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HEAD COACH PAUL WEIR

On the outcome of the game:

"Every time we seemed like we were on the verge of something, somebody on their team stepped up and made a big shot. You have to give them credit for being able to go on the road and shoot that way and make those big shots."

On the state of the team:

"Unfortunately, our two-point percentage offense and defense has plummeted. This is the smallest team I've ever had here. We're trying to continue to have good offensive rhythm and play inside out, but we're struggling around the rim right now. The layups are going in against us and they aren't falling for us. We just have to keep practicing and keep working at it."

On the remainder of the season:

"All I'm going to try to do until end of the season is pump these guys up with as much optimism and enthusiasm as I can. We've got to get back to believing we can still do something. It's been a hard couple of months for a lot of different reasons, but all we can do right now is take what we have and play as best as we can."

On having Coach Alford and Coach Neal back in The Pit:

"I think everyone appreciates Steve and Craig for everything they did here. They had one of the greatest stretches in Lobo basketball. They've set the bar incredibly high for themselves and now for me coming afterwards. I think we should all appreciate and respect that, but when the ball goes up it becomes about the logos."

KEITH MCGEE

On struggling on offense:

"To be honest, nothing was really working for me tonight. I missed a lot of shots. I'm a little upset about it but we just have to go back and work on it. I feel like that's where I struggled because being one of the shooters on the team is definitely my job."

On the state of the team:

"We're just trying get better honestly. We know there are only a few weeks left but with the tournament you just have to win three games. Anything can happen. We definitely aren't giving up, we're going to keep fighting, that's for sure."

NEUADA HEAD COACH STEUE ALFORD:

On being back at The Pit:

"Coming down the ramp was an odd feeling because it's the first time Coach Neil and I had come down it as an opponent. When you are blessed to be here for six years like I was and Coach Neil was for 10, you understand what The Pit is and you have a great appreciation for it. So, whether it was booing or whether it was going to be any ovation, I expected it to be loud. I expected to be pro-Lobo red. That's why we loved it here and that's why we still love and admire this place. I pull for the Lobos unless I'm playing against them."