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San Diego State-Brown Postgame Quotes December 29, 2018

San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"Well, I told my team at one of the last timeouts, and I told them in the locker room at the end of the game, having character is always easier when things are going good and we're winning. Our character is going to be what it is going forward based on what happened today. I told them, tomorrow when we come in for practice, whether it's four hours or whether it's 30 minutes, I have to have their undivided attention and we have to bow our back and show we are a way better team than we were today. Give credit to Brown; they dictated at both halves of the floor. Defensively, they put us in some positions that we weren't accustomed to being in, where the passes weren't automatic—where you roll, lift and the pass is automatic. They put us in positions where we were uncomfortable, and we didn't make plays from those positions. We have to go back and work when teams put us in those positions. I thought the team competed until the end, and it's never easy competing when you're down 30 and you don't feel you have enough energy to come back all the way and win. But, I said about Jeremy, he was involved in the game until the end—vocally with the freshmen in the huddles, in the timeouts—and that's the kind of leadership you can win with going forward. Not when things are going good, but when we have a tough one, that the leadership shows through. I've got a good group of kids that want to win, want to please me, want to play the right way, and we will move this behind us as quickly as we can and get ready for a game against CSUN on the first."

On if this is the worst home loss the team has had in a while:

"Yeah, they got out on us early. That run, I think they were on a 26-point run in the first half. Once they get rolling like that, the basket looks as big as the ocean. [Brown G Desmond] Cambridge was sensational. Some of the baskets he made, we couldn't do anything about. We're there, hand in the face, he rolls up and knocks them down. Now, some of those that we could do something about, those are the ones we will teach to. Sometimes a really good player just makes sensational plays. I thought we had two good days of practice. We ran through a lot of their stuff and we were comfortable with it, but when you get to a game and it's happening at such a fast pace—the pace of their play was way faster than it even looks on tape. They're out here working. They came in on the 26th. They've been out here the 26th, 27th, 28th, so they've been in town working hard on their game, too. So are we. Obviously, what they accomplished offensively over those three or four days, and defensively was really impressive. They were very impressive today, so I don't want to take anything away from what they did. We obviously know we have to get better. And we will. They always say, you know, on paper, this should have happened, but they never play games on paper. They always play them on the court. Not to justify what happened to us, but Arizona State beat Kansas at home last week, and then they got beat by Princeton today, a 6-5 Princeton team, at home. You have to bring it every day against every opponent. If you play hard and you play hard and you play smart, you give yourself a chance to win. If you slip up in the slightest, you're always susceptible to being run on and put in a difficult situation. The start they got, we could never recover from."

Sophomore Guard Jordan Schakel

On what happened:

"I felt like we weren't urgent enough, running them off the three after we cut it to four. They went on a big run and blew the game wide open. I think we just need more concentration and attention to detail in that stretch."

On if he's been a part of a loss like this before:

"Yeah. I definitely have been a part of a loss like this. It's never easy, but there is growth to be made. A lot of teams lose like this and end up learning from it and coming back and really using this as fuel and as a learning experience. In the past, that's what we were able to do, and I feel like we'll be able to do that in this incident as well."

On what the message was at halftime:

"To keep playing. Keep playing hard. Your character shows what you'll do the second half. There's still 20 minutes left — half the game. Even if we don't come back, you still need to play as hard as you can, do the right things and you might not be rewarded at the time, but there's no way you can play the wrong way and be rewarded. We need to play the right way at all times."

Sophomore Forward Matt Mitchell

On what happened:

"Just like coach said, Brown dictated the game on both sides of the floor. They disrupted us, and they got it going early from three. They kept it going for the majority of the game. We just weren't able to catch up."

On if he's been a part of a loss like this before:

"I've been a part of losses as such as well. Just like Jordan said, we'll see how we bounce back, but we're not going to let it define us. We will bounce back, and we will be better."

On what was going through is head during Brown's run:

"It's frustration at a certain level, but you just have to come together as a team and that's something we do as we were supposed to do. We just got to get it going the next game and in practice tomorrow and really come back and show that we're willing to work and willing to get better."

Brown Head Coach Mike Martin

On team's overall performance:

"We played outstanding. Obviously defensively we were terrific for most of the game. Offensively that first half we executed. We got good looks. They went in even when we didn't get great looks. Desmond Cambridge made some incredibly difficult shots, but the whole team has been really improving defensively, and I was thrilled with our performance tonight. I know they [San Diego State] didn't play their best, and I like to think we had a little bit to do with it."

On how this win helps the Ivy League's reputation:

"We have really good basketball in our league. Good players, families that value education and young men that want to play basketball at a really high level and get a great education and realize they can do both in our league."

On sophomore guard Desmond Cambridge's performance tonight:

"He has special talent. He keeps getting better and better. I think his teammates deserve a lot of credit for freeing him and finding him when he's open. He deserves a lot of credit for really letting the game come to him and making the right pass and making the right play."

On having a lot of support at tonight's game:

"It's great. We have a lot of alumni here on the west coast. Travis Fuller is a senior on our team from Encinitas, so that's really why we came out to play the game for him. He had a huge contingent here. I'm happy that he was able to get in there and play well and contribute to us winning."