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Postgame Football Quotes – San Diego State vs. SJSU

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San Diego State Head Coach Brady Hoke

Opening statement

"We are very disappointed as a football team. We had a good week of preparation. We were ready to come out and play but we did not play our best football. I want to give San José State some credit, obviously, but we had some penalties that hurt us and we have to take care of the football better. We knew what to expect but we just did not perform."

On tonight's loss acting a gut check for the team:

"We had two pretty good football games that we won (to start the season). Each week we knew the competition was going to be stiffer. That is going to continue with Hawai'i and Nevada and the others on the schedule."

"We have to go back to work as a football team. We as coaches must look at this game plan that we had for tonight and see if there was something we did not like. We (the coaching staff) have got to do a better job of coaching."

San Diego State Safety Tariq Thompson

On thoughts on today's match:

"I am very disappointed with how I personally performed and how we performed as a team. We did not play to our potential and I feel like we still have not played to our potential. That is something we must go back to the film and figure out how we do better physically, mentally and in all areas of the game. That is something I take fault as a player."

On defense not letting their guard down when SJSU's backup QB came in:

"You cannot think that way. Everybody is here for a reason, that player has a scholarship too. He is a great player, he showed it today. Credit to them. They played a great game."

San Diego State Offensive Lineman Kyle Spaulding

On how the offense performed: "It was a physical game, but not as physical as we would like on our end. They came out to play and we did not quite match it. We like to control the line of scrimmage and at times we did not tonight."

"We saw what we were preparing for. There were no surprises there. The communication and getting the calls out was not quite there for us tonight. That is something that we need to get back on the field and practice and get ready for next week."

San Jose State Head Coach Brent Brennan

Opening Statement:

"Tonight was just an incredible night for our players and San José State fans everywhere. I was just talking with our Athletic Director and when we played those guys (San Diego State) three years ago, it was (a) hard (loss). It was awesome to see how our players kept playing and kept fighting tonight... those (intangibles) were all the kinds of things that made the game. If we were less connected as a team, if we did not love each other, if our brotherhood was not strong, we would have had all kinds of things go south when [SJSU Quarterback] Starkel went down on that big play early on in the game, but the players kept fighting for each other. There is something special about this group and I feel so grateful to be a part of it and it is just a lot of fun (to experience). It is awesome to see the players work hard, stick with it, and believe in our process as a program. We are really excited (for the future)."

San Jose State Quarterback Nick Nash

On [SJSU Quarterback] Starkel going down:

"I felt a little bit of nerves at first, but I just had to get used to it and adjust to the game plan. My whole team had my back, all the receivers and all the linemen picked me up, they believed in me and I had to come out and do it for them."

San Jose State Tight End Derrick Deese Jr.

On Today's Win:

"It was great to come out here and get a win against San Diego (State). We have always had a rough and tough time against this team, but tonight we all came together and it is starting to click with us."

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