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San Diego Christian College at San Diego State Postgame Quotes
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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"It's good to be back in Viejas, the electricity in the building never changes and it's such a great place to play and we have great fan support. They come out and watch us whether it's an exhibition or whether it's going to be Fullerton in the opener. This building is electric all the time and I know the kids appreciate that when they play. Growing steps, you know, the first half. We didn't scout at all really, so we kind of took what they did— a lot of handoffs, we got our own man and ducked under it. Second half I thought, well, let's try to switch everything, switch all the handoffs, switch all the ball screens. That's what you do sometimes, you play a first half where you're not going to get away with switching all that against a superior talented team. Nothing against San Diego Christian, but obviously we had a size advantage in a lot of spots so what difference does it make whether we switched or not? We switched a lot in the second half— I just wanted to see if we could handle halftime adjustments: we did. First half we didn't grade out very well. I thought in a lot of our close outs we had low hands when we approached the ball, turned the ball over nine times in the first half— which is too many— just a lot of mistakes. It's the first live action in front of a lot of people and for guys like Jaedon, the first game in two years, so it's fun to have them out there and I liked this group. It's a very talented team, very deep, and so now we'll take what we learned this game and try to make the next step forward leading into the opener against Fullerton."

On early offensive struggles in previous two games:

"It was like UCLA; it came to the timeout. At least we weren't behind 18-2 this time. I liked the shots we were getting, but they just weren't going in. That's part of basketball. That's one thing I don't stress about, is early leads or early runs because it's a long game. We just, in the UCLA game and this game, we didn't get settled into an offensive rhythm. In both games, Adam [Seiko] came in and knocked a three down to kind of get us going. We have to get off to a better start offensively. We got good shots, but we weren't making any."

On minute allocation moving forward:

"Well, I'm probably not going to sub as liberally as the season goes on. I'm not going to play twelve guys, that's not the intention. Sometimes, I sub so much that I'm taking my own guys out of a rhythm so I'm not going to do that. I told them this game our opponent is ourselves and their job tonight is to earn my trust so that I'm comfortable playing them. I'll go back and watch and look at the tape and the guys that I trust more will play more."

San Diego State Senior Forward Keshad Johnson

On expectations and being compared to the 2020 team:

"I know our potential is out the roof, but like Dutch always tells us, our biggest opponent is ourselves. I like this comparison because, 30-2, that's the miracle team. Hopefully we can be as good as that miracle team, but we'll be as good as we allow our own selves to be."

On the benefits of playing with Jaedon:

"Knowing that I can play alongside with Jaedon, it takes a big load off my back. I know I can trust whoever is coming in next and I know I can go my hardest. As soon as I come out the game, he's going to take that to the next level."

San Diego State Senior Forward Jaedon LaDee

On playing again after two years:

"It was really fun, I've never played in a place like this. It's different from practice. I just need to keep getting my feet wet and having fun."

On feeding off Keshad's performance:

"I like when everybody does good. When Keshad's out there hitting threes, his energy putting stuff back, it makes people feel good. It's easy to come in and play."

San Diego Christian College Head Coach Dwayne Cosby

On San Diego State:

"San Diego State is as good as advertised. A lot of gentlemen in the locker room I know personally, especially Lamont Butler and Matt Bradley. Coach Dutch is just class personified. I appreciate their grace; they took it easy on us tonight."

On tonight's contest:

"We were down three starters but regardless it's five on five and I really appreciate their class and hospitality. Their defense was phenomenal, and we had a hard time executing with the defensive pressure."