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### San Diego State Postgame Notes at Boise State ExtraMile Arena | Boise, Idaho Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022

#### Brian Dutcher, San Diego State head coach

##### On the game:

"This game can be great joy or great sorrow. It was tough tonight. We did enough to win. We fought valiantly in the second half. (We were) down 10 at the half, fought back, shot 52 percent from the field (in the second half), hit threes and made the stop that I thought would win the game. It comes down to free throws and that is what everyone is going to look at. If you look beyond that, we fought our butts off and played really hard on the road against a really good team and came up short. Unfortunately, we lost another game at the buzzer."

##### On how you move on:

"You can feel bad tonight but you can't feel bad tomorrow. We have a game in two days, and then we play another game and we can't have a hangover affect us where it costs us another game. We have to bounce back. We have to be strong and tough and find a way to win the next one."

##### On what he told the team after the game:

"I was so proud of their effort on how they fought back. On the road against a really good team, took the lead and had a chance to win the game but we didn't close. To close games you have to make free throws and you can't put the other team on the line and we didn't do that. We will learn that lesson from this game. Unfortunately, it is a hard lesson to learn. I told them, this can't cost us another game. We can't sit here and feel sorry for ourselves. They feel bad about this and I want them to feel bad about it tonight. But tomorrow morning when we wake up, it is back to work."

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