

UNM VS. SAN JOSÉ STATE POST-GAME QUOTES

HEAD COACH PAUL WEIR

On the outcome of the game:

“We put a game plan in place about how we wanted to play and how we wanted to take care of the basketball. We’re a very good five-on-five basketball team. We can defend in the half court and we can score in the half court.”

“...I thought tonight the guys were excellent, they followed the game plan to a tee. There are about four to six possessions I'd like to have back, but overall I was incredibly impressed with their maturity.”

On the team’s focus:

“Our focus tonight was just on this game. I'm really proud of the guys that went out and competed and did everything we asked them to do. There were some little hiccups here and there, but if they can just keep following that recipe, I still think we have a lot of basketball in front of us.”

On remaining undefeated at home:

“Like I've said before, ‘Protect The Pit’ is something we talked about and the guys have done an amazing job of representing that. I'm really happy for them that they're a part of a team that is having one of its best starts in school history. I'm proud of them and I'm really happy for our fans because that's what we do it for.”

ZANE MARTIN

On the outcome of the game:

“It was a good game for both me and my teammates. It felt good to get out there and win. Even though we don’t have all our guys, the win shows the fight our team still has.”

On the team’s energy at home:

“We just don't want to disappoint the fans here at the Pit. We want to make sure everybody's happy when they leave. We want to give them a good game and we want to play hard for them.”

On stepping up as a player:

“Since we had a few guys down I took it upon myself to be a leader. I feel like the coaches depend on me as the point guard to lead the team in the right direction. I feel like I've seen a lot of stuff that I could use to help my teammates with and that's what I did tonight.”

MAKUACH MALUACH

On bouncing back from road losses:

“Honestly, we come in with the same effort every game. Sometimes things don't go your way and there are some things we can’t control. When we came back home, we knew we had to protect The Pit and do it for our fans.”

On the impact of basketball on his life:

“I love the game too much. It has given me the opportunity to travel the world... The game has done so much for me so I go out there with a smile and enjoy it.”