



SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS MEDIA RELATIONS

5500 CAMPANILE DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92182 | (619) 594-5547

GOAZTECS.COM | @GOAZTECS | #GOAZTECS

San Diego State vs. Fresno State Postgame Quotes

San Diego State 73, Fresno State 41

Save Mart Center | Fresno, Calif. | February 24, 2024

Head Coach Brian Dutcher

Opening Statement:

"We shared the ball at a really high level in the first half, it really moved easily. It was good to see that we were so connected offensively, moving the ball and the fast break was good. We 11 assists. Our defense was solid. We executed a game plan and I know they're injured but there's nothing easy in college basketball. We wanted to make sure that we got off to a start where we could maintain it, which we did. We built it in the second half, which we did. I'm so proud of our effort. Our reward is that we'll be back on the practice floor tomorrow at one. We practice Monday and play Tuesday against the team that we had to block a shot against the buzzer to keep it from going overtime."

On what was the biggest motivator for the performance:

"Now we want to play better, obviously everybody wants to play better. We had an opportunity tonight to come out again and establish a better road presence and we did it with offense and defense. That's the nice part. We didn't just do it with defense, which we've done on the road at a pretty high level. We actually had better offense today that allowed us to build a lead and maintain a lead."

On if there were any tactical changes:

"Not really. We're just trying to say that this is our culture. If we're going to be true to who we are, we have to be playing our best basketball in late February and I thought we played some of our best basketball. Now the goal is to continue it for three more games and build some momentum heading into March."

On what Air Force beating New Mexico says about the Mountain West:

"There is no gimme in college basketball. I always say to the team, it's not who you're playing, it's how you're playing that matters. San Jose State will be a challenge. If we play up to our standard, we will have a chance to win but we can't just say, 'Well, it's San Jose State, we're going to win' and that won't happen."

-more-

Senior Forward Jaedon LeDee

On if the team was tired of not playing well on the road:

"I feel like every road game we had, maybe outside of one, was a winnable game and we wish we had those back right now. All we can do now is be in the present and we took care of business today."

On SDSU's fast start:

"We talked about it from the start, just putting them down early and staying on them. Everybody plays well in their own house."

On the team's ball distribution:

"I think we're getting better as the season goes on. Coach Dutch always said we play our best basketball towards the end of the year. We're putting our work in."

On the Air Force-New Mexico game:

"One thing I saw was everybody plays their best game, their hardest game against us. Outside of that, you can't take anybody lightly. You've got to put them down and give everybody your best shot."

On his expectations for SDSU's final three games:

"Win. We have to finish strong and propel ourselves to the tournament time."

-SDSU-