

POST-GAME QUOTES: UNM VS. COLORADO

HEAD COACH PAUL WEIR

On how his team performed better than in the previous two games:

“We had 10 deflections in the second half and forced one turnover. We got out to an early lead which is unusual for us. Early leads don’t mean anything. The first half was a good 20 minutes, they might have been 20 of our better minutes of basketball on the season.”

On defensive intensity:

“When you have 10 deflections in a half you’re never going to win a game. Our energy dropped as if we didn’t know how to play with a lead. We missed some 50-50 balls that could have gotten us a few more (deflections). Hopefully we will be able to fix this going forward.”

On offensive maturity:

“Offensively, in the first half we followed a game plan. We were playing inside out. We were playing with a good rhythm. We haven’t developed the offensive maturity we had last year. We just need to stay solid and keep doing what we’re doing.”

On fanbase support:

“My heart goes out to the 10,800 people (in attendance). I can’t even begin to say how guilty I feel for the amount of support we get here and the product that we’re putting out. Thank you to every single Lobo fan that comes to the games. You mean more to us than you will ever know, you’re showing up when we need you. It means so much to me and I hope we can repay you at some point before this season ends.”

On getting the crowd involved:

“This team did that for 20 minutes or so. We did that last year for 15 games. We just haven’t done that yet this year. I’m trying a lot of different techniques to try and pull that out of them. I’m going to do every single thing in my power to try and bring (intensity) out of this team. (I) will continue to (work) to find a way to bring that (intensity) out of this team.”

#14- Dane Kuiper

On team confidence:

“We have fixed a lot of things (since the two losses) in practice. We had a great practice today; we had a great shoot around. We just got tired towards the end. We have to put forth the effort. We are just going to have to turn it around.”

On team effort:

“I think it is really good at times. We just go up and down. We have to stay steady and just keep going up. We had a good defensive effort against Bradley and we had it in the first half today, but we didn’t have it in the second half. It’s just staying consistent.”

On getting the team fired up:

“I think the addition of Carlton will bring another leader to the team. He’s a very vocal leader. He will bring another leader to the team that we need, and that will definitely help us.”

32- Anthony Mathis

On the intensity between halves:

“We only turned them over once in the second half, which says a lot about our defense. Overall, it was just intensity. Coach said in the locker room when we play with a lead we get very lackadaisical and just relax and that’s what we did tonight.”