

# UTAH STATE FOOTBALL

## Post-Game Quotes vs. San Diego State (11/23/2024)

### **Utah State Interim Head Coach Nate Dreiling:**

#### *Opening comments...*

“We’ve got a great group of guys. It’s up to the locker room. The locker room can turn it off and everyone can quit, or they can come together. That has been my most proud moment. Not the record, not the wins recently, but how hard these people play. They play their tails off, not for me or anything, but for each other, and that’s how it has been the whole time. I told them a quote; in the Marine Corps, they say ‘you’re judged by how you reload under fire,’ meaning you are going to show your identity when the circumstances are terrible. How do you respond? That’s what this year has been. It’s been tough. There has been ups and downs. We had a player pass away. We’ve had a bunch of injuries, and they just keep coming back and they keep fighting. That’s because of this senior class. They are going to go out on top regardless of the record and that is something they can be proud of for the rest of their lives.”

### **Junior QB Bryson Barnes:**

#### *On whether he performs better as a backup...*

“I guess so. I don’t know how many starts I have under my belt, but it seems like a running theme that when I’m the backup, my number’s probably going to get called.”

#### *On San Diego State not being ready to face a running quarterback...*

“When you prepare all week for a non-running quarterback, it changes the dynamic and changes the game. You put five or six days of preparation into a non-running quarterback, it really changes things for a defense. Credit to coach (Cooper) Bassett, we were dialing different lead runs up. It’s just hard to keep track of that stuff when you don’t have six days to prepare for it.”

### **Redshirt freshman CB Noah Flores:**

#### *On the defense’s performance the past two weeks...*

“We are just trusting what the coaches are telling us to do. Our coaches have come up with a great game plan these last two weeks. Our goal was to send out the seniors right. I mean, we have nothing else to play for, but to finish out the season strong and do it for our brothers.”

#### *On how the defense was able to contain San Diego State’s offense...*

“We knew that their offense is kind of like ours, so they would run tempo and get the ball out quick. That was something that we were ready for and every time we would see it, we would go downhill and make the play.”

### **San Diego State Head Coach Sean Lewis**

#### *Opening comments...*

“Not the result we were looking for tonight. I need to coach better, we need to play better, we need to do everything better in all three phases. We can’t take the opportunity we had in the first half where we were in a pretty dominant position, then lose the middle eight as dramatically as we did. We never got momentum back on our side, and that thing ran away from us in a hurry. I’ve got to do better at leading as we go, and we’ve got to make sure that we do a great job bouncing back so we can send these seniors out the right way as we go back home for this last opportunity of the year at Snapdragon a week from tonight.”