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San Diego State vs. Nevada Postgame Quotes

San Diego State 69, Nevada 50

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Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"We shared the ball better. We worked for a couple days on not shooting long, difficult shots right away and moving it more. We knew the ball screens, the lift was going to be there, because they really help a lot, and they hedge the ball screen. I thought we did a good job following the game plan. With that being said, we're not that coaching staff where, when we lose, everything we did was wrong. We're not that coaching staff where when we win, we think everything we did was right. The opponent shot 22 free throws, and we shot six. We gave up way too many offensive rebounds in the second half. As much as it feels good to win by 19, we won't dismiss any of the things that we didn't do well. I told them that in the locker room. They've got to be held to a high standard, and not just in winning. Losing and winning, they have to be held to the same standard. We have work to do, but we will do it."

On what changed with the team's mentality:

"We got a lead. It's always easier to play with a lead, with a young team. We held the lead. We built on the lead because we shot a high percentage and we shared the ball, and we weren't pressing from behind. We've shown grit all year. We've lost some games, but it isn't because we've given in. We fight, but we have to fight more intelligently with better execution, and young teams take a little longer. I felt like we pushed through a wall tonight. We've been going since July, seven months, and you hit a wall physically and mentally, especially young guys. We just felt we had to push through that wall. We had to push through all the stuff that hadn't been going well: poor play and mental fatigue and start getting better again and I thought we did tonight."

Freshman Forward Magoon Gwath

On if he felt a big performance was coming:

"I felt like I was due for a good game. I'm glad it was tonight."

On what has changed for the last few games:

"I just try to stay concentrated longer and play a little harder. That's it and it worked out."

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On why it's so hard for freshmen to concentrate:

"It's just difficult because you do it every day. It's just like, "Ah, it's another practice," but I've been trying to stay locked in for as long as I can. I'm coming off one of my best practices where I stayed locked in for pretty much the whole time, and a good result came out of that. The game's a little faster. It's just a lot. There's a lot of things that can make someone lose concentration."

On his expectation for the rest of the season:

"I just want to contribute as much as I can, play as hard as I can and just win."

On what was working tonight:

"We were moving the ball a lot. We had 21 assists as a team, which is a lot. [Miles] Byrd had nine, they were putting us in a good position to score. Almost all my baskets were off assists so credit to my teammates."

On what changed for the team this game:

"We had to come out here and make a statement and that's what we did. We all stayed locked in for on the defensive end for a lot longer than we had been and that turned out well for us. The coaches have had talks. The talks have gotten a little more serious, but everybody is just bought in. We got a lot more buy in from our team."

On if the team knows what is going to happen from one game to the next:

"The [coaches] always tell us that winning college games is hard, so we always expect games not to be easy."

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