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Long Beach State at San Diego State Postgame Quotes

San Diego State 88, Long Beach State 76

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Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"It was a good win. I was nervous about Long Beach. They are a good team. They're picked to finish second in their league. They've got experience, they've got size, strength, and they're well coached. We did a good job adjusting as the game went on. It's early in the season. We saw a 1-3-1 zone, a tandem, two-three, a three-two zone, a three-quarter court press, and a full-court press. We practice, but we can't practice for everything. At halftime, I put one of the things on the board to adjust to what's going on. Because they double ball screen, sometimes they don't, sometimes they switch, and so we can come up with plans, but sometimes players just have to make plays. They have to adjust to what's going on on the floor. We did a good job of that. Coming out of the BYU game, one of our concerns was we didn't share the ball enough. We were playing too much one-on-one. Tonight we had 20 assists and 28 baskets, which was great. We'd given up 12 offensive rebounds to our first two opponents. Tonight, we only gave up three. We won the rebounding battle by 10, which is a major step forward for us too. Some positives coming out of it, and now we get ready and we step up in a weight class in Vegas this weekend with St. Mary's, Xavier, and Washington. We'll start prepping tomorrow. I said, "I wish we could give you a day off, but we can't." But we'll be more mental than we'll be physical. We have to lock in mentally because we give a game plan we feel will work. We're excited about winning tonight. We're excited to get to Vegas and play our annual game with St. Mary's. It seems like we play them every year."

On seeing so many different defenses early in the year:

"It's great when you can go against so many defenses and win. If we went against it today and lost, we would feel awful about it and wish we'd spent more time on zone. We spent enough time to kind of know spacing and what we want to get accomplished. But they play a different defense, and you're playing a different kind of zone. It's a challenge there's only so much you can do in a timeout to try to make adjustments, and the kids did a good job, moving the ball finding open areas, and then attacking it on the dribble. I was pleased with how they adapted. What did we score for points today? 88. That's a pretty good offensive performance. I was pleased with the offense, and defensively we made enough plays. They're dangerous. They're unafraid and we made enough plays to keep a lead and find a way to get a win today."

On Darrion Trammell's turnovers in the full-court press:

"Darrion Trammell said nobody was open. He felt he didn't have anywhere to go with the ball. He's undersized, he's not going to see over the trap, so we have to move. Usually, when we're getting pressed we like to have someone behind the ball so when all else fails, you can pivot and throw behind and let the next guy attack. We were too even with him, we weren't behind him. That was a strategic thing that we work on that didn't get done. We'll learn a lesson, and it hopefully will not happen again."

On Long Beach State's high field goal percentage:

"They're a dangerous offensive team, but transition baskets, I don't want to give them as many on the break. They're good drivers. They drive that ball to the basket and they finished. We didn't put them on the foul line a lot which pleased me. We shot 30 free throws and they shot 20. That's a plus for us to play that aggressive of a team and get that many more free throws than they had. It was a difference in the game."

Senior Guard Lamont Butler**On what is clicking for the offense:**

"We really moved the ball well. We were finding each other the ball, high energy, something the coaches were harping on going into this game. We got to the free-throw line. Jaedon hit all his free throws today, 10 for 10. It was just really good ball movement. Everybody was knocking shots down, the ball had energy, and we were able to score a lot of points."

On the impact of the film session with Coach Dutcher after BYU:

"Our film session definitely helped us. Versus BYU, the ball was getting a little sticky. That's why we really emphasize moving the ball, moving that pace, going through our actions hard so we can get open and execute. Watching that film really helped us tonight and it's going to help us for the rest of the season."

Junior Guard Reese Waters**On not playing the rest of the first half after two early fouls:**

"It was a good decision. I think, especially for a player like me that's coming into the program, I'm learning the defense and just getting better at it. Especially if you pick up two easy fouls, you could get a third and be in jeopardy of being out of the game, so I think it was a smart decision by Coach"

On his second-half spark:

"Motivation, just being aggressive, staying aggressive. Coach Dave talks to me about it all the time, just reminding me who I am and wanting me to stay aggressive because he knows I can help the team in that way."

Long Beach Head Coach Dan Monson

Opening Statement:

"You don't prepare for their size and physicality. That's why they're a great team. You can't emulate what they're going to do in practice. You have to play these games. That's why we're here. You can tell them all you want how defensively they're going to dictate your shots. You can tell them how tough it is to rebound against a team like this. That's why we played this as preseason at Long Beach State. This is a great game for us because some of the things we told them they need to improve on, they believe now."

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