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COACH WEIR

On hosting the New Mexico Classic: "I'm really happy about the whole tournament in general. I'm excited to get all of these schools here to participate in this again. Hopefully we will be able to continue to make this an annual event."

On benefits of the exhibition: "In the long run, it was really good for us. The first half in particular really allowed us to establish some things that we've talked a lot about but didn't really get in place. I think we finally showed some flashes of that in the second half on the defensive side of the ball."

On this year's team: "What is very encouraging is that the players on this team have something about them, they have a very good confidence about them, and they have a belief that they are going to win and that they are good."

On three-pointers: "I think we can shoot the ball better this year than we could last year and last year we broke a school record for threes. We practice them, we shoot them, we play for them and we play the style to set up getting open and getting loose for some threes. Hopefully we are able to shoot the ball like that (again), we have some really good shooters."

On seniors: "Tone and Dane are our rocks right now. They are really getting us through this initial part of the season where we get everybody else with their legs underneath them with real games and competition. They are really the leaders of that right now, without Tone and Dane's steady leadership we would be really far off right now."

On Arroyo: "I like Jordan, he is doing a really good job defensively. He is long, he affects the glass at both ends of the floor. He does everything we want him to do and at this point I don't see any reason why he wouldn't continue to play the minutes that he has been playing."

<u>Anthony mathis</u>

On shooting: "We move the ball really well and a lot of players get open shots. Tonight I had a lot of open shots. When we are unselfish we are a hard team to guard. My teammates did a great job at getting me the ball and I was fortunate that the shots were falling."

On motivation: "The fans get us involved, it gets us active. At the end of the day it comes down to your heart. If you want to rebound, you are going to rebound. If you want to defend, you are going to defend."

UANCE JACKSON

On getting back on the court: "It's getting better, I'm getting adjusted. It has been a year but I feel comfortable. It goes day by day. I am looking forward to Tuesday and tomorrow's practice."