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### UT Arlington at San Diego State Postgame Quotes

San Diego State 68, UT Arlington 62

Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif.

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### San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

#### Opening Statement:

"We did everything we had to do to try to get them ready to play tonight. It's the first time in a long time where we've actually played live, because I didn't think they were engaged enough and mentally ready to play and that's on me. That's my job as the head coach. One of my job's is to get them ready to play and the other is to put them in a position to win and I have to do a better job of both. I always say it's better to learn in a win rather than a defeat, and that's what we did. We have a lot of lessons to learn. Obviously 17 offensive rebounds and 17 turnovers, both things that have to get better if we're going to be the team we want to be. If there's anything we did in the elite level it would be getting to the foul line. For years, that's maybe one of the stats that people take the least interest in but that's one of the most important. That's one thing we've done every game this year is get to the line. Now when we make them, that wins games. When you look at a bad shooting percentage or bad field goal percentage that never takes into account all the times you're getting to the line, where you're attacking the basket aggressively. You're being aggressive with your offense and that's reflected in the final (score), it's not reflected in the final field goal percentage or anything like that. So we did that at an elite level today. We got to the foul line and we made them. At the end of the day that was the difference in the game."

#### On Matt Bradley:

"I have a whole play sheet with plays on there and it depends on the opponent or what it is and it's as much on me as it is on him, to try to put him in positions where he can be dangerous. Maybe he's becoming a better playmaker than he's ever been, so maybe the points have dropped, but his playmaking ability has gone up. I have to continue to find ways for us both to be comfortable and that's the difference in college rather than in the NBA. It's the same game but it's a different standard."

#### Big Picture:

"We have to understand the urgency, I have to find ways to try to get it going faster for us and to put these guys into positions where they're comfortable. I challenged them. We have to get better. We have to be a player driven team. We'll see what it looks like on Monday when we step back on the practice floor because we know what's ahead of us now. We know it's Georgetown and then USC or Saint Joseph's. Then Michigan and St. Mary's, and I'm not too discouraged because I know what it looked like in our scrimmage at UCLA. I know what we look like against BYU. I know what we look like against Arizona State. The key to any success is playing to that standard every night and we weren't at that standard tonight and that's not taking anything away from Texas Arlington. They've got a lot of loose pieces when they're trying to figure it out but obviously watching them you know they have some dangerous players that made some big time plays tonight. The key is not to take things personally and to learn how to be a better player, a better coach, and make that happen starting Monday in practice."

## **San Diego State Senior Guard Matt Bradley**

### **On the game and UT Arlington:**

"We've just got to pay respects to Texas Arlington. They came in here and really battled. It was a battle from the start to the end and, I think it took certain plays for us to wake up. They were crashing the glass hard, something we've been working on throughout season. And I think we've just got to continue to keep our mental (state) right, and just get better every day."

### **On the offensive adjustment he's had to go through this season:**

"Right now, the most important thing (I can do is) just try to be a good teammate throughout it all. I think my teammates respect (me) even though I'm missing (shots) or whatever the case may be. I'm trying to stay positive. My defense struggled tonight, and usually I can pick it up on the defensive end, but I've just got to keep learning every day. It's a challenge I'm willing to accept and just keep trying to get better."

### **On what he sees as his biggest challenge right now offensively:**

"I think myself. I've been trying to manage my mental (state), my emotions and, just have that next play mentality. Not worry about what I did in the past, just keep getting better and stay loyal to the grind. Trust my coaches, trust my teammates. I'm in a new environment. So just you know, keep jelling with everybody every day and just keep staying the gym."

## **UT Arlington Head Coach Greg Young**

### **Opening Statement:**

"I loved our grit and fight tonight, especially after the way we played on Thursday at North Texas, and against a top-50 team, which San Diego State is. I don't like moral victories, but we are trying to build (this program) and we have a few things to clean up. We committed to may fouls and it's hard to win a game when you get doubled up on the free throw line."

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