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Saint Katherine at San Diego State Postgame Quotes

San Diego State 65, Saint Katherine 44

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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"Well, after 20 long months, it felt great having the fans back in the building. Our students section, The Show, our loyal fan base. I think everybody enjoyed being back. With that being said, it was a hard game to watch at times. I think it's a record for the Aztecs played in the game. We got 16 guys in the game today. I liked our regulars. I like to start in five, six seven. And somebody asked me today 'is this a really deep team?' And I told him I don't know how deep it is. So, these guys that are coming in, off the bench, have to be productive and we'll be deep. If they're not, I will shorten the bench and that's just basketball. I thought we were sloppy (in the second half) and didn't execute at a very high level. This is a team sport. And we're like the fingers on a hand and (when) one fingers not working the hands not working. We have to grow from today's outing and I think we will. I like this group. I like this team and I think we've got a chance to be very good."

On if after playing UCLA, is there a letdown for a game like tonight:

"If you don't watch us play tonight and then say we play UCLA into a one or two possession game a week ago, you say how's that possible? Did they play the UCLA rec team? But no, because it's basketball, we seem to rise to the occasion and this is a little different. Like I said, we got 16 guys minutes. I don't think there was a starter that had over 20 minutes. So we played a lot of guys and we looked like it at times. You know you get mix and match groups out there, guys played out a position and you're as good as you practice and sometimes we don't practice with those lineups and it showed in the game today."

San Diego State Senior Guard Matt Bradley

On if he likes the isolation situations the team is putting him in offensively:

"Yeah, my teammates, they trust me when I have the ball one on one against somebody, whether from the perimeter or down below. They know not will I try my best to score, but I'll make the right play, find somebody, give them a shot. So I feel comfortable in those areas for sure."

On playing in front of the Aztecs crowd:

"Yeah, it was amazing. When the game started, you know just looking into the arena and seeing how many people showed up. It was just an amazing atmosphere. This is my first time playing in front of fans in so long. But just playing here for the first time was really special and amazing. It's been challenging, but with challenge comes growth. It's my fourth year of college, so coming into the new environment, especially one like San Diego State. I believe I've become a better player and I'm looking forward to the season, so I'm happy to be here for sure."

San Diego State Senior Forward Nathan Mensah

On what was his biggest point of emphasis personally and what he worked on most this offseason, getting ready for your senior year:

"Just to be more aggressive offensively, because each day we come to practice we all try to build a reputation for our coaches. So this offseason, I was just working on my offensive game."

On his current health situation:

"I've said in previous meetings, I don't talk about that stuff, because it's in the past. I look to the future."

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