

March 3, 2018 vs Fresno State – Post Game Quotes

Head Coach Paul Weir

“Obviously it was an emotional game and an emotional evening. Thankfully, we were able to come out with a win. Fresno is a really good team. That backcourt is special. Both of those guys gave us a lot of problems and they give a lot of people a lot of problems, they’re tremendous.”

“We were able to make some plays in overtime, didn’t finish the game great. But that’s Fresno, they are a scrappy, tough team and to come out with a win against them is obviously big for us. I’m really thankful that we were able to play so well in overtime and close the game out.”

“The three seniors are terrific young men, I’m really happy for them, particularly the guys who have been here and maybe have been through a lot the past few years. To finish with a good conference season like this maybe makes up for some things that weren’t great in the past. I’m happy for them, and then Antino came in and had a really good year for us, too. I’m glad to enjoy those festivities, but right now it’s on to the tournament and we’ll start on that tomorrow morning.”

Are you surprised at all with the turnaround of this team from 3-8?

“If you asked me in April through October, I would not be surprised at all. If you asked me early December, if I’m being a realist, then maybe. I felt really good about this team in the offseason. I felt really good about this team in the preseason. We went through a little bit of adversity earlier in the year, and it shook us a little bit. That’s just the reality of it. It just took us a while to get back on track and be the team that I thought that we could be and that we thought that we could be. Going into the year, we all felt really good. We thought that we were better than a ninth place team. Then the season started and it just didn’t start our way. Fortunately, nobody gave up and nobody quit. We just kept grinding and flipped the script on the season and ended up having a really good conference year.”

Joe Furstinger

“Coach Weir has always trusted in me and believed in me, and I love him for that. It wasn’t going for me at the beginning of the year and I knew that I had to change my game to help our team because I’m one of our only bigs. I knew I had to step up my game or else we were going to keep losing, and I just tried my best to play better.”

On what he will remember from this year:

“Just how fun this year has been and how close everyone on this team is. I love everyone on this team. I love the coaches. They don’t know how much they really mean to me. This is honestly the best time of my life right now.”

Antino Jackson

“When you have a belief system on the bench behind you, you just get to the next shot every time. I give my guys credit. People can get mad at me that I shoot weird shots, but I practice every single one of those shots that I take every single day, day-in and day-out. I really just have to believe in myself. You can look at this stat sheet and see four for 13, but I see a W. I’ll give credit to my teammates and my coaches for believing in me and putting me in these situations. I’m confident enough to keep on shooting the ball.”

“I don’t even really know what to say. The fans, they are unreal and they are unbelievable. It’s a great opportunity for anyone that hears (these fans). This place is really home. They made me feel like I’m really at home in just a small amount of time, but I feel like I’ve been here for four years. I go out there each and every day to try to win games with my teammates and with my coaches for all of these people that come out and support. This is a very special city, and I’m very happy to be a part of it.”