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Air Force at San Diego State Postgame Quotes

San Diego State 71, Air Force 55

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San Diego State Head Coach Brian Dutcher

On avoiding the Christmas rust:

"First of all, Air Force is always a tough game to get ready for. They're patient, they make you guard for 30 seconds almost every possession, they can shoot the three, so they're dangerous. Then they play switching man where they switch every single screen on the floor. I felt good because we had three good days of practice. I told them that a coach takes comfort if he likes practice going into a game, and I liked practice. I thought we would play well, and we did. It's always good to see Matt Bradley assert himself at the offensive end like he did. When that happens, the offense looks better. I look like a better coach, and we look like a better team when he shoots the ball like that. So hopefully Matt has hit a little bit of rhythm now heading into the conference and we'll take it on the road. Home teams went 5-0 in the Mountain West tonight. I think you're going to see that this is a hard road-conference to win and we're going to go try to do it at UNLV on the 31st."

On the balance of the conference:

"My coaches looked at me like I was crazy when they said "Who's going to win this game? Who's going to win this game? Who's going to win this game?" and I said well, who's at home? I picked all of the home teams. And I was right. It's hard to win on the road in this conference, and I don't care who you're playing or where you're playing, the key to winning any conference is to win your home games and try to split on the road. Usually that's the formula where it'll come close to getting you a title. So, we have our first road test on the road, and we'll see if we're up for it."

San Diego State Senior Guard Matt Bradley

On a big night after the break in-between games:

"Yeah, it was a much-needed break. During that time a lot of things happened, a lot of good things. That gave me good mojo going into the game. I got a new puppy, got to spend some time with my family and girlfriend so coming in I was feeling fresh and rejuvenated. I played free out there."

On shooting more:

"The biggest thing is just them encouraging me, you know, Coach Acker, my teammates, Coach Dutcher for sure. Just telling me like Matt, we need you to be a playmaker. We need you to shoot the ball. I feel comfortable with the shots I'm taking,

make or miss. I just let the game come to me. I just wanted to settle into the game. I got a couple rebounds and crashed the glass hard and when I got that open three, I felt good. I just can't force the game, let the game come to me and take the shots."

San Diego State Senior Guard Adam Seiko

On his three-point shooting coming off the bench:

"Yeah, I've been doing it for a while now. I can say it's the hard work put in, being confident in myself, and my teammate's trusting me. Understanding what's going on in the game, so you know, whenever I see an open shot, I shoot it. With the hard work, I made a couple in."

On free throw shooting:

"Yeah, we definitely need to work on the free throws. I mean, there is no excuse about that. They're free throws. So, you know, our guys will get back in the gym tomorrow and get at it, get as many free throws as we can. Understand that to win games, you need free throws, so we'll handle that for sure."

On watching Matt Bradley get into rhythm:

"All you can do is enjoy the show. He is one of the best isolation players I've played with. At the same time, he is a smart player. He doesn't overthink the game, he lets it come naturally to him. We've been wanting Matt to get into more of a rhythm over the past few games and this is a great sign, first conference game, he has a game like this."

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