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San Diego State at UNLV Quotes February 23, 2019

San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

On the game:

"It looked like old Aztec Basketball, win it with our defense. The first time we played them we scored 94 points, we won it with our offense. This game you would say we won it with our defense. I put (on the board) if we win the rebound battle, we will win the game. They outrebounded us by one and we still found a way to win it by one. I was proud of the kids, the fight in them."

On defending Amauri Hardy:

"Jeremy had some tendinitis in the knee. That hurt us a lot, not having him. I thought Matt (Mitchell) did a great job stepping in and guarding Hardy, who is a real dangerous offensive player. He did a really nice job on him down the stretch."

On the rotation:

"Nathan got in foul trouble and he could never get into the rhythm of the game. We didn't come back to him with four fouls because AG (Arop) was doing a good job and he was in to the pace of the game. Nathan was so choppy with the way he was playing, in and out, he never got in the rhythm. We went small. We went AG as the five man, Jalen (McDaniels) as the power forward and Matt (Mitchell) as the small forward."

On Jordan Schakel:

"Jordan Schakel came in and played quality minute, with Jermei out. We found a way. That is all you can say. We found a way. It wasn't pretty. It wasn't one you are going to put on the highlight tape, but you are going to be happy to walk out of here with a win and get a second road win in a row."

On UNLV's defense:

"We made some adjustment here and there. We fought, tried to put it inside, but credit to the Rebels. They played tremendous defensively. Nothing we did was easy today. They made it hard on us every step of the way. I know they are vastly disappointed they lost, but they played a heck of a game."

On Noah Robotham:

"He got a hot hand and they did a good job of going to him on all sorts of plays. Credit to their offense for finding him. They hurt us. They ran some stuff that was difficult. They ran the baseline and we were having trouble locating people. But in the end, we were gritty to tough out a victory."

Sophomore forward Matt Mitchell

On the game:

"It was quite the dog fight. They came back hard and strong and with a lot of rage but we were able to fend them off."

On UNLV:

"They defended well. They worked hard and ran terrific plays on the offensive end. On the defensive end they dug in the post. They were there every time we tried to drive. It was amazing we were able to come out of here with a win."

On San Diego State's young players:

"Over the course of the season they have grown. You can tell they want it. They want to be part of this team. They want to be part of something great. That is something we are trying to create here, and we are trying to win the Mountain West Conference, win the tournament and get to the big dance."

On if he felt pressure shooting free throws late in the game:

"Not at all. I have been through it before. I have seen the bad side of it and have learned my lesson."

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