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No. 7 San Diego State at Wyoming Postgame Quotes

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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

On the team's performance in the second half:

"I just didn't like the way we took care of the ball at the start of the game. We had seven first half turnovers and I think we had four of them the first two or three minutes of the game. Once we started taking care of the ball, we shot a really good percentage, 56 percent the first half, 52 percent for the game and held our opponent to 33 percent. So, it was a wonderful performance.

On the defensive game plan:

"One of them was to keep (Wyoming) to seven or fewer threes after they had 10 threes in their last three games. Usually when you play teams, you're a little better than, if they don't hit the three ball, they have a tough time beating you. I know at times they got downhill and got to the rim, but I just didn't feel at the end of the day they were a tough enough team to beat us.

"Their two guards run their stuff at such a fast pace and they're not afraid to run a whole 30 second possession, so they make you guard multiple sides of the floor. I thought we were tough and stayed with it. At the end of day, they shot 33% from the field. They took care of the ball and only had 11 turnovers, but that's a low shooting percentage. We did a better job rebound in the second half, even though we only outrebounded them by three. We have to keep rebounding if we're going to be really elite defensively."

On Yannì Wetzell's play, going 7-for-7 from the floor and 3-of-3 from the line:

"Those are great numbers. He and Nolan (Narain) split the time at the center position. Joel Mensah had some back issues at practice yesterday, so he was a no go. So, a short bench got shorter but everybody that played contributed."

San Diego State Senior Forward Yannì Wetzell

On playing at altitude in the last two road games:

"We all felt that we had to get our first win under our belts (at Utah State on Saturday night). We managed to push through the fatigue at altitude there. I didn't think it was going to be this tough but then actually practicing and playing at altitude you realize you can push through it."

On if he expected to be on the No. 7 team in the nation when he came to San Diego State:

"It wasn't exactly expected. I knew we were going to be solid and have a good team. We've got some good pieces, but I didn't exactly know how we all going to mesh together so well so soon."