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San Diego State at Nevada Postgame Quotes

San Diego State 66, Nevada 70 (OT)

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Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"There were two good really good teams playing against each other and the difference between the first and the second game was almost identical. Their ability to get second chance opportunities won them the game. We got initial stops, but they got offensive rebounds and chances to put back and we missed shots and did not get putbacks at the end. Obviously, when you're missing jump shots, you wish you'd have taken it to the basket and tried to get to the foul line. That didn't happen. Darrion [Trammell] hit a couple step backs. Micah [Parrish] tried to and he didn't make any. We just got one stuck on the glass and we weren't making jump shots. At that point, you wished you'd have gone downhill a little bit more. The players dictate the shots they think they're going to make and take. I can't micromanage that, but we have to make one of those if we plan on winning on the road."

On the defensive rotations with foul trouble:

"They fought like crazy. Blackshear is an elite guard. He's an elite player. We caused him to miss a few down the stretch which we had to do but we didn't secure the rebound in order to preserve the win. To their credit, they fought us and picked up the loose balls and offensive rebounds and I thought that was the difference in the game."

On the last play of regulation:

"We tried to set a screen for [Darrion Trammell] and let him get downhill, but they let him catch it moving toward the basket. Obviously, Darrion made some setbacks and some pull ups and that's what he tried to go to instead of pressing the issue to the rim where they might get a foul, so he's got to make them if he takes them. He's got to draw a foul or make a basket. That's basketball. You have to make important plays if you're going to win, and we didn't make enough of them."

On the Mountain West heading into the final stretch of the regular season:

"There are a million games to be played in this league. We go home to play Colorado State and New Mexico, so we can't sit here and worry beyond five minutes after leaving here. We have to focus on the next one because it's the Mountain West and every game is going to be a battle."

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Senior Forward Jaedon LeDee

On losing such a close game:

"It's a little frustrating. Like Coach Dutcher was just saying, there's nothing that we can't fix. There were a couple, three or four balls that rolled on the ground and we've got to jump on them. They had some lucky bounces. It's a little frustrating because we had that game but it's all good. We'll see them again probably."

On how Nevada's double teams:

"I've got to slow down. This is still new to me. As soon as I caught it, they were right there on me. They were not waiting on the bounce and were not waiting if I turned to face the basket. They were right there. Like I said, I've got room to grow. I've got a lot of room to improve. I've got to get better."

On the difference between this game and the team's last meeting:

"Coach Dutcher said that all they did was talk about rebounding for last few days. We knew they were going to try to play hard on their home court."

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