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**San Diego State Men's Basketball Press Conference**
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# Head Coach Brian Dutcher

**Opening Statement:**
"We're back on the practice floor for a second day, getting ready for Texas Southern. I got a chance to watch their game against UCSD on TV last night, and it was an exciting game. Both teams scored in the 90s. [Karris] Bilal was incredible. To think that he went 15 for 17 from two-point range, I don't think I've hardly ever seen that. To have 36 points, only one three, and I think three free throws. We know he's a dynamic scorer; [Jason] Kimbrough Jr. is also very good. The guard play will be important. We have to make sure we contain those two, and hopefully the Tritons have tired him out a little bit on a one-day prep, and we'll have a chance to get a victory tomorrow here at home against a hopefully tired Texas Southern team. I know they'll be excited to play in this arena against us, and so we can't take anything for granted. We've got to come out and compete at a high level."

**On San Diego State's high-scoring offense:**
"We're dangerous at every level. We shoot the three well enough that we have to be guarded. We attack the basket. I think the thing that's probably not looked upon enough is our free throws. We've made more than our opponents have taken, and that's a winning stat anywhere I've ever been in basketball. Our ability to get to the foul line and hopefully make them at a high level will equal a lot more points and a lot more victories."

**On the team gelling with so many new players:**
"I told the guys after the game that there are programs in the country where a guy comes out of a game and everyone stands up and claps and shakes his hand because the coaches make them do it. I watch our team play, and when anybody makes a play, whoever's in, whether it's starters or backups, they are enthusiastic off the bench, supporting their teammates. If we continue to have that kind of chemistry, that kind of support for one another, we've got a chance to have a very good year."

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## Freshman Forward Luca Vincini

**On the positives of Sunday's game against New Mexico State:**
"[I liked] how we stayed in the game, how we controlled the game, on defense especially because it's something that we really love to do on the court, and we try to be the best at. If the offense doesn't score a lot of points, on defense we can do a lot of things to increase the scoring margin. We stayed connected for 40 minutes through the defense, and it's something that I really appreciate."

**On adjusting to the American game:**
"I try to connect better with the people or find a way also to help my teammates in a different way. I was talking to Coach Dutcher about how during the Bethune-Cookman game, I wasn't aggressive on offensive rebounds, so I tried to come back and be dangerous on the offensive board. The game here is for sure a big step forward for me."

## Freshman Guard Zach White

**On making his collegiate debut on Sunday:**
"It was great. It was really exciting for me just to go out and play basketball, be free of injury. It's always a great thing just to be on the court and win. Just being with the guys is a great feeling."

**On how the team stays focused on the current game:**
"We stay focused because we all want to achieve one goal, and that's playing in March. So, we all just play hard and try to achieve that goal. We all want what's best for each other, so we're playing for each other, not so much for ourselves."

**On the team's chemistry early in the season:**
"I think that we have a great bond. We're all for each other. We encourage each other. We play for each other. I'd say we have a great chemistry throughout the whole team, even the coaches."

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