

NEW MEXICO VS MCNEESE POST-GAME QUOTES

Coach Weir

On McNeese:

"I have to tip my hat to McNeese, I thought they played terrific tonight. They made a ton of great shots and a lot of high-level shots. I thought Sha'Markus Kennedy played really well and Dru Kuxhausen was exceptional. This team was a good test for us and I think we needed a game like that. Hopefully in the long run games like this will serve us well."

On Corey Manigault's performance:

"I've said it before, I think Corey is the best low-post, left-block scorer I've ever had. We've always known what we have offensively with him, but for him to get six rebounds, no turnovers and three steals was huge for him. Every day I see him becoming a more impactful player on the floor and to see him finishing out the game is a big testament to how far he's come."

On upcoming road tests:

"It's exciting- this is what college basketball is all about. There are a lot of great programs around this area such as UNLV, Arizona, New Mexico State, UTEP and Texas Tech. Historically we've always had great regional basketball and we're going down the road to play two great ones. I'm hoping it will live up to that historical significance and we'll play some exciting basketball games."

JaQuan Lyle:

On his emotional state during the game:

"Teams are always going to try to get under our skin but we're a good basketball team that is completely locked in. I think that overall today we did a good job staying together. Personally, I try to not get too emotional out there. I'm the oldest guy on the team so guys are always going to look at me so if I'm not all there I think they'll feel that."

On overall thoughts of the game:

"I feel really good about it. All my teammates kept their composure throughout the game even when McNeese went on their runs or took the lead. Nobody was acting bigger than one another and we all stuck together to find a way to win the game. To me, that's the biggest thing going forward - we just have to find ways to win, whatever that looks like."

JJ Caldwell:

On his role as a point guard:

"Tonight we were executing our plays and executed what we set out to do. We were just missing easy shots that we've made the past three games. If we were to take out half of the layups we missed, we'd easily have a 100-point game. I think we just need to clean up the small things and clean up our defense. Once that happens, our offense will look better too."

On accumulating 10 assist but scoring no points:

"When you play with a lot of scorers you want to get the ball to them when they're in their spots. They're essentially our play makers. I'm an unselfish person so I don't really care about shooting. It doesn't really matter to me as long as we get the win and our scorers are scoring."