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San Diego State at Fresno State Postgame Quotes

San Diego State 67, Fresno State 53

Save Mart Center | Fresno, Calif.

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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"This was a good, hard fought road win. You know we haven't played a lot of road series. New Mexico was canceled. UNLV got canceled. So, this was our third road series (in) conference. I told our guys we were stepping up in weight class against Fresno. Justin Hutson is a very good coach, defensively. They had success with some things, and we found some things that worked and were able to use them to our advantage. We scored 67 and 61 against them last year. We scored 67 tonight and I thought that was it was going to be that kind of game, low scoring, good defense and hard fought."

On the play of senior guard Trey Pulliam:

"Fresno (State) drops on the ball screen. They give you a little wiggle room in that midrange space and Trey took advantage of that. He was hitting his floater with a little pull up before he got to the post player. When he saw one go in, he got his confidence going to the point where they ducked under a couple of (screens) and he made them pay with threes. I think this was by far Trey's best offensive performance as an Aztec."

On the play of senior forward Matt Mitchell:

"Matt played great. We play him at all three levels. He can make the three, he posts up and then he has the really good midrange game. I thought Matt did a good job at the offensive end and his game timing was back. I think that in the San Jose State game, after missing all that practice, he didn't have great timing. I thought his timing was better (tonight).

On Fresno State jumping out to an 11-0 lead in the first few minutes and what he told the team:

"I told them 'I'm glad their run was at the start of the game because we had a lot of time to get ourselves back in it.' Basketball is a game of runs. They hit a couple of threes early. They hit three threes in the first two or three minutes of the game. They make six as a team per game, so when they open up with three threes, it kind of rocked us back a little. But we got ourselves composed and we went on a big run to establish ourselves and build a nice first half lead."

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San Diego State Senior Forward Matt Mitchell

On how he felt not playing with a brace on his leg for the first time since injuring it at Utah State:

"I finally feel free from that little bit of weight that was holding me down and restricting me from feeling myself. I definitely feel like myself again. I'm healthy and ready to go."

On the confidence Trey Pulliam showed in the game:

"I think that Trey could be that aggressive, that confident every night. (And if he was) we would be an extremely hard team to beat. It's all about Trey being able to get downhill, get his rhythm and feel good and be able to feel good to the point where he's letting those shots go at any point in the game."

San Diego State Senior Guard Trey Pulliam

On if he knew there were going to be opportunities to score for himself and if that was what gave him confidence to shoot:

"Definitely after I made a few shots (I was more confident). If I have an open shot, I take it. My confidence was there so I just taking them. Once I saw one go in, I felt it. It's easy to make the next one, a lot easier."

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