

**NEW MEXICO 77, COLORADO STATE 65
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HEAD COACH PAUL WEIR

On tonight's performance:

"Certain elements of tonight's game went the way we wanted them to. We've really been emphasizing rebounding lately and tonight I thought that's what really made the difference for us."

"I'm doing everything I can as a coach to get us to take better care of the basketball. I think anyone that has watched us knows how much we've been tinkering with our offense and defense as well as our rotation. We've changed a lot this season, but we still are trying to figure out a way to fix our turnovers so that we have a better chance to finish the season strong."

"Rebounding is all we've been talking about these past couple weeks and I think as a team we have seen major improvements."

On Makuach Maluach and offensive rebounding:

"I showed the guys film of the San José (State) game and while we don't feel good about it, the one thing that stood out positively was our offensive rebounding. Makuach was terrific at San José (State) and he was terrific tonight. It's important to look at how dominant we can be in that field."

"At the end of the day, we can't always rely on having to be perfect on offense."

On Dane Kuiper:

"Dane is probably our best defensive player. Even though he looked a little rusty offensively tonight, he is such a valuable defender for us. Hopefully he can get into a bit of a rhythm offensively, but right now defensively is where he give us the biggest advantage."

#32 - ANTHONY MATHIS

On the win:

"I think everybody on the team contributed to this win. We went out scoring and rebounding and that's all you can really ask for."

"This game could be the start of something special for us. Last year we were fortunate enough to go on a seven-game winning streak before the tournament, and while that won't happen this year, it's important for us to be the best team we can be going into Vegas."

On adjustments made this week:

"We came out passionate tonight. When we were at San José (State) we didn't play with passion or fight and when you play like that you can be beat by anybody. Coach always says that we can't cheat the game and I feel like that's what we did in San Jose."

On the fans:

“Everybody knows this is a tough time for us and the program so I’m really grateful for all the fans that continue to come out. We’re the luckiest team in the country that we still can get 11,000 fans to come out and support us.”

#10 – MAKUACH MALUACH

On his double-double:

“It feels great to come out and play well. We needed this win to give us some momentum as we head into the tournament.”

On improvement in offensive rebounding:

“It’s all about wanting to go to the glass and rebound with energy and effort. Going to the glass doesn’t require any effort or talent, it’s up to each of us to just go out and do it. I’m hoping we can keep it up and end the season on a high note.”

On personal growth this season:

“Going to the offensive glass is something I’ve been doing better at this season. I’ve been improving a lot of little things. While I like to score, I feel like I have improved my rebounding and defense.”

On the attitude during the game:

“When you play with a lot of energy good things happen. I didn’t change anything, I just wanted to go to the glass and see what would happen.”