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San Diego State at Fresno State Postgame Quotes

San Diego State 75, Fresno State 57

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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

On what he told the team before the game that helped them to be confident to close out the series:

"I told them before the game, we're wired the right way, we're wired hard. It's not easy winning on the road but we're wired because of the way we practice and the way we prepare, that we're ready for these moments."

San Diego State Senior Guard Jordan Schackel

On his ability to get open looks from three-point range tonight versus last season when the team struggled in that aspect of the game:

"I was more confident and more aggressive than I was last year, on some of the shots. You know some of the shots I was taking last year actually just didn't go in. And they make it tough, they make it hard. They get in the gaps and play defense like we do. It's tough but it's not impossible."

On coming close to the first double double of his career and if that something he is hoping to do:

"Yeah, I definitely want to, but it seems like every time I get down to like one or two (rebounds) away (something) happens. Coach says defensive rebounding wins championships. We have to rebound down the stretch and I just want to play my part in that."

On Terrell Gomez's improvement on defense since he has been at San Diego State:

"He's improved a lot. I think Terrell does a lot of things that don't show up on the stat sheet. Everybody knows he's an elite scorer, but his IQ is amazing for the game and I'm not surprised that he's playing really good defense right now. He's worked really hard and it's always great to play with the guy like that. I have high, high praises for him."

On the importance of this game for the future of the season:

"I think everyone on this team, especially the veteran guys knew that every game from, Utah State (on) was a must win and it still is. You know, we have two games left in the regular season and then it's you lose, and you go home. So (they are all) must wins. We have a lot of veteran guys, and we have to set the tone."

San Diego State Senior Guard Terrell Gomez

On what the team did differently to get more three-point shots off against Fresno State, which had held the Aztecs in check last year from beyond the arc:

"I heard about them (Fresno State) making it tough to shoot last year. I've had good games against Fresno previously in my career, so I wasn't worried. We just had to get each other wide open shots and I knew we were going to be able to score whenever we wanted to. We just had to move the ball the right way and keep going downhill, execute going downhill on defenders."

On his improvement on defense since he has arrived at San Diego State:

"I'm a lot better defensively. Certain things are a little tough still, but I'm getting a lot better at a lot of things, so I feel like my game is really developing all around. I've just got to continue to get better so when big games come, I can make game winning plays."

On the importance of turnovers and the points generated off them in the game:

"Well, that's how I like to play; play off the live-ball turnovers and transition. So, it was good for us. I'm glad we were able to push the ball and make them turn the ball over a lot or more than (we did). I thought that was good for us and we converted those turnovers (into points)."

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