

POST-GAME QUOTES- NEW MEXICO 85, NO. 6 NEVADA 58 – JAN. 5, 2019

HEAD COACH PAUL WEIR

On being the biggest game of Weir's career:

"Given the record and the rank of Nevada, it has to be (one of the biggest games in my career)."

On team performance:

"We played terrific basketball tonight. We did everything we talked about, and it is one of the first games this year where we have taken care of the basketball. We defended the three-point line diligently throughout the game."

On changes made to defense:

"It's a long season. There are a lot of opponents we are still yet to play, but so far it has helped us with a lot of things we wanted to do, not just defensively, but also offensively and on rotation. We will keep rolling with it for now."

On Manigault and Bragg:

"I thought that Corey (Manigault) was really good early, which gave us a boost. Carlton (Bragg) draws so much attention in the post, which really opens it up for the other guys. Carlton was big tonight."

On team effort:

"This was about players. These guys played their butts off and bought into what I'm selling. They don't ask questions and they run the plays I ask them to run offensively and defensively. I am happy for them. I am happy that they get to enjoy this moment."

On winning in The Pit: "I love this place. I am trying to do everything that I can to make Lobo basketball special. For me, this win is more about my guys and the fans than it is me... This is about giving back and hopefully we will continue to do that."

On team hustle:

"It was the best of the season. I don't know where it came from. I have talked about fighting and competing all year. I am really happy that the guys were able to see the fruits of their labor."

#32- ANTHONY MATHIS

On the overall game:

"This was huge. Nevada is a great team and they came in here undefeated and No. 6 in the country. This was truly a Pit game. I am so appreciative to play here. It is amazing."

On competitiveness:

"Tonight, our competitiveness was through the roof and it was because Nevada was a great team. You can't beat a great team like that without competing. It took everything we had."

On Pit energy:

"I can't even explain it to you. This is why you come to New Mexico and play for the Lobos. It's truly amazing to be a part of this and I am so grateful."

On winning in the Pit: "The feeling is amazing. These people in New Mexico deserve so much. We go out there and play our hearts out for them every single game and we are going to continue do that."

#2- VANCE JACKSON

On what worked:

"I think it came down to practice. We have been putting a lot of work in and I am trusting in my teammates and they trust in me."

On the Pit atmosphere:

"That's why I came here. That feeling was amazing and words can't even explain it."

On the relationship with Coach Weir:

"Coach Weir has been on me, but it is all love. He just wants me to be the best that I can be and I love him for that."