



SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS
5500 CAMPANILE DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92182 | (619) 594-5547

GOAZTECS.COM | @GOAZTECS | #GOAZTECS

San Diego State vs. Boise State Postgame Quotes
San Diego State 66, Boise State 67
ExtraMile Arena | Boise, Idaho | January 20, 2024

Head Coach Brian Dutcher

On San Diego State stopping Boise State's top scorers:

"Obviously, they knew we were going to help off [Roddie] Anderson. They cut him around and we had five baskets, but on 15 shots, so some of that we have to live with. We did a good job on [Max] Rice. [Tyson] Degenhardt, I think only had two shot attempts in the first half, which is good for us. Then he came out and got 11 in the second half and made timely plays down the stretch like he does. He's a very good player, but I just didn't think we finished defensive possessions at the end of the game, like get timely stops. We can't complain about our defense when the opposition shoots 39%. We thought rebounding would be the key to the game, and we edged them by two on the glass and it was just timely plays more than anything, not getting the critical stop when we needed it. And a couple of turnovers, Jaedon's [LeDee] charge on the fast break I thought was costly for us. He's got to count bodies and make a better play because he's capable of it."

On if it was frustrating being so close:

"Basketball is a game of runs. Like I said, we didn't get the stops we needed down the stretch and they did. We have to get stops. It's a hard thing to do. It's easy to say it's a hard thing to do. We need to get timely stops and close games. I don't want to put down our defense like it wasn't good. It was good. It wasn't good with the game on the line. It wasn't what it needed to be to win on the road."

On O'Mar Stanley's and Cam Martin's Shooting:

"Yeah, if you've got to contest and we didn't want dare shots. Obviously, we knew Anderson would get a couple because we were leaving him to double. There was a chance he was going to get some, and I thought we disrupted their post play by doubling. Stanley got a bunch of his off threes, threes and rebounds. He had a couple of tough ones down law. Stanley played a wonderful game. He made hard shots. He made timely shots. He was a real difference maker."

On the effectiveness of SDSU's press:

"Early in the game, when you're trying to score against the press it's different. Late in the game, because of the lead, you're generally a little bit more tentative trying to score. Just get it in, break the press. Don't try to score and spread the floor."

Sometimes you can have a chance with press late in the game because the other team is trying to be real careful about not taking quick shots with the lead”

Junior Guard Reese Waters

On the stretch where Boise State pulled away:

“There was a lack of focus, lack of concentration going against everybody. Its never anybody in particular. As far as a team sport, we lost as a team. We were right there but we didn't come up with it.”

On the team having good and bad stretches on the road:

“Yes, it's basketball at the end of the day. You're going to have times when you are in a drought, but this program has been historically relying on defense to get the job done and I think that's the side of the ball we need to be better at. We're going to score the ball. We have talented players, talented guards, talented bigs, but at the end of the day, we got to defend out there.”

On San Diego State's rebounding:

“I think we did a lot better in terms of finding people and hitting them to hit the offensive rebounds or defensive rebounds. There's still a few of them that we let go. One at the free throw line on the tip back. A few down here in the second half. Those are things that we could tighten up. I think we did a pretty good job.”

On SDSU shutting down Max Rice:

“I just try to do my best. Everybody on the team tries to do their best at whatever their job is to score and on defense as well. We try to help each other as much as we can when they have shooters. We did good on the people who usually get their shots up and credit to the other people who stepped up and job their job done.”

On the execution of the game plan:

“Definitely, but there's times on the defensive end where whether it was me or somebody else slacked off or didn't do their job. I got hit on a pin down and that caused a switch and then it caused rotation. There is stuff that I have to get better at.”

On how tough road games are in the Mountain West:

“It's going to be hard whatever team we play given that we're San Diego State. We take pride in that. In this conference, anybody can win on any given night, depending on how you play, so we've got to come out more prepared and ready to play.”

-SDSU-