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### San Diego State vs. UNLV Postgame Quotes

San Diego State 62, UNLV 55

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### San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

#### On how his three bigs played together today:

"They played great together. That gives us some defensive advantage. But you know we don't do it a lot. It's what kind of cut the playbook down. We were pretty limited in what we were running. But they do a great job defending and rebounding and it had an effect on the game. We have to become more dangerous offensively with that lineup and we will find ways to do that if that's the way we have to play or want to play."

#### On if he was surprised that UNLV did not full court press with two of his starting guards out:

"They picked up Adam (Seiko) the whole game, but they didn't really trap a whole lot. We didn't put it out there early that we were going to be shorthanded, and so if they were going to do that, it would have had to have been a 'during the game' decision. The game was fairly close throughout, so maybe they were comfortable with the pace of the game. I just thought, maybe they would wear Adam down by the end of the game and win it at the end. You know, Adam good job standing up to the pressure. Keshad (Johnson) and AG (Aguiek Arop) when they brought it up got us into a set or two, and so we found a way to get by with both Lamont (Butler) and Trey (Pulliam) not in the game."

#### On how it came about that Lamont Butler would not play in the game:

"Lamont was a game time decision, but he came in this morning and said, 'My wrist is bothering me still.' He hasn't got the strength back in his grip and stuff like that, so he just told us, he couldn't go, and so I wish I had a little more time to know that, but it is what it is. I never worry about who I don't have. I just try to get the guys I do have ready and the guys that were able to play played well."

### San Diego State Junior Forward Keshad Johnon

#### On the mindset it takes for the bigs to switch 1-5:

"Our program is built on having a defensive mindset. So you can see a long team that can defend. It makes us more versatile, especially when we went with the big (lineup). We were able to switch on whoever had the ball."

#### On if playing the three changes his game:

"Nothing changed. our system is set up to be able to do what you do (at any position). So I wouldn't say anything really changed. Of course, I was able to fly around and get more rebounds playing the three. It's a mismatch for the opposing team. It's harder for them to box me out."

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**On the play of Chad Baker-Mazara:**

"He shot a great percentage. Of course, we know he can put the ball into the (basket), so it wasn't really a surprise. We needed that from him today, and he stepped up with Trey and Lamont out. We needed people like Chad and Keith (Dinwiddie) to step up and they did."

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