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San Diego State at Boise State Postgame Quotes ExtraMile Arena | Boise, Idaho February 16, 2020

San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement

"This was a real good role performance. I (wrote on the board in the locker room) 'play together stay together'. This is a hard environment to play in. We've lost our last three in (ExtraMile Arena). We were connected in both ends of the floor offensively and defensively. We were playing like five fingers on a hand and it was just a magnificent performance by the Aztecs today."

On the defensive performance:

"We played well and we switched up the game plan against them. We switch every ball screen because they very good at driving the ball, but we kept a body in front of a body and did a good job. (Justinian) Jessup is hard to guard and he just got going on his own creating one-on-one shots and he was magnificent today. As a whole we did a good job containing their team."

On the play of Matt Mitchell (4-7 FG, 1-2 3FG, 2-2 FT, 11 pts, 7 rebs, 3 assists, 5 steals):

"That's an incredible stat line for Matt. He just plays the right way, shares the ball, when he's open he shoots it, and he plays for his teammates. Like I said, this team is connected and they make a coach look good."

On the team's unselfishness:

Yeah, 16 assists on 30 baskets that's the way you want to play; share the ball, move the ball, be unselfish, and be selfless for the team. That's what this team has been able to do. They're mastering it right now and we have to find ways to continue to get better. As good as we play, we have to find room to grow. You get better, you get worse, and we have to find a way to keep moving forward with this season."

San Diego State Junior Guard Malachi Flynn

On where the team is today:

"I think we're getting better every day just playing together, trusting each other. I think it's been good for everyone and the results prove it."

On the team's unselfishness:

"That's what the coaches preach and practice every day. We just have a lot of guys that can score. We have a lot of guys that can shoot, so you can't have one guy just dominating the ball. Once everybody moves it then it actually benefits everybody. So, when (share the ball), it helps everybody."

San Diego State Junior Forward Matt Mitchell

On his play defensively and his getting five steals:

We're missing Nathan (Mensah), our best shot blocker. In order to help out we have gaps we have to cover and I saw opportunities to go in there and try and strip the ball and I came up with a few."

On his ability to make plays this year compared to last year:

"I don't think I would have thought to make those plays. Just know my body, I think I've pushed myself to do way different things this year. So, I think, just my body (weight) being down, my whole (game) has changed." I'm way more aggressive on both sides of floor. So, it's not just a physical difference, its mental as well."

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