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### **San Diego State vs. Wyoming Postgame Quotes**

**San Diego State 63, Wyoming 61**

**Steve Fisher Court at Viejas Arena | San Diego, Calif. | February 1, 2025**

### **Head Coach Brian Dutcher**

#### **Opening Statement:**

"If patience is a virtue, I'm the most virtuous man in the country. I had to be patient again today. We waited for a 20-0 run. We had an 18-0 run against San Jose State. We didn't close the way I wanted to close. Nick got a technical, and they warned him. They warned him at our end. They came to the bench, and I don't know what happened. He must have said one more thing. I told him he's not the first or the last player I've had that happen to, but it can't happen again. He made the game a little bit in doubt. In the end, we had to make a couple, get the ball inbounded, and make a free throw or two. Kimo [Ferrari] missed the one we wanted to miss with 0.8 seconds left in the game so that they couldn't throw it the length of the floor. We made enough plays to win the game when it was in doubt. I'm proud of our effort and proud of our kids. Everybody doesn't have their night every night. I thought BJ [Davis] had a lot of wide-open looks that I would let him shoot every time. Wayne had some looks and looked like he was struggling with his confidence. I hugged them both after the game and told them, 'I believe in you. You helped us win at the defensive end. I know you wanted the ball to go in, but when it doesn't go in, you still help us win. Get your confidence back up because I've got confidence in you.' We had a good performance from [Miles] Byrd in the second half. Magoon [Gwath] was great again. [Miles] Heide came in and made some timely plays. Taj [DeGourville] comes off the bench with 10 points. We had guys like Demarshay [Johnson Jr.], who hadn't played much this year but came in when we had a bad stretch and did a good job. Kimo came in because I just felt Wayne [McKinney III] and BJ were lacking a little confidence. I could see it in their body language. I thought, 'Well, let's just throw Kimo out there because he hadn't missed any shots.' He came out and played pretty good defense for a while, and then we got BJ back in. BJ was elite defensively. He guarded the second-leading scorer in the conference and made life tough on him all day. I'm proud of BJ and his defensive effort. It was a tough, hard-fought win. We needed the four-game win streak leading up to a bye week to help fix ourselves more, become more efficient, and get ready for the stretch run."

#### **On how the forwards played without Jared Coleman-Jones:**

"Demarshay [Johnson Jr.] played really well for a guy that doesn't get a lot of minutes. With Jared Coleman-Jones out, we were in a deficit. Demarshay stepped in and filled some of that and [Miles] Heide has played good basketball for the last two games. Magoon [Gwath] has been as good as any player in the country over the last three games. He's not scoring 30 points, but he's making timely plays, he's making big plays. Magoon played great. We rested him as much as we could early in the second half, tried to get him rest and then get him back in the game because he was playing so well."

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**On the 20-0 second half run:**

"I don't know how many teams in the country go on an 18-0 run and follow it up with a 20-0 run in the next game. Not many. It is probably the only time it's happened this year for any team in the country. I'd imagine we're the only team in the country that can go on those types of runs, and not just when you're ahead by 14, but we go on those runs when we are behind. That's incredible from this team."

## **Freshman Guard Taj DeGourville**

**On San Diego State's 20-0 second half run:**

"We understand that basketball is a game of runs, and we have to stay strong and be able to fight back if things aren't going our way all the time with our defense, our effort, and energy."

**On Kimo Ferrari intentionally missing the free throw to end the game:**

"With 0.8 seconds, that is the smarter play. Don't let Wyoming set up out of bounds. Miss the free throw, let them get the rebound, turn around, and throw the shot up."

## **Freshman Forward Magoon Gwath**

**On what sparked the comeback in the 2nd half:**

"Going into the time out, [Miles] Byrd was able to wake everybody up. He brought the energy to the huddle and told everybody to wake up. We definitely woke up after that."

**On what the team tells each other on the court in close games:**

"Focus. We need to focus on the next possession. We need to lock in and either get a stop or execute a play and win the game. That's our thought process."

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