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San Diego State vs. Creighton Postgame Quotes Orleans Arena | Las Vegas, Nevada November 28, 2019

San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

On the defense:

"Our defense carries us and we are going to have nights where we don't shoot it well. We shot is great tonight but on nights when we don't shoot it well we have to defend. We guarded at a high, high level. We fought over a lot of screens. We wanted to be tough on those screens and get over the top where they couldn't stop behind and shoot threes. Our bigs did a good job of plugging. I thought we played a really solid defensive game.

On the depth:

"We have great depth and you can't discount that. We keep fresh legs and I looked at the halftime stats and they had a guy who played 20 minutes and 19 minutes. Our defense sometimes may not be effective early in the game but it is a cumulative effect. We wear the team down. We have the numbers and we keep running guys in. I believe in all the guys we have in the game.

On the play of Malachi Flynn:

"Malachi was fantastic. He finally got a shooting game. He put up 21 and he did it easy. He did not force his game. He took what the defense gave him. We shared the ball. We had 20 assists on 29 baskets. That is good basketball. As long as we continue to share the ball and play the right way we will be rewarded."

On the defensive game plan:

"The No. 1 key was transition defense. I took a timeout in the second half because they went back-to-back fastbreak baskets. We started getting a little lazy defensively. We wanted to fight over everything where they could not stop behind and shoot a three. We wanted them to try and shoot midrange shots. We forced them into a lot of tough twos."

On Iowa:

"They are strong, physical and tough"

San Diego State senior guard Malachi Flynn

On tonight's performance:

"It was one of those nights. I try and give my teammates whatever we need. Tonight, I came out aggressive and my shots started to fall. Credit to my teammates. They found me on a couple of threes. It was a team effort tonight."

On the key tonight:

"I think we did a good job of ending their runs early. They did a nice job of cutting it to 19 (points) and we called a quick timeout and we got moving forward with a couple of buckets."

On Creighton:

"They are a great team. Their only loss prior to tonight was Michigan. We knew it was going to be a battle. To be honest, I don't think anyone thought it would get like this but it was one of those nights for us."

On Iowa:

"Iowa is definitely going to be a challenge. We are going to come in with a chip on our shoulder. We came here to win two games. We are going to move on. The Creighton game is done and we are going to get moving on Iowa and figure out our game plan."

San Diego State Senior Forward Yann Wetzell**On how they played him defensively:**

"They were doubling the post today so it was nice to find the guys and it was nice to see them hit shots."

On the defensive game plan:

"I think all the credit really goes to Coach Dutcher and the assistant coaches. They put an incredible game plan in. We knew they were a top 10 offensive team in the country. They play with four great shooters so we knew we had to run with them today."

Creighton Head Coach Greg McDermott

"They got away from us and obviously if you give a team like that that kind of lead, it's really difficult to come back from."

"Ty-Shon, Marcus and Mitch — when two of the three of those don't have a good night, it's not going to be pretty for us. Especially against the physical frontline that San Diego State had."

"They were really, really good. We weren't very good at all," McDermott said. "We've got to look in the mirror and figure out what we've got to change before tomorrow night at this time."

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