

POST-GAME QUOTES

HEAD COACH PAUL WEIR

Overall thoughts on team's performance:

"I don't think we played as well as maybe we could have, but we found ways to win. That team has done this all year long. I am impressed with their resilience. It wasn't pretty by any means. We obviously made a lot of shots and stretched the score, which is a little unusual for us. Our defense was not great ... fortunately they were able to make some shots tonight to overcome an average to below average defensive effort."

On 3-point shooting during the game:

"I told them at halftime we were up, and I thought the game would open up inside, and I thought it did at the beginning part of the second half, and then I think [Grand Canyon] really just baited us to shoot threes, and that is not something I really like to do, but we were making them."

On Vante Hendrix:

"Obviously what he showed tonight was well beyond my wildest expectations. I don't know what his were. I had talked to him a little bit before shootaround and we talked about keeping low expectations and building slowly, but he had a bigger impact than I anticipated. I am happy for him, that is amazing."

"To me, what he does in practice mostly to impact his game is his defense, rebounding and his energy. I thought tonight he was a little too aggressive defensively ... I think if he can learn to temper that, and then use his aggression the right way defensively, he will really help us on that end of the floor. The shots are just the icing on the cake."

On Carlton Bragg's two-threes:

"The way Carlton Bragg rebounds, he has earned the right to take a couple of those [3-pointers] in my book."

On team depth:

"That's the benefit of having so many guys, and being able to play so many kids against a team that realistically only played six guys ... Our depth is our strength."

CARLTON BRAGG

On Vante Hendrix:

"He is another energy guy, just like me. Defensively he is going to attack you, he is going to be the aggressor, and he is going to be the bulldog we need."

On role played for team morale:

“Good or bad, I try to stay positive, [cheer] on my teammates to do a good job, even if they get a little deflection. Try to be positive and carry on to the next play.”

VANTE HENDRIK

On how it felt to play for the first time as a Lobo:

“It felt really good. I wasn’t even shy, honestly, I was just out there playing.”

“I usually do get nervous, I think here I have just been waiting for a long time.”

On confidence after first three-pointer:

“It most definitely gave me more confidence, even to shoot the ball more and if I miss, that I can keep shooting.”

On expectations for his first game:

“I was approaching today’s game to go out there and do whatever I can to help the team win.”

“I think my debut was how I expected it tonight. To make a couple of shots and just get in the game for a little bit.”