



Locker Room Quotes

Thursday, March 24, 2011

Regional Semifinal Game

San Diego State vs. Connecticut



San Diego State Freshman Guard Jamaal Franklin

(On UConn's Kemba Walker) "He is a great player. Great scorer. He is a hard person to guard."

(On reaching the Sweet 16 and the experience) "Everyone here that's an underclassman learned a lot this season. The seniors taught us a lot, like how to keep our heads in the game and stay focused."

(On technical foul) "I really didn't do anything. Coach said that if I didn't push or anything, not to worry about it. I was really surprised to get a technical coming out of the time out, but I don't think it really played a part in the outcome of the game."

San Diego State Sophomore Forward Kawhi Leonard

(On technical in the first half) "I stayed in the game mentally, we were just talking and they called the T(echnical). [What was said?] "It was personal."

(On what coach said after the game) "Keep our heads up. We had a great season."

(Opinion on success of the season) "Not at all. No success in this loss at all. It will get better with time, but right now the loss is hard."

San Diego State Sophomore Guard Chase Tapley

(On Connecticut's Kemba Walker) "He's a great player, he put his team on his back and his teammates played good supporting roles. He's just a great player."

(On the play of Aztec teammate D.J. Gay in the second half) "D.J. stepped up as a captain. He put us on his back like Kemba did for UConn. He really showed the world that he's one of the best guards in the country. For him to go out like that is great and sad at the same time. He played hard, but we didn't get the win."

(On what San Diego State showed the country) "We showed that we're one of the top teams to be talked about in the country, and we definitely showed that today."



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San Diego State Sophomore Guard James Rahon

(On the Aztecs final game of the season) “We lost it and it’s kind of tough but playing with all these guys this year... it’s really been a pleasure playing with them. That’s the thing I’m going to miss the most about this season.”

(On the San Diego State seniors playing their final game) “I wish them the best, they all have great careers ahead of them and it’s just been a pleasure playing with them. It’s tough to see it come to an end.”

(On the San Diego State fans) “The fans have been great all year and it really means a lot. Even though it’s a loss they still show their appreciation, and we appreciate them just as much.”

(On the difference in the game tonight) “I think basketball is just a game of runs and we’ve been great at it all year. They happened to have a little bit more today and I think that was the big difference.”