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SDSU Men's Basketball Preview Quotes – at Air Force January 10, 2019

San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

On what to expect against Air Force:

"When you play man-to-man against Air Force and when you have a veteran team and they've gone against it for three and four years, like we've had some teams, then you can be more intricate in the game plan. With a young team, you might have to be more basic and guard them traditionally, which is always dangerous. If we're going to play man, it's kind of going to be a lot more traditional than we normally play it, just because of our youth. Obviously we've shown we can play some zone, and we'll look at maybe playing selectively zone-defense against them, and we just know it's an Academy team. They're going to compete like crazy. They're going to play super hard. They're going to be disciplined and it will be a real challenge to go in there and continue the way we're playing and stay on a winning track."

Sophomore Forward Matt Mitchell

On Air Force:

"We know that Air Force runs a specific offense and they can lure you to sleep a little bit. Just stay in front of your man, don't get back-doored. We haven't gone over their personnel yet, but I'm sure we will. The returning players saw them last year. The new players this year will get a taste of it."

Freshman Forward Nathan Mensah

On the opportunity he had to start on Tuesday:

"For me, I try to take a game as it comes than to play more solid defense to know what I'm supposed to do on the court each time I step on the floor. Obviously I was nervous and also I was excited, because to be a freshman starting in this program is a great thing. I was prepared for the opportunity that was given to me by my head coach, Coach Dutch."

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