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San Diego State vs. Stony Brook Postgame Quotes

San Diego State 42, Stony Brook 0

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Head Coach Sean Lewis

Opening Statement:

"I'm proud of the effort from the guys tonight. Anytime that you can get a shutout, you're doing something really good. I'm really proud of the leadership from Coach Aurich. The boys rallied around him, and he got a shutout as a defensive coordinator in his first opportunity here with the Aztecs. I'm pleased with how the offense started the game overall. In the third quarter, there were some things, obviously, that we need to clean up that were not to our standard. We gathered the team up there at one point in time to remind them of how we do it and why we do it. The scoreboard is a direct reflection of how we go about our business. We didn't do that the right way in the third quarter. However, I'm grateful that we were able to take the first step and get our first win against a really good team. Stony Brook is a good team that's going to have a great year. I'm excited about how much better we can get as we go forward, which will be really cool to see."

On Quarterback Jayden Denegal's first start and overall performance:

"Jayden won. That's the ultimate goal, right? Score one more point than them. He missed a couple of throws, missed a couple of reads, but all in all, he made the majority of the right decisions. He executed, making a majority of the throws. There will be a lot that we'll learn from as he continues to have this volume of plays with this collection of talent. I feel good about where we are at and him leading us going forward."

On the performances of the offensive and defensive lines:

"Our lines controlled the game. We knew going into tonight that Stony Brook had a really good rushing attack. We knew that if the transfer quarterback were to get the start, he was mobile as well, and there were going to be run threats from the quarterback. We did a good job holding them to 49 net yards rushing. At the line of scrimmage, defensively, the guys did a really nice job. Conversely, anytime that you can turn around and run it efficiently — 53 attempts for 226 yards — and win the line of scrimmage, it's a testament to our staff. It's a testament to the recruiting department and anyone who works diligently to fortify and rebuild both areas on those lines in the off-season. It's also all the hard work that the kids did with our training staff, coming together to get game reps and doing it at a high level. It was good to see this. It was a good start."

On the entire team's effort:

"It was a total team effort. It was good to see. There was a great competitive balance that happened all throughout camp and all throughout spring ball. We alluded to it, we talked on Monday, and as we moved through camp, that if either side of the

ball through camp wasn't bringing it, the other side would dominate. That led to great back and forth all the way through camp. Now we finally had the opportunity to stop having the sibling rivalry, and we got to do it to someone else. It was really good, complimentary, football. We look forward to all three phases being tied together as we go throughout the year."

#7 Running Back, Lucky Sutton

On posting the first 100-yard rushing game of his career:

"I was definitely excited about my first 100-yard game. I'm proud of the team and happy for the offensive line. Without them playing extremely well, I would not have had the game I did. I'm grateful for them and very blessed."

On what feels different from last year:

"This year, we're coming in with confidence on offense. We are locked into each other, and we have a real brotherhood. We really focused on our relationships this year off the field. We're playing right next to our brothers, and everyone has each other's back this year. There is confidence in the offense in general."

#12 Linebacker, Owen Chambliss

On the confidence it gives the defense when the offense is putting up points:

"The offense gives us amazing confidence. We feed off the offense. If they're rolling, we're rolling. They do an amazing job in practice. We knew that they were going to be accurate. We were sitting on the sideline watching the offense continue to go down and score, which really helps out our defense."

On what the defense needs to focus on for next week against Washington State:

"We need to tackle better and get out the first game tackle jitters. We need to communicate and fly around like we did tonight. We need to have a good practice every day next week and handle our business."

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