

POST-GAME QUOTES

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HEAD COACH PAUL WEIR

On Corey Manigault:

"I told the team in the locker room that Corey has had a long year, in a lot of different ways, but I think over the last two or three weeks, has really committed himself to practicing harder and it's showing up in the games. I am really glad that he broke through a little bit because he has really committed himself."

On Manigault's attitude:

"We have a rule where if you are playing hard enough and you ask for a sub because you have been playing so hard, you can put yourself back in when you are good to go. It was the first time this season he put his hand up and said, 'Coach I need one.' To me that is a sign of growth from thinking mostly about yourself to thinking about the greater good of the team. It was a big step."

On defense carrying the game:

"I thought SJSU did some things that prevented us from getting into a good rhythm, and we needed our defense to carry us. In the first 20 minutes, our defense wasn't doing it, but the second half is where I thought the game changed."

On Keith McGee maturing as a player:

"I think part of it is just experience. It's his first year at DI basketball ... and a younger kid that is obviously very talented, but has to work through some things. As that all comes together, I think we all know that he is going to be a very talented player."

On helping Manigault improve as a person:

"It's up and down with a lot of kids. It's up and down with me, and in life sometimes. As long as you just have the right intentions and are working towards being the best that you can be, then hopefully moments like these will be good breakthroughs."

On Vance Jackson's gameplay:

"I thought Vance was terrific tonight. I thought it was his best week of practice this season, and one of his better games. He made a couple of passes that I talked to him about, but I was proud of him tonight."

COREY MANIGAULT

On length of time between big performances:

"It was more of a mental thing and my practice habits. That's really what I have been working on and coach just kept telling me to go hard in practice ... I am seeing good results."

On moving forward:

“If you are on the team, you never look on the down side of things. We just want to keep moving up, even if we do lose. We just get back into the lab, keep working, keep our heads up and listen to coach. We hope for the best and keep working hard.”

KEITH MCGEE

On being a point guard and having two post players to feed the ball to:

“It makes it a lot easier because it takes pressure off the guards, knowing that we can get the ball into our posts. If they double down, they can kick it out and we can make a play from there. It feels good to have two threats down there.”

On improvement since Nevada:

“Me and (Coach) had a talk. He told me ‘you’ve got to start playing now’ and it’s been working with him, talking with him, and now sitting down to watch film has gotten easier. When you really sit down to watch film, seeing what mistakes you made before, it makes everything easier. I am going to just continue to keep grinding and continue to have games like tonight.”

On being a multi-dimensional player:

“I am just trying to get better every day. Anything that I can do to be a better player, I’m definitely going to try to do.”