

## ***POST-GAME QUOTES***

### ***HEAD COACH PAUL WEIR***

#### *On the team's performance and win:*

"I told the guys [in the locker room] that this win isn't on me. I'm obviously going to get a lot of credit when we win and a lot of blame when we lose, but these guys have perseverance and resilience that is really amazing. They have had that mentality all season and they are a really fun group to coach."

#### *On sweeping the series for the first time since the 2015-16 season:*

"We'll soak it in over time but for now we are just counting it as another win. We weren't thinking about the sweep or the rivalry as we prepared for the game because I didn't want us to get overly emotional. We're a great basketball team and I think our biggest obstacle is ourselves."

#### *On Carlton Bragg's double-double and overall performance:*

"His offensive rebounding is at the professional level and it really changes the game for us. His running of the floor has always been terrific and having JaQuan and the other guys find him in transition resulted in some really amazing finishes. He's a great player who makes some very athletic, agile plays."

#### *On in-game direction:*

"I told the guys at half time that we're a hard team to play against. We're physical, we get the ball inside, we make you foul, they double team. I told them that we were only down two and that the game will open up just as it has before. NMSU came out as the incredible team they are- with pop, with enthusiasm, with energy; but it's hard to compete against a team with our physicality for a full 40 minutes."

#### *On the excitement of the in-state rivalry:*

"Whenever UNM and NMSU meet it's the pinnacle of sporting events in this state. The basketball culture in New Mexico is amazing. You can go to high schools, reservations or really anywhere and you'll find the game being played. It's a really fun thing to be a part of."

### ***JAQUAN LYLE***

#### *On Carlton Bragg's performance on his birthday:*

"I'm happy for him. He shows up and works hard every day and I love the energy he brings to the team. I'm planning on cooking him a little dinner tomorrow for his birthday."

#### *On timeout discussions:*

"We try hard to stay positive throughout the game and we try to focus during the timeouts. We all have one goal and we know we all have to work together to achieve it. We're aware of how good each one of us is on both offense and defense and discussing those things during the timeouts is key to our performance."

#### *On the importance of the in-state rivalry to the community:*

"The rivalry is super important and I'm just so happy that we were able to get the win for both [coach] and for the University."

***CARLTON BRAGG***

*On the game plan and his accomplishments in tonight's game:*

"I just went into the game being myself and doing what I do best: running the floor and getting rebounds. I was just trying to stay composed during the game through the ups and downs and I knew I just had to keep continuing to play."

*On sweeping the series:*

"It felt amazing to actually be a part of the win rather than sitting and watching like I did last year. This win was amazing and it was definitely one of the best games I've ever played in."

***NMSU HEAD COACH CHRIS JANS***

*On the outcome of the game:*

"It was a tough outcome tonight. As soon as we gave the Lobos some momentum, they came out and played really well. Our guys got the game back to where we needed it to be in the second half, but the turnovers came back to get us."

*On playing against the Lobos:*

"I would say their individual talent is what sets them apart. They have a lot of really good individual basketball players that are being meshed together. Their ability to persevere and make plays regardless of the situation is really what I think is helping them to succeed right now."