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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"Well, obviously big game coming up against Nevada, it's the two remaining undefeated teams in the conference early in the year. That says something that we're only four games in and there's only two undefeated teams left, there's a lot of parity in this league. But we will be prepared for a really good game against the Wolf Pack Tuesday night and hopefully we fill this building to help us get a victory."

On the Mountain West Conference to date:

"Yeah, it's just it. I mean, New Mexico wasn't picked, they're up there and Wyoming was picked, and they've dealt with injuries. The great equalizer is the transfer portal. Nevada has added some good pieces, and they had some good returning pieces. They found a way to put a really good team together and I think their best quality is their toughness. They just play really hardnosed basketball. So, I'm anticipating a really competitive game here Tuesday night."

On the two big games against Nevada and New Mexico this week:

"Yeah, I mean, the fact that Nevada is undefeated, 4-0 and up a half game is in the standings is motivation enough. New Mexico, obviously they were ranked a week ago, and are 14-2 right now so they're good. Both teams will have our full attention. Now we have to come out and execute, play good basketball, and find ways to win these games."

On the home court advantage a crowd brings:

"I mean, we have a high winning percentage here because of our crowds. Talent, we recruit and a crowd that supports it. So we need a full house. We need an atmosphere. We'll make it hard on the opponent, and easy on the home team and so that's what we're hoping for and that's what we usually get here."

On being ranked again in the AP and Coaches Poll:

"I mean, it's good to be ranked, it means we are playing good basketball. So now the key is to stay there. We'll have two opportunities this week to try to continue to build our resume and stay ranked and stay relevant."

San Diego State Junior Guard Lamont Butler

On beating Wyoming:

"It was a great win, it's always hard to win in Wyoming. I had a big game, it just found my hand in Wyoming. Matt had a big game as well, and we were able to pull out the win."

On the mentality heading into this week's games:

"I'm just staying ready, we're going to prepare well for Nevada on Tuesday, and for New Mexico, we're going to prepare for as well, and be ready for it. It's a challenge. It's always challenging to win this conference, so it's going to be fun."