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San Diego State Men's Basketball Press Conference

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Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"Saturday was a hard-fought game but we came away the victory. Now it's back to the practice floor three days get ready for a very good Georgetown team in the (Paycom) Wooden Legacy. We're excited to head to Anaheim. Hopefully we get a great Aztec following, where we can fill the building with Aztec fans and that will obviously give us our best opportunity to win the game."

On his thoughts on Georgetown:

"Patrick Ewing has done a great job with that team. He's got a lot of new pieces, like we all do this time of year. I know they dropped their opener. They're playing better basketball (now). They shoot the ball, and they have good point guard play and obviously, Georgetown with Patrick, you're going to have good bigs. They're very balanced and they can hurt you a lot of different ways. They're going to press us a little bit, predominantly play us man to man and presented great challenge to us Thursday night."

On what the point of emphasis is this week at practice:

"It's just stuff we (regularly) work on. Every day, we'll spend time on it: rebounding, boxing out, keeping the other team from hurting us on the offensive glass, our transition offense and defense. Things that will help us throughout the year. Those are a yearlong things. We'll work on transition offense and defense, and just try to clean some stuff up in our half-court offense. You know where we can get our timing together, where we can start running plays seamlessly and continue to flow into our second part of our offense. So all stuff that are season long things today, and then get more Georgetown specific heading into Tuesday and Wednesday practice."

On if he will prepare the team differently with the possibility of playing two games with start times at 9 p.m. PT:

"No, we just start the workday later. Obviously nine o'clock is late for us, but midnight (ET) is really hard for Georgetown. TV dictates all those times and we're excited to be playing in front of a national audience and we're thankful to have an opportunity to play a team like Georgetown in such a great event like the (Paycom) Wooden Legacy."

On if he feels his team plays down to the level of the competition so far this year:

"I think the competition plays up to us to be honest with you. With the success we've had, I tell the guys in tape or in film sessions that the team you're watching on tape is not the team you're going to play. They know if they play like they normally

do, they're going to get blown out. So, their coaching staffs have their full attention. They know the team that they're playing, the Aztecs, are always good, and so we (get) everybody's best shot. And the challenge for us is to be ready for that each and every time we step on the floor."

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