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### San Diego State Postgame Notes at Nevada Lawlor Events Center | Reno, Nevada Saturday, March 5, 2022

#### Brian Dutcher, San Diego State head coach

##### Opening Statement:

"We played a good second half and then they put a run on us. We looked like we are not use to dealing with the press and we have been pressed all year and have been pretty good. There was stress and that is a good thing. We want to win so bad and we found a way to win at the end of the day. This is probably the hardest month we have ever played in Aztec Basketball. Game after game after game and we played Monday in Wyoming, played Thursday at home and Saturday in Reno. That is hard. We found a way to gut out a win, against a team that had a couple days off and was waiting for us on senior night. They are never as pretty as you want them but when you put the win at the end of the column, its everything you wanted."

##### On Nevada's pressure down the stretch:

"You can emulate all the x's and o's you want to but you can't emulate pressure. It doesn't matter if it is the last two minutes of a basketball game or a two-minute drive in football. They work on that every day of practice and at the end someone makes a mistake. It's one thing to do it in practice it's another thing to do it on the road with pressure on you. It is two games in a row where we had to rely on our defense to win a game and we have done it two straight games. We are the number one defense in the country. Even though we turned it over, they had a chance to win the game with one possession, we have not given up that basket because we are tough defensively."

##### On putting a bad play behind you:

"If all you do all game is dwell on the last play you are never in the current moment. Mistakes happen. It is not a perfect game. Move on to the next play. Despite all the turmoil at the end, with seven seconds to go, I told them all we need is one stop to win the game."

##### On the locker room atmosphere afterward:

"They are happy but they are not over celebrating. I told them it was a great regular season. We want to win titles but we played more games on the back half than anybody in the conference. We played and we played and we played and other than two one possession losses, we could have won every game over the last month and a half. We are playing pretty good basketball heading to the conference tournament. We have to believe our best basketball is to come."

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