

# **UNM 88, No. 16 Marquette 87**

## **Postgame UNM Quotes**

### ***UNM Coach Mike Bradbury***

#### **Opening Statement:**

That was a basketball game, right there. I can't say enough that we have the absolute best fans in America. It says 4,200. It felt like 42,000. That place was loud, and it made a huge, huge difference. I mean, they wouldn't let us lose. That third and fourth quarter, that's as loud a game as I have been involved in. So first off, our crowd, as usual, was great. Second, I couldn't be more proud of our kids. We played as hard as we could play. We weren't going to back down. We knew they played fast and wanted to play fast. And to be quite honest, we wanted to find out where we were. We want to play fast and we want the games to be like this, but we needed to find out against a top-20 team, if we were really good enough to be able to play this style and this pace with a team that also wants to play this style and press the whole game and play fast. So I think we answered that question. I think they played great. I think we played great. I think we match up well with a lot of top-20 teams now. We weathered the storm. They normally shoot the three like they did. They had 13 threes, and our kids continued to fight and battle and we battled them on the boards. We only lose that by three against that team was tremendous.

#### **Bradbury on Jaisa Nunn:**

Well, I'll tell you what. I was telling her that's as good a single-game performance as I've coached, as I've been around as the head coach. I had no idea she had 39 and 13. But thank goodness it wasn't 37 and 13. It wouldn't have been enough. Jaisa was unbelievable.

#### **Bradbury on Jasmine Smith:**

Well she had 33. I don't know how she'll get much more than that. But I know this, we wouldn't have won without her. She brought some energy and she rebounded the ball, she scored the ball around the basket. If you would've said, "Jasmine Smith is going to lead your team in field goal attempts against Marquette," I wouldn't have thought that this would've been the outcome.

#### ***Jaisa Nunn:***

#### **Nunn on her last field goal to tie the game:**

That was what the play was for. Cherise was supposed to drive down the middle and get the bucket. And me, obviously the five, I was supposed to get that rebound. What was going through my mind is, "If Cherise misses this, I have to get this rebound and put it back up." And I did, and I fortunately got fouled and made the basket.

**Nunn on the following free throw:**

Honestly, I just kind of zoned it out because I just took it as another free throw. Take a couple breathes, take a couple dribbles. Do your routine. Look at the basket, and then shoot.

**Nunn on the fans:**

The fans here are the greatest thing. I'm so glad that we have such a big community that loves basketball. And I'm thankful for all the fans that came to this game. I'm thankful for all the fans that were watching. Without them ... it wouldn't been that big of a game without the fans, and I'm so thankful for them.