

POST-GAME QUOTES

HEAD COACH PAUL WEIR

On UC Davis and the outcome of the game:

"They are a different level, a different caliber of opponent [than our most recent opponents] and [I knew] that they were going to come at us the way that they did. They had a four-point loss at Utah, a six-point loss at Cal, it's a good basketball team."

"I had a feeling that we were going to be in for a game like this and we were. You have to tip your cap to UC Davis for playing their hearts out and taking us right to the wire. Fortunately, we have a great resilient group of guys that continue to find a way to come out with wins. I'm thankful to have the players we have."

On the need to start games strong:

"It's obviously hard when you have guys playing in different roles and starting games for the first time. I'm hopeful that in the long run it's not something that affects us. It's not anything that we're going to start freaking out about just yet, we are just going to keep working through it with the guys that we have."

On changing roles of players:

"I thought that tonight was Vante's best game yet. The things he did tonight with his defense and his rebounding is what this team needs. We need to continue to utilize guys like Vante, Corey and Makuach and keep them going to the glass to get us those extra opportunities."

On leadership on the team:

"There is a calmness about our team this year that is different than what we've had in the past. I'm really following a lot of the team's lead. They are an experienced, resilient group of guys who just seem to make plays at the right time and that's what championship teams do. I don't know yet if we are a championship team, but I do know that we have the makings to become one."

VANTE HENDRIX

On the role of emotion on the court:

"Being emotional is part of my game and I feel like it's something I add to this team. I like to bring energy to the court so that I can help my teammates to get going."

On game-ending steal:

"I saw my opportunity to get the ball and I felt that I was faster than the [other guy]. I just took the opportunity and it paid off."

On being conference ready:

"I think that with a little more practice we will be ready. If we continue to come out and compete every night, I think it will make us more prepared."

COREY MANIGAULT:

On starting opportunities:

"I don't really feel any pressure to prove myself as a starter. All I care about is helping my team to win. As long as we win, I'll be happy."

On adjusting his approach:

"I definitely feel that I need to score more. I feel like I can do even better than I did tonight. We're missing a big rebounding presence and I feel like I need to help fill it in."

On whether or not he can bring this level of game every night:

"Especially with the support from fans, I feel like I'll be able to play this well every night. The energy the crowd brings is so crazy, I can't even explain it. They push me to be the best player I can be."