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SDSU Postgame Quotes

San Diego State vs. TCU ▶ October 8, 2011

SAN DIEGO STATE HEAD COACH ROCKY LONG

On general thoughts on the game:

"TCU played better than we did. In the first half, we prevented ourselves from scoring at least 10 or 17 points by our own mistakes. The fumble going in is a mistake that we made, it wasn't that they stopped us. We dropped a snap from center on the first field goal. That's a mistake we made. Then we threw an interception, so we probably left 17 points on the field in the first half. The game would have been a lot closer.

"The defense was struggling to stop them, but made enough plays to keep them out of the end zone. The score at halftime could have been 31-17 or something like that. I appreciate the effort that the kids gave. We showed some heart and toughness. There are a lot of teams in the country that when you get down 17-0 at halftime, everything seems like it's not going well and they give up and they don't play as hard. Our team fought and got ourselves back in the game and then we throw an interception and the momentum goes right back to them. "

SAN DIEGO STATE PLAYERS

Quarterback Ryan Lindley

On if the defense was doing something different with his interceptions happening on the right side:

"No, not really anything different. The TCU defense made some really nice plays. They are a fast team, good athletes, and they played well. On the last throw I threw the ball a little bit behind Dylan (Denso) and the defense made a nice play."

Linebacker Miles Burris

On TCU quarterback Casey Pachall:

"He did a really good job and he is a great player. We didn't play well at all on third downs and it really killed us."

TCU HEAD COACH GARY PATTERSON

On the team's defense:

"We've been a work in progress. We weren't perfect, but it's like I told them, we have to figure out why one of the two best ball games we've played this year is Air Force and San Diego State, both of them on the road. It might be our young guys focusing on more or less distractions, whatever it is, but as a whole team, I felt like we were a lot more focused about what we needed to get done."

On Ronnie Hillman's fumble:

"That's a big deal, when you're down there on the one (yard line) and they don't get any points. Then, we come back down the length of the field and score, so yes, it's a big turnaround."