame Quotes

Brigham Young 74, San Diego State 65

Marriott Center | Provo, Utah | November 10, 2023

Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"Well, another trip to the Marriott Center. It was hard fought, and it was close. You know, they made some timely plays, and we got paint touches that we didn't take advantage of. Lamont (Butler) got in there a lot and things have to happen when he gets in there. It's got to be a foul. It's got to be a basket, or it's got to be a kick out assist. He got in the paint for us, but we just didn't seem to generate any offense off that. I like this team. You know, they're not excuse makers. We'll get back and watch film, find areas we can get better, and we'll get better."

On the play of Jaedon LeDee:

"Jaedon is Jaedon, a very dynamic player. He was 9-for-16. Who can argue with that and good rebounds, but he's got to walk the line. If he's going to be our best player, he needs to know when to get teammates involved and when to play his game. That's always a fine line, that really good players play. I told him that after the game, 'if you're going to be our best player, you have to make others around you better.' It's something that you don't know until you play games, so that's something we'll grow."

On Brigham Young's ability to get to the glass and control the boards:

"Rebounds are always a big key to this game. It always has been. And we got out rebounded by 10. And I think they had 12 offensive rebounds, but five of them were dead balls. The were deflected out knocked out of bounds and so I want to go back and see how close we are to any of those."

On his overall view of the game:

"It was a competitive game. WE wanted to take the fast breakaway which I thought we did a decent job of. They didn't really get a lot of run out baskets. We probably won the transition game with the turnovers we created for layups, but 10 threes are too many to give BYU and they're a really good shooting team. That's what they do at an elite level, but I think that only one was truly uncontested."

Senior Guard Lamont Butler

On the difficulty of playing over 30 minutes of a game at altitude:

"I didn't actually feel the elevation that much this game. I feel like it just came down to execution and at the end of the game. They hit their free throws and hit some big shots to win, and we didn't. That's what it came down to.

On the fact that the team had a short bench with two players out and Micah Parrish fouling out:

We knew we had Miles (Byrd) into Demarshay (Johnson Jr.) out. We knew that we had to toughen up and gut it out. And I thought we did for the most part but at the end of the day in stretches we didn't get it done."

On what happened in those stretches:

"We didn't convert. I got into paint a lot of times and didn't convert layups. We didn't get to many offensive rebounds and then they hit some big shots on kickout threes. (Fouseyni) Trarore was dominant down low too. They just played a good game.

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