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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"This is a good win for us and a great game for the fans. We couldn't have created any more offense than we got. We got to the rim and missed a lot of layups. We couldn't finish. On the first play of the second half, we ran a little cross screen for Nathan (Mensah) and he got it inside for a layup and he missed it. We drove in there and missed a couple of more layups and they were good defensively. They contested our shots at the rim without fouling. We made enough plays to escape here with a win. We didn't shy away from the moment and when the game was on the line KJ made a big three to put us up four."

On the team's offensive struggles in the second half:

"Our defense went south in the second half. They spread us out and its hard to guard against a spread offense like that. They were making really nice plays and (TJ) Haws was spectacular. We hung in there and hung in there and we got enough stops and made timely shots on Jordan's back."

On the play of Jordan Schakel:

"He hit one and then I ran a play and he hit another. I drew that play up on the bench. I tell the guys 'it never works. It always looks good to me on the bench, but it never works. You have to practice it.' We slipped Jordan on a ball screen, Matt (Mitchell) found him in the corner for a three and I don't think Jordan had a shot hit the rim in the second half."

On KJ Feagins' three-pointer to put SDSU up by four points with 51 seconds remaining:

"He's been struggling, but he made a very big three. He wasn't afraid of the moment, but we need him to play better. He made some plays, but you have to remember he hasn't played basketball in a year. This is his second game after missing a year of basketball. So as much as we can practice game situations, nothing can compare to an atmosphere like this today.

San Diego State junior guard Jordan Schakel

On what it took to go 6-for-6, including 5-for-5 from beyond the arc in the second half:

"I can't even tell you. It's the product of a lot of hours and a lot of shots. I'm just so proud we came out of there with a win. That arena was so loud, I couldn't even hear at times. We were down big, but we just kept fighting and fighting.

On being in "the zone" in the second half:

"I was just locked in on the game and the game plan. What ever Coach says you try to execute and win with everything you have. We knew we had to give it our all if we wanted to win. I just wanted to give my team a chance to win and we needed some offense. I felt like we were playing good defense all game, but they went on a run. They are great shooters and that is going to happen, but we needed some offense and that is what I tried to give us."

On the play Coach Dutcher drew up for him in the huddle, down by four points with 2:15 to play:

"He drew it up and we executed it to perfection. He said it was the first time in his career he drew up a play in the huddle and it actually worked What a time for it to happen."

San Diego State senior guard KJ Feagin

On his three pointer which put SDSU up 73-69 with 51 seconds left:

"It was a shot I work on all the time. It's just reps after reps after reps. I knew when the ball was coming to me I was going to shoot it. It was just a product of the work we have all put in."

On what a test this game was:

"This is how games on the road are. This is a starting point for how this season is going to go for us. We can't get to high or to low. We have to stay humble and keep working."

On if playing in and winning this type of game is why he came to San Diego State: "Yes."

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