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2021-22 Mountain West Men's Basketball Media Day - San Diego State Selected Quotes

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Coach Brian Dutcher on what he thinks of his team at this point:

"I told the kids from the start, 'we're going to be good this year,' but how soon we're good remains to be seen. Is it going to be from the very first game or is it going to take us three four games? It could take us half a year to figure it out, so we won't know that until we start playing games. I like what I see on the practice floor. They're working extremely hard. We are guarding at a high level and now we have to figure out how we're going to manufacture enough points to win games."

Senior guard Trey Pulliam on having fans back in Viejas Arena:

"We're definitely excited, especially after last year, not having any fans and stuff like that. When I first came (to San Diego State), Viejas used to be crazy. The vibe, the fans, they were crazy, some of the best in the country, so to be able to play in front of them and to give them a show, it means a lot."

Coach Dutcher on senior guard Trey Pulliam:

"Coaches have a habit of stealing confidence from players, and I don't want to do that Trey. I want Trey to play his game. I want him to play aggressive; to play with swagger. I think earlier in Trey's career, he was always playing for his teammates and sometimes passing the ball when a shot was the best play for him. I think he's grown confident now to know when it's time to turn his offensive game up and when it's time to get his teammates involved. That's what good point guards do, they know how to pick and choose when to turn their own game up, and when to play for others. Trey's doing that right now."

Guard Trey Pulliam on the versatility of this year's defensive lineup:

"We definitely have to a few lineups of bigs this year, and we still have lineups that we can go small ball with. But I definitely think that we can guard at a high level once again, just dominate the paint area, rebound better, things like that. Getting loose balls and hands on balls make it harder for the offense to score on us."

Coach Dutcher on the league as a whole:

"In my fifth year as head coach, this is the deepest the league has ever been. You just look at the returning players in this conference, and (the team's those players are on) those are the ones that are ranked highest. And then you have turnover rosters at New Mexico, (and at) UNLV, even though they have Bryce Hamilton back. You don't know what to expect because there're so many new players, but all of a sudden, those teams could catch lightning in a bottle. But the teams that are picked up the top league have the most returning player."

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