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San Diego State vs. UNLV Postgame Quotes

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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"That's a good hard-fought win and I was nervous about it. They're very dangerous offensively, and I still have memories of Tanje hitting the corner three on Jordan Schakel to win the game against us not so many years ago here, so if you don't learn from the past, you can repeat it, but we were ready to play. We know how dangerous Stevens and Tanje are, but we did a good job. They're dangerous offensively, I think they shot 50% the second half, but I think our defensive pressure caused some issues. We forced 16 turnovers, which was a good thing. The first game we played them they had 11 threes, but they only had three tonight. I just feel like we're a hard team to beat if you don't make a lot of threes, because we're hard to score on around the basket. Tough two pointers are a hard way to win a game in the half court, so we kept them from running. We made them play half-court basketball for the most part, and then made them make a lot of tough twos in order to stay in the game. I'm proud of our effort, I think we're getting better. That's the key to Aztec basketball getting better. I keep telling them, "Do you believe we can go on to a higher level?", and they all say we can. If that happens in practice, which it will happen during Thursday's practice, leading into a really hard two game stretch at the Pit and then at Boise, all of which will define what this year is going to be for us as far as a conference title run."

On the importance of the guard play from Trammell and Butler:

"They were both sensational. They both had five assists. I think Lamont had two turnovers and Darrion only had one, and they both scored in double figures. They both played good. Lamont played maybe one of his better games at Colorado State earlier this year, so it's not surprising he played well against them today. Darrion played well at Colorado State, but I think he had five turnovers. He cut that margin down today, and like I said, the key to winning the game at Colorado State is not turning the ball over. I think we had seven first half turnovers, and then we only had three in the second half and into overtime. Today at halftime, we only had two turnovers and ended up with nine for the game. Taking care of the ball is important to us."

On depth at the center position, especially during foul trouble:

"Most teams in the country couldn't survive when your starting center goes out two minutes into the game, but we're super deep at that position. Jaedon came in and did a great job, and if Jaedon gets tired, we can go to AG, and then we can rest Nate the whole half. I told him to warm up hard to start the second half so he would be ready to go, and he came out and played a really good second half. We're deep and we're dangerous at that center position."

San Diego State Senior Guard Darrion Trammell

On how difficult it is to beat a team where everyone scores double digits:

"It's very difficult. We were all clicking tonight. I think that's just been our thing all year, just trying to stay out of each other's way and just let each other be each other, be who they are and let everyone have that freedom, that confidence that they have, and know who they can be. Everyone just gets to their spots; all we have to do to stay out of each other's way and we will be fine."

On having a 6 day break between games:

"Those six days off were big, especially for guys who have little nagging injuries. Or I mean like me, I'm just struggling offensively so it gave me some time to get in the gym. It gave us everything we needed and every game, we know we have to win this conference and we want to win it alone. So, we approach every game the same. Every game has the same importance, because it's the game we're playing that day."

San Diego State Senior Forward Jaedon LeDee

On looking more confident:

"I'm feeling good, we're gelling at the right time. We're all coming together, I know where my spots are, I know where everybody else's spots are. It's a good time to play basketball at San Diego State."

On playing New Mexico Saturday:

"I just think they caught us when we weren't at our best. I think we will come out and we're going to do what we do and we're going to give them our best shot, but we definitely owe them one."

Colorado State Head Coach Niko Medved

On tonight's contest:

"They (SDSU) are who they are. I mean, they are physical, they're tough. They did a great job with their press. We clearly didn't do a very good job of it early, getting into offense. I did say this, I thought that when we did take care of the ball, what did we shoot, 50% tonight? We did some good things being aggressive at half court."

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