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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 was a typical opener. Some good, some bad, and some stuff to work on. Like the guys were saying, we turned the ball over too much in the first half. I think we had seven or nine turnovers or something like that, which is way too many. I told them we have to take better care of the ball. I didn't call a lot of set plays because we were causing a lot of misses and we were trying to run our early offense or our secondary offense— but we weren't very good at it. We have to get better at that. Teams switch things, they guard you different ways, and we have to continue to evolve and adapt to all the different ways people play us. In the second half, I tried to call a few more set plays to put us into more patterns, and I thought it helped us a little bit knowing where we were looking. But I don't want to do that, I want to run, I want to play free, and I want them to make better decisions on the break. I think that will come as the season goes on. I looked like I knew what I was talking about at halftime because I said just keep guarding hard, use our depth to wear them down, and then we'll start scoring on some of those fastbreaks that we couldn't score on in the first half. Then, I think they scored in their first two possessions in the second half and then we started creating turnovers, and the turnovers finally led to fastbreak baskets. That's how we opened the game up: created turnovers, got fast, easy baskets, and our depth kind of won out in the end. That might be the formula for the rest of the season. We're deep, we're talented, and we're going to play a lot of people. Hopefully that depth and talent will wear people down at the defensive end."

On Jaedon LeDee's performance:

"I think the first half he was in a hurry to do a lot of things. He couldn't get a shot to go in and he fumbled the ball a couple of times, but then in the second half, you just see what kind of physical presence he is around the basket. He's impossible to deal with, and I'm talking about when they have a small guy or big guy on him. He's strong, he's physical, and he's hard to deal with inside, especially rebounding and scoring around the basket. The thing he didn't do this game which he did in the first two games was make threes and make a couple of jump shots, which is in his game. I think Jaedon is just getting comfortable out there and we'll just continue to grow his game as the season goes on."

On Lamont Butler's improvement handling the ball:

"He's putting in the work, watching film, and being coached every day and taught. Some things they do instinctually and some things they do because they're taught what reads to make. He's in his third year of the offense: he should know where everybody is, and he should know what we're looking for. You're starting to see that comfort level when he runs these plays."

He knows where to look and who should be open and what the timing of every play is. A lot of it has to do with his experience in the program.”

San Diego State Senior Guard Darrion Trammell

On if there were any shoes to fill as Mountain West Preseason Newcomer of the year:

“I mean, I just play basketball. All the accolades are nice but at the end of the day, I came here to win. I have bigger things on my mind, tournament dreams. So, I'm all about the team.”

On if there was any sense of Fullerton wearing down and subbing not one but two or three guys:

“I think that's the thing we talk about all the time is our depth. I think we can wear teams down. We have a very deep team. Everyone does their own, has their own thing that they do. But that's definitely going to carry us deep throughout the year.”

On their bigs, Nate and Jaedon:

“They work. They dug in, they run the floor. They protect the paint. I think as guards, I feel like we should reward them a bit more for their hard work. But I mean, like we practice every day. It's like an emphasis. We've got to feed our bigs, we have to reward our bigs because they're working so hard. So, I think they're doing a great job.”

San Diego State Junior Guard Lamont Butler

On how they thought they played for the first game of the season playing together:

“It's fun. It's fun playing with him. He can get hot at any time of the game. He's a good passer too. So, we just feed off each other, and it's going to be fun all year.

On what changed in the second half offensively compared to a slow start in the first half:

“I felt like we got more comfortable. We started running a little bit more and got a couple more stops. Turnovers, just opened up everything.”

On the development for assist to turnover ratio:

“A lot of it was just slowing down, a lot of my turnovers last year were just me being sped up and just throwing the ball everywhere. I got a lot of guys around me I can just feed the ball to Darrion, Matt, Jaedon, Keshad, and Nate. It helps a lot when I just have people to kick the ball out to and I know they'll make a play. So that helps a lot.”

Cal State Fullerton Head Coach Dedrique Taylor

On San Diego State's defense:

“I thought defensively San Diego State got out and transitioned and created 22 points for themselves and quite frankly, that's the difference in the game. But that's why they are number 19. They can do what they do in terms of stretching the floor from the defensive standpoint, turning over and creating opportunities for themselves and they did that.”