

POST-GAME QUOTES

HEAD COACH PAUL WEIR

On what it takes to win a close game:

“It takes really good players who have a resolve about them that they have shown all year long. I can honestly tell you that we have not gone into a timeout at UTEP, New Mexico State, here, McNeese, where there has ever been a bit of panic on their part. In my time of coaching that is incredibly unusual ... These guys are just confident and I think it was just enough obviously to get the win tonight.”

On playing a game with five veteran-seniors:

“I thought Boise State came out with a ton of pop and a ton of energy, and they looked like it was only their seventh game of the year, and it looked like it was our tenth game of the year .. our guys have a confidence about them and we have won some big games. I think that eventually we just felt like we would win the game somehow, someday. I thought that way anyway.”

On Boise State’s 3-point shooting:

“When [Jessup] got going, he got going and we tried to stop him. I have to go back and watch some clips. I thought we were much more attentive as the game went on. [Marcus] Dickinson came out of nowhere and was exceptional ... we had to adjust a little bit to him as well. They missed one when it counted, that’s all I know, and that ended up hopefully sealing the deal for us.”

“It’s part of our philosophy ... If we can keep [Carlton] out of foul trouble, keep our guys out of foul trouble, win the war on the boards, keep teams off the free-throw line, then we are going in [the game] saying if you’re going to beat us, then that is how you are going to beat us. I can’t think of a better [opportunity for] someone trying to beat us than making 14 3’s, and we were still able to win. It wasn’t pretty but we got the job done.”

On JaQuan Lyle:

“Offensively, the only other player that I have coached that was that fun to coach was RJ Barrett. [Lyle] is an incredibly fun player to coach because he can do anything from anywhere ... and we just move him around in different ways based on who is guarding him and what skill we can take advantage of at the time ... He is just a really fun guy to move around the chessboard a little bit, and he is terrific. He was again tonight. He has helped us win a lot of games and he is a great Lobo basketball player. I know he has only had this one year, and a lot of great players have year over year, but I think he is going to be one of the greats here.”

JAQUAN LYLE

On whether this performance was expected after coming back post-injury:

“Yes. I just prayed on it over and over again that I wouldn’t miss a beat when I came back. God has answered those prayers and my teammates have helped me throughout the whole time. The trainers and coaching staff have gotten my body ready for this season and I couldn’t be more happy with the start of it.”

On attitude after beating Boise State:

“We should feel pretty good. [We have beaten] pretty good ball teams, but we can never get too high and we can never get too low. We just have to stay balanced, focused and locked in and stay on the right course to get better.”

MAKUACH MALUACH

On closing out a game compared to past seasons:

“We are pretty confident in those moments. We knew we just had to get the stop and we are pretty good at that ... we have a mature team. All of these guys understand what has to be done to get a win.”

On bettering himself and helping his team:

“I try to come in every day and work and try to lead by example because I am the only one who has been here with [Coach Weir]. I am just trying to set an example and play my game.”