



San Diego State Locker Room Player Quotes – March 16, 2011

#10 Tim Shelton

On earning a #2 seed:

“I feel like we deserved it. I wish we would’ve beat BYU the first two times we played them, but I’m glad we’re a two seed. It’s a good location too.”

On being in Tucson:

“I actually have family out here so I like it. A lot of fans are supposed to be coming over, too, because it’s a quick flight or a short drive, so hopefully we’ll have a nice crowd.”

On match-up with Northern Colorado:

“Everybody that makes the NCAA tournament is competitive. So we’re going to compete our hardest and we should get the job done.”

#22 Chase Tapley

On earning a #2 seed:

“It’s good, it’s real good. All the hard work we put in has paid off.”

On being in Tucson:

“All this year we’ve been talking about coming to Tucson for the tournament since we knew this was a location. Lots of fans are coming over to watch, so it’s good.”

On match-up with Northern Colorado:

“It’s a good match-up. Tim Shelton, D.J. Gay and Billy White played them their freshman year and they have a good team. We’re excited to play them.”

#11 James Rahon

On earning a #2 seed:

“When I was a little kid, I dreamed of this, being at the NCAA tournament and getting a high seed, so all the hard work has paid off. We’re all very grateful, but we can’t be satisfied. We want to show the nation that we deserve the seed we got.”

On being in Tucson:

“I’ve been here before actually, it’s really nice here. It’s a benefit being close to home. All the hard work paid off for us and we got a good location.”

On match-up with Northern Colorado:

“Every team is tough in the tournament. Our styles compare in some ways and contrast... We both like to run. It should be a battle from start to finish. We’re just excited to play.”

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#5 Brian Carlwell

On getting a #2 seed:

“I’m pretty happy getting a number two seed. It’s close to home and we have to fight for a win and our first NCAA win.”

On being in Tucson:

“We got a lot of fans coming in. Last year, we were in Rhode Island and we barely had any people there. Here we get a lot of fans coming. It’s a good feeling for us.”

On match-up with Northern Colorado:

“They are a good team. We played them before (in previous years) three or four times. They are aggressive and an offensive-rebounding team. They crash the offensive boards. We have to play San Diego State ball and rebound like crazy.”

On their shooters:

“They shoot real fast and attack the offensive boards.”

#21 Jamaal Franklin

On getting a #2 seed:

“I’m very excited about our #2 seed. It’s close to home. Instead of going back East where we get limited fans. This is like being at home.”

On being in Tucson:

“I went to prep school out here in Phoenix, so it’s like being back at home.”

On match-up with Northern Colorado:

“I feel we have a better match-up. They have to match up to us. They are a little smaller. They shoot real fast. We call Beitzel (#32 Devon Beitzel) ‘Little Jimmer’ because he shoots the ball every time he gets the ball. We have to stop the three and continue playing good defense.”

On the NCAA tournament:

“We are excited and we just have to prove everyone wrong who doubted us at the beginning of the season and keep winning. Take one game at a time. We aren’t looking ahead at the Sweet 16 or the Elite Eight or the Final Four.”