



## **SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS**

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### **San Diego State vs. Colorado State Postgame Quotes**

**San Diego State 82, Colorado State 76**

**Moby Arena | Fort Collins, Colo. | January 18, 2023**

## **San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher**

### **Opening Statement:**

"This (win) was about toughness and grit. We got behind (in the first half) and the first unit got off to an awful start in the second half. We couldn't throw it in the ocean in the first five minutes (of the second half) and Dave Velasquez came to me and said, 'We've only got one point.' and I said 'What do you want me to do? We're getting shots. I can't score myself.' But the second group came in, they got us going and we played big for a little while with Nathan (Mensah) and Jaedon (LeDee) together. And then in the overtime we were shot ready when we created shots for guys. They rose up and knocked them down in pressure situations and I couldn't be more proud of them coming off a hard home loss for bouncing back to get a tough road win. I was a great gutty effort."

### **On the difficulty of winning a game in Moby Arena:**

"This was typical up here. Last year we were down 20 points, came back and had a shot to win it and maybe got a foul on that last attempt. So were down (in this game) and have been down here before, but we never gave in. This team will not give in. Playing hard is a skill and we play hard. I know the fans get frustrated when we don't play well sometimes, but the one thing they can never question this group about is how hard they play."

### **On how the team turned the game around in the second half and overtime:**

"Matt (Bradley) made a big corner three and we made some timely shots. As badly as we played offensively, we hit a rhythm in the second half, got going and our defensive pressure keyed it. They don't like defensive pressure. They are a set-play team, and I thought that is what helped us."

## **San Diego State Junior Guard Lamont Butler**

### **On the play of Matt Bradley in the second half:**

"He got it going in the second half and when he gets going downhill, he's very tough to stop. He was able to get to the rim and make his shots and make plays for his teammates."

**On if he feels as confident in his game as it appears he does:**

"Oh, yeah, for sure, for sure. I put in a lot of work throughout the summer. I'm trying to stay ready to play as hard as I can and effect the game in as many ways as I can."

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