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**San Diego State Postgame Quotes at Utah State
Dee Glen Smith Spectrum | Logan, Utah
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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"They put six days of work to good use. They moved at a pace they hadn't moved at all year. They were sensational and we did what you can't do on the road. We let them get out early on the break, build an early lead and to our credit, we fought our way back into it. It was a one-point game at halftime, and they have struggled in close games. We used two timeouts in the first half. We started the second half, and they get off running again. So, I burned a time out and you can't start like that on the road. We chipped our way back and I think maybe we got as close as seven with maybe six minutes to go. We had a chance to get back in the game and then they went on another run, and it was over after that because they were running the clock, and they spread us out."

On the team not getting any offensive rebounds:

"That's unbelievable. Obviously, they must have worked on that because Boise (State) punished them on the glass their last game. That was the most disappointing stat today...zero offensive rebounds."

On where the team goes from here:

"So you learn from losses, and now we're in that position. We have four days. We don't have six, but we have time to get back, rest our legs a day and then get back to work. And the thing I like is I've got a good group. They're not excuse makers. They want to be taught, they want to be coached and they have to play better, and they know that. I told them last year we were three and three leaving this building and we won every game after that until we ran into Syracuse. So that's got to be our goal, whether it happens or not. It won't unless we work on it and so we have to go to work, and we have to get back on the winning track."

San Diego State Junior Forward Keshad Johnson

On how the game went from the start:

"They got away early and that pretty much set the tone for the game. They got off to a hot start and it was kind of hard to stop them after that."

On if playing three games in five days was a factor in the loss:

"We're really not used to playing three in five days but that's no excuse. We've still got to come out and play hard and give it our all. Attitude is a challenge, but we just got to overcome that challenge."

On if the team is upset at allowing Utah State to shoot 49 percent from the floor:

"Of course, we take that personal. We just got to go back to the drawing board and fix it."

San Diego State Sophomore Guard Chad Baker-Mazara

On where the team goes from here:

"We just have to go back to San Diego, put into work, get ready for the next game and just put this behind us and learn from it"

On what was the difference between the teams tonight:

"I don't want to make excuses. They just executed at the highest level, and they were performing better. We just got to get back in the groove and just start just playing the best defense (the way) we do."

On allowing nearly 50 percent shooting by Utah State:

"Again, they're just caught on fire. They went to multiple runs against us, and we couldn't figure out how to stop them. They played a great game and good for them they got a W but now they got to come to the Viejas. And we won't forget about this. I'll tell you that."

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