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San Diego State Postgame Quotes vs. New Mexico Las Vegas, Nev. | Thomas and Mack Center Monday, March 7, 2022

San Diego State Head Coach Stacie Terry-Hutson

Opening Statement:

This hurts because I thought we played a good defensive game, got stops when we needed to. But I'm proud of our girls for putting us in a situation to win the game. We had control of it, just didn't bounce our way. But I was really proud of the fight, playing yesterday, coming back today on a quick turnaround, quick prep, and I thought we did a good job defensively. These kids have a lot of fight in them and I'm just really proud of how they came out and competed. We talked a lot about having less quit and I thought we accomplished that. We didn't get the victory, but I thought we came out and played really, really hard.

On the game overall:

The first half we played really great defense. We got down early and fought back and held them to eight points in the second quarter. This is a very good offensive team. So, I think we have held them under their average two out of the three times that we played. So that first half was just the defensive battle by both of us and the way they score I knew that we were going to come out and shoot the ball a little better. We got a lot of great looks that's didn't go down, but I thought we put the ball in the hands of the right people at the right time. Those were the people I want taking those shots. They just didn't go down tonight.

On the last possession and offensive foul call:

You know, they went zone, which I thought was a good call by him, and the shot that I want is making sure that we are getting a great shot. So, with the ball in Sophia's hands is always a good shot for us. So, yes, we still had another shot after that. But I thought we had a good look. It just didn't go our way. Whether she pushed off or not, you know, her going downhill to the basket I thought was a good look for us.

On San Diego State shooting the three:

All of our games we've shot a significant amount of threes. That's kind of what they give you. I thought we got some really great looks. But, yeah, that's just kind of the game flow. I think we can play that way. We like to play that way. It's always been, all of our battles have been where we shot a lot of threes. But we have great shooters on the perimeter, so that's a shot I want them taking.

On playing close games with New Mexico and the grit shown by the Aztecs:

That's exactly it. That was the message. It was, we have to have less quit in us than they did. The toughness piece, something that we've been working on, as Sophia alluded to, it's just been a lot of different adversity outside of basketball, outside of

COVID, just other stuff going on. So just really proud of these two for helping lead this team in a way and a positive way with all the stuff they had going on. They're fighters, these kids are fighters and they have laid everything out on the line tonight and that's all that a coach can ask for.

San Diego State Senior Guard Mallory Adams

On her career at San Diego State:

It's difficult to put it into words. We've been here together, and I think that's like the part that I'm most upset about, because I know that was most likely my last game with Soph. But it's been an incredible four years and I really wouldn't change the group, the staff. It's just a special group of people and I'm just happy to be a part of it.

On the hot start to the second half:

I think it's also just important for us to know that they're going to go on runs and we're going to go on runs. But it's a grit and a fight that you must have to sustain their runs and just come back with our own.

San Diego State Senior Guard Sophia Ramos

On her career at San Diego State:

Yeah, it's tough. There's a lot that y'all don't know that goes on in our lives. So, this is bigger than basketball for us. Her family's dealing with medical stuff. My family's dealing with medical stuff. And so, to see that it could be over, you know, there's a COVID year so there's a lot of decisions to be made. It's just, it's been the best four years I think either of us could ask for. We have great athletic director who puts a lot of support into us, a great staff support system. It's been a great four years.

On the hot start to the second half:

Just don't quit. Just don't quit. There's something about New Mexico for us that we always play one of our best games. They always play one ever their best games. It's always a fun time. Just don't quit. That's exactly what we did.