

## **Postgame Quotes – San Diego State at Arizona**

**San Diego State – 38**

**Arizona – 14**

**Sept. 11, 2021**

### **Arizona head coach Jedd Fisch**

#### **Opening Statement**

“I just want to say hats off to San Diego State. They certainly outplayed us, outcoached us, outschemed us. Heck of a job. They played extremely hard and extremely hard on us. Hats off to Brady and his staff and to that team. They are a very good football team. They are big, strong, and fast and it showed tonight. Secondly, I want to appreciate our fans. I think there were 39,000 in attendance tonight. ZonaZoo was packed and we let them down. I can promise you that we want them to continue to come out in droves and we will continue to work as hard as humanly possible to put a better product on the field.”

#### **Given how last week’s game was, were you surprised how this week’s game unraveled?**

“I really think it was two different opponents, two different teams, and two different games. We couldn’t do anything on offense and when you can’t do anything on offense, it’s really hard on the defense. And then when the defense lets up explosive plays, it’s hard to get your composure back but I thought our guys did that. When we answered the bell when it was 21-0 and we scored the next drive to make it 21-7, I thought we were going to get it going and make it 21-14 and then play normal football, but we didn’t convert on that third-down. We just could never get in the game.”

#### **What’s the plan for the quarterbacks going into next week?**

“I’m not sure. We’ll look at the tape and figure it out but right now I am completely unsure. One of the two of them will start, but I took Gunner (Cruz) out for a few reasons, not just because we couldn’t move the ball. Donovan Laie and Jordan Morgan got taken out of the game, we didn’t have our left guard or our left tackle. The game was a little bit out of hand but not completely and he was getting hit pretty good back there and we weren’t doing a good enough job to help him. I wanted to see if we could get a spark and a different dynamic with Will (Plummer) and he came in slinging. I appreciated that. He made a nice redzone throw for a touchdown. He made a great throw to Tayvian (Cunningham), so we will have to look at the two quarterbacks to see which one gives us the best chance.”

### **Arizona quarterback Will Plummer**

#### **On how the team played:**

“It’s always hard when you go down by that much that quickly. We were just trying to stay positive and keep the team morale pretty high, but it just didn’t happen for us in the end.”

#### **On throwing his first touchdown pass:**

“Naturally, it was exciting. I mean it’s college football and it was my first touchdown pass, but at the same time we were all still pretty pissed that we were losing by that much.”

### **Arizona defensive lineman Jalen Harris**

#### **On how the defense played:**

“San Diego State was just being physical and running the ball. We missed a lot of tackles and we can’t do that. Our defense is something we have to work on.”

### **San Diego State head coach Brady Hoke**

#### **Opening Statement:**

“I was very happy to win and proud of our team. Offensively, we started off with Jordon Brookshire, Greg Bell, our line. Getting Bellinger involved early and getting touches was a part of our plan, and that worked out well for us. A week ago, we played good in the second half and this week we played better in the first half. We have to put our game together and its very important we do so.”

#### **Where do those quick starts come from the offense? And how does it help get Jordon Brookshire going?**

“I wish I could tell you how they happen, but if I could tell you, we would do it every time. I believe we had a good plan.”

#### **Talk about (Kaegun) Williams and (Tyrell) Shavers**

“Those two guys have a lot of self-pride and a lot of pride for what we are doing as a football program. Williams is a great guy to have on your team, not for what he just did tonight, but for what he does for special teams.”

### **San Diego State quarterback Jordon Brookshire**

#### **How important was it for you guys to get a couple big plays to get a rhythm there early on?**

“It was really important, trying to get as many hands on the ball as possible and show the diversity of our offense.”

#### **What happened to you over the last week, that makes come out and perform like you did tonight?**

“I think that’s more on being comfortable for the game and coming prepared. I felt more confident this week and had all my teammates behind me, picking me up and letting me know I got this.”