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### **San Diego State vs. Utah State Postgame Quotes**

**No. 25 San Diego State 63, Utah State 61**

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## **San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher**

### **Opening Statement:**

"This conference is unbelievable. It's a hard conference to win in. So, we feel very fortunate to come in here get a win. You know if you told me we're going to only score 19 points the second half, I'd say we're going to walk out with an "L". But we played well enough, defended well enough, and then Matt Bradley was able to make big important baskets when nothing else was working. Matt look like the preseason Player of the Year in the conference. To me tonight he was really good."

### **On what it took defensively to win the game:**

" You know, we have a deep bench and even as good as Matt was playing at the offensive end, we have guys that we trust defensively down the stretch and he wasn't out there for that even though he's a good defender. We have guys that can play good lockdown defense. We obviously paid special attention to (Steven) Ashworth and (Taylor) Funk. We didn't want them shooting a lot of threes, (we wanted to) stayed attached to them. And then we did a good job of playing the ball screens and playing dribble drive down the stretch without falling, and it was a real important part to winning. Guarding without fouling down the stretch."

### **On the offensive surge midway through the first half and how it helped in the victory:**

"Yeah, the stops helped our running game good going. We were able to run a little bit and we got some transition baskets. We didn't have to fight everything in the in the full court. And then the second half we couldn't score and so we couldn't stop them as easily as we did the first half, so they were the one running us. It's a game of flow, a game of momentum and it was back and forth. But thank goodness we had a big enough lead where we can hold on just enough to get the win."

## **San Diego State Senior Forward Jaedon LeDee**

### **On losing Darrion Trammell in the first half:**

"Yeah, it was upsetting, but I mean, it's adversity. We knew that adversity (would) be here. So, he went away, you know, we just had to pick it up and pick up the slack."

**On the defensive play in the final minute to secure the victory:**

"Coach Dutch and coach Dave (Velasquez) drew up a good (defensive) game plan. We knew it was do or die time and we needed a stop, and I think we really locked in and got it done."

**On holding Utah State to just three baskets in the final 13 minutes of the first half:**

"We knew how good they were at home. How they like to run at home and how good they shoot at home. So, keeping them in the last 13 minutes to three baskets, we need that. That's why we went to the half (leading) by 16. So, I think that was just a testament to how we scouted and how we did in practice."

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