

11/17/18 NEW MEXICO VS NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

COACH WEIR

Opening Statement: "Thank you so much to all the fans that came out today. It was an exceptional sign of how far I think we've grown, and where our program is hopefully headed. Unfortunately, the result is not what we wanted. It's incredibly disappointing, and inevitably that falls on me. To the 14,000+, you have my sincerest apologies. I know this game is important and I wanted a much different result, as did our team."

On A.J. Harris: "That was maybe one of the best performances since I have been here of an individual on us here. He was the difference in the game."

On comeback: "By then there was such a big lead. To come back from a deficit like that is really difficult. We tried, but the probabilities are so against you in those moments."

On fouls during the game: "I told Anthony that he had a couple early in the game that were of his commission. Then you get into those areas where you pick up some random ones. Now all of the sudden you're sitting at three or four. You can't always control all of those that are happening in the heat of the moment."

On attitude of players: "I don't think we ever went into a timeout thinking this was over. I think the way we play, our style, our conditioning is suited for late games."

ANTHONY MATHIS

On communication of team: "We talked about the desperation that we played with in the last 15-20 minutes. We needed to have that since the very beginning. When we play at that level, we are a hard team to beat."

On the Aggies: "They are a quick team. A.J. Harris had an amazing game and he carried them to victory. They were hitting their threes and we were slow on our rotations."

On comeback: "We battled back and I respect my teammates for that. I appreciate them for giving their full effort and we learned a lot about ourselves tonight."

On leading the team: "Obviously, I take this personally being a senior on this team. We just weren't ready tonight."

On The Pit: "It was amazing, it was The Pit. I appreciate the fans for coming out and staying."

What the team learned: "We need to hit early. We have been emphasizing that a lot lately. Sooner or later it is going to click in our heads that we need to start boxing out, myself included."

DANE KUIPER

On starting stronger: "We need to be locked in and ready to go every day so that when game time comes, it's just what you do."

On team play: "We relaxed on defense a little bit, which let them get a lead. We can't just turn it on and off."