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### **Postgame Football Quotes – San Diego State vs. UNLV**

**Oct. 24, 2020**

**Dignity Health Sports Park | Carson, Calif.**

#### **San Diego State Head Coach Brady Hoke**

##### **Opening statement:**

"It was great to get out there on the grass, compete against someone and obviously great to get a win."

##### **On team's dominant early game offensive performance:**

"The guys did a great job preparing. I thought we came out there with a lot of energy. They were excited to go out and play. We were playing as a team. We did a nice job."

##### **On assessing quarterback Carson Baker and running back George Bell:**

"It has been 25 months since Greg [Bell] played, so I know how excited he was to get back out there. He had shown us some things during fall camp, if you want to call it, that he was going to be one of the guys that we wanted to get the ball to."

"Carson [Baker] did a nice job. He really did a good job of making a few things happen in the fourth quarter when he scrambled and found [wide receiver] Ethan [Dedeaux] was really well done. He did a really good job of operating the procedures of the offense."

##### **On what is the recipe for winning given the circumstances of COVID and playing in Carson:**

"Our leadership. We have got a group of seniors that have absolutely done a tremendous job as far as we're making sure we're trying to take care of each other and stay in our pods, everything, the protocols that we can do that will help us play. The other thing is our underclassman know that it only takes one guy to screw up what we've got going on. The coaches have been creative in their coaching and what we are trying to accomplish. All those things are part of being able to come out here tonight."

#### **San Diego State senior running back Greg Bell**

##### **On the wealth of running backs:**

"It felt good to have four or five running backs out there and have all contributing and doing well. It took the load off everybody and everybody contributed well and it worked out good tonight."

##### **On playing after 25 months:**

"I was just going out there trying to run the hardest I can."

#### **San Diego State senior safety Dwayne Johnson Jr.**

##### **On the defense's success:**

"It was good to come out in the first half and do what we did, but as Coach Hoke said, in the second half, we came out lackadaisical and gave the

[UNLV offense] some momentum . . . that allowed them to get those yards.”

**On the second-half performance:**

“That is not what we want. When we went into halftime, we spoke as a defense and wanted to pitch a shutout against a very good football team . . . it is kind of upsetting that we didn’t. We have got a lot to grow from and learn from moving forward and I just want to correct those mistakes.”

**UNLV Head Coach Marcus Arroyo**

**Opening statement:**

“We will start by thanking all of the people that put this in motion. That is probably the first thing I need to share, how thankful I am for all the sports medicine, equipment teams, state officials, athletic departments and all the people that put this thing (Mountain West football) into play. It’s understated how hard and how much work was put into being able to put our team and our young men in position to put them back onto the field. This (today’s game) was one step in our journey that I’m looking forward to. We did not get what we wanted tonight, but we are going to learn from this.

**On returning to UNLV:**

“I am excited about getting back home and getting back into a setting where we can learn from this on tape and improve on the field. I am really excited about getting back into our stadium and our hometown”

**On the Aztecs:**

“We played a really good football team that has done a lot of really good things for a long time. They (San Diego State) are a good model in this conference for things to continue to push forward. Hats off to them and Coach Hoke, they’re a great team.”

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