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### San Diego State at UNLV Postgame Quotes Thomas and Mack Center | Las Vegas, Nev. January 26, 2020

#### San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

##### Opening Statement:

"I told the guys I love coaching them, but I would love to just sit and watch them, too. They are fun to watch, and they play the right way. This is a magnificent team, the way they play, and someone will beat us eventually. I hope not, but in likelihood it will happen. But they will have to play a hell of a game to beat this Aztec team."

##### On the offense struggling and what was the difference in the win:

"The number one key to the game was rebounding. They outrebounded us but they are one of the best rebounding teams in the country. We kept the margin to within four and told them no fastbreak baskets, and I don't think they had one all game. They like to score in transition but its hard for them to score that way whet we don't turn the ball over."

##### On the play of Trey Pulliam:

"Trey was great. He was 4-for-4 at halftime (6-of-6 for the game) and finished with 18 points. We took him as a mature guard out of junior college. He plays with incredible pace and is explosion to the basket is there. When he needs to go to the basket he gets there. Trey played his best game as an Aztecs and we need him to continue to play this way."

##### On the play of UNLV:

"T.J. (Otzleberger) has done a great job from where his team was in the preseason to where they are now. They are a very, very good team. They play the right way; they move the ball and make you guard the entire possession. They played a heck of a game and we had to play really good defense to sneak out of here with a win."

#### San Diego State Junior Guard Malachi Flynn

##### His overall feelings about the game:

"It was a hard-fought win. We knew it was going to be a fight. They are a good team and hit some tough shots especially in the first half. They play extremely hard, there was nothing easy and it was a good win for us."

##### On UNLV never giving up:

"That is a testament to them. They play hard and I think their coach has them playing at a high level since the start of conference play. We knew they weren't going to give up so we were ready for them."

**On the play of junior guard Trey Pulliam:**

"We have a lot of guys who can go on this team. Trey doesn't get as much playing time as he could on other teams, just because we're so deep. But today he stepped up into that role and played huge for us. It is another example of our depth. Trey can do this consistently. This is not just a one game thing that will never happen again. Trey is a very important piece of our puzzle."

**San Diego State Junior Guard Trey Pulliam****On what Coach Dutcher said at halftime:**

"To just continue to do what we were doing. We knew it was going to be a tough game, so we just had to keep doing what we do and play our game"

**On how he was been accepted coming into the team:**

"It's hard at times. This is a completely different game for me. But Malachi (Flynn) and KJ (Feagin) have taken me under their wings and they keep me confident. They've never given up on me. As good as they are, they are probably the best teammates I have ever played with. With their talent they could be shellfish, but they always have my back and always try to help me."

**On his decision to come the San Diego State:**

"I'm thinking that it was a good decision. I knew it would be good, but I never imagined it would be anything like this."

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