



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

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**San Diego State vs. Air Force Postgame Quotes**  
**San Diego State 70, Air Force 60**  
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### **San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher**

#### **Opening Statement:**

"We found a way to do it (win the game). And these games are so different from one another. In the first game at our place, we made 11 threes. I mean, that's a huge number for us. But today we made four and so we had a win at a different way. We had to win it on the glass and win it at the foul line. We were 22-for-23 from the foul line, and we outrebounded them by 20. That's a difference in the game. You got to find ways to win games. They're not always easy and sometimes you've got to figure it out as the games going on. As a team we did a great job at the line, and we did a great job on the glass and that was a difference in the game."

#### **On gutting out a win under difficult circumstances:**

"We have a lot of pieces and again the bench came in and was a huge spark. Jaedon (LeDee), and Micah (Parrish) and AG (Aguek Arop) came in and gave us a big lift to build the lead at halftime. And then we fought like crazy. I mean, the altitude, we looked to step slow, we looked tired. They were tired. We were tired. We played in Fort Collins on Wednesday and got back to San Diego that night or the next morning at 3 a.m., had two practices and flew back to Denver and bused to Colorado Springs. It's not an excuse; It's just the reality of what we're doing. And so, whether it was the altitude, the travel, the closeness of the games, we were a step slow in the second half and I think it showed."

#### **On the play of Keshad Johnson:**

"He had a hard game at Colorado State. He didn't play a Keshad Johnson kind of a game. And the nice thing with Keshad is he's always going to bring it the next game. He's not going to dwell on what didn't go right. He's going to get ready for the next game and he did that. He was really big with a double double for us tonight."

### **San Diego State Senior Forward Keshad Johnson**

#### **On how he feels after getting his first double double of the season:**

"I feel great. I feel like I got my identity back. Had a good game. I haven't been playing up to par the past couple of games, but that's just all about basketball. Basketball is a game of ups and downs. And you've got to just try to be up as much (as you can). So I feel like I came back and gave my team my full effort, especially in this attitude. It's hard to play out here."

**On what it takes to be successful at this level:**

"Work. The work is undefeated. Each and every one of us is in the JAM Center working every day, putting in the work on our own. And that's what that three and the free throws show. I had a 0-for-4 game from the free throw line a couple games ago. And I when I went in there shot my free throws and today, I only missed one. I had a six out of seven. That's the work I put in."

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