

2-14 vs Utah State – Post-Game Quotes

UNM Head Coach Paul Weir:

“I thought our depth, more than anything, wore them down a little bit. I felt that as an overall team, if we could wear them down, that it would give us a good chance to win and fortunately, it did tonight.”

“I think when you play as many guys as we do, you run the risk of not being in a good offensive flow all the time. There are times it just doesn’t look great. We practice it and we work on it, but I think it’s something that will continue to get better.”

“It was good that we were able to dig in when we needed to and get stops, and we got them at key moments.”

“I thought we did a much better job in the second half of just moving the ball ... That’s the way I like basketball. I just love team, fundamental-oriented basketball, and it’s fun to watch when you’re doing it.”

UNM Junior Anthony Mathis:

“I was just waiting for my opportunity to get my shot up. It didn’t really happen in the first ten minutes. After I saw that first one go down, every time I saw a clean look at the rim, I was just going to let it go.”

“I could tell that they were really tired. They didn’t want to attack our press as much as they did in the first half. I feel like our press really wore them down.”

UNM Senior Sam Logwood:

“When I was out with my shoulder, I really realized that basketball could be taken away at any moment. Throughout those 6-7 games I missed, it was really hard on me not being out there, because I love basketball so much. It’s done so much for me. I don’t know where I’d be without it. When I was sitting there, watching, I realized that I needed to try to give everything I have every day.”

“We try to learn from our mistakes. Obviously with Boise (State) we didn’t close the game out. With Air Force, we didn’t close the game out. So that’s what we kind of tried to focus on today.”

USU head coach Tim Duryea:

“Pretty simple: we threw the ball all over the lot, turned it over. The only thing we talked about in the game was taking care of the ball. We did a good job taking care

of the ball in the backcourt. We broke the press and did a good job that way. But in the front court, after we took the lead 42-36, we were an absolute mess offensively in the half court. Just unforced errors, travels, carries, throwing it out of bounds. Every turnover imaginable from the under 12 media. All you really have to do is look at the shot attempts. We shoot the ball only 39 times and they shoot the ball 65 times. That combined with 23 turnovers, which lead to those field goals stats, you are never going to win that game."

USU sophomore guard Sam Merrill:

"23 turnovers is way too many. I thought we had more than that coming back up here. We guarded pretty well for the most part, but then those last 10 minutes when we started to turn the ball over a little bit more, we just fell apart. It can't happen on the road. You have to be able to keep your composure."