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San Diego State vs. Nevada Postgame Quotes

Nevada 75, No. 22 San Diego State 66

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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"They obviously didn't need a bench today although their bench played some minutes. They got one point off the bench and everything else from the starting five. I thought (Will) Baker was sensational. You know, we made a mistake or two, but he was making some hard shots over our defense, and he looked great. And then (Kenan) Blackshear had his game... downhill, and then (Jarod) Lucas was good. And you run into (Tre) Coleman who's made four threes in conference (play) and hits three of them tonight against us. I didn't blame the team for that. Some of that's scouting reports specific where we're helping off him and he stepped up and made important shots. So, they played really well and obviously we played well, but not well enough to win on the road."

On defensive issues in the second half:

Yeah, we've been a good first half defensive team, the second half, we haven't been as good. So maybe that's the fact where the defense is away from us in the second half, and we can't help them as much, but they've got to be better away from our bench, away from our coaching staff when we can talk them through some things."

On the atmosphere in Lawlor Events Center:

"It's a great crowd. He (coach Steve Alford) is building it. With the guys he lost, everybody thought he take a step back, but the chemistry and cohesiveness of this team is really good. And like I said they haven't lost the game in here; that includes Boise State, Utah State, New Mexico and now the Aztecs. That's a pretty good foursome to beat on your home floor. So they're in the race like all of us, Utah State, Boise State, San Diego State, New Mexico. The top of this league is really tough right now."

San Diego State Senior Forward Aguek Arop

On what was the difference in the game:

"In the second half, they shot get 65 percent. We just can't have that happen. You know, at San Diego State we're known for our defense, and we keep letting teams score in the second half with high percentages. We've just got we just got to be better

and do better. But give credit to both (Will) Baker and (Jerod) Lucas. They're both hit shots...fall aways and with guys all over them."

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