

POST-GAME QUOTES

HEAD COACH PAUL WEIR

Thoughts on overall performance from both teams:

“This was probably the smallest, quickest team we have seen ... These are some young guys that came in and I thought [they] played really hard and spread us out, which I talked about in the pregame being a little bit of a concern.”

On team energy during the game:

“We just didn’t have a lot of burst tonight ... We have to find a way to get that back by Wednesday. It was obviously a long haul [road trip] but that is over with, and we have to let that go. That all being said, to not be where we want to be physically and grind out a nine-point win against a pretty good basketball team is encouraging. That’s a game we would have dropped in the past.”

On Carlton Bragg:

“...What’s been the best has been his free throw shooting. To have a big of his size, that you feel confident with every time he goes to the free throw line is a great benefit to the program and our team. Today he was finishing around the rim terrific and I thought his block was big.”

Overall thoughts on the first half:

“I was pleading with the guys at halftime: guys, we played a pretty darn good half ... unfortunately we just didn’t quite seem to get that energy and pop that I would have liked. We showed it in enough stretches. I thought we started the game defensively very strong.”

CARLTON BRAGG

On first three-point shot in his career:

“It was my time to give it a little feel for it and it went up and I felt it go in. That really turned me up. Amazing, there is more to come – but not too many.”

On performance in the second half:

“It was me bringing energy to the team and doing the hard things, picking up guys, and just bringing my energy. I think that [helped make] the plays.”

On how the team stays competitive:

“We go with the coaches. Everybody staying positive and keeping composed. Not having our heads down, being consistent, and bringing your energy to the team.”

ZANE MARTIN

On comfort playing point guard:

“Me personally, I feel like I am about 60 percent, not 100 percent. I feel like our ceiling is so high and I can get way more comfortable on the offense. Me and JJ are some of the guards that

can beat our guy off the dribble and get to the hole and make plays for Corey and Carlton, so I feel like there is a lot to come with us further down the road.”

On whether he is happy with the team’s defensive play:

“Absolutely. I feel like we can also grab more rebounds. We do a lot of talking on defense about getting in our gaps. Lately we had to get into zone and we adjusted to it great. I feel like when we are talking as a unit on defense, no one can stop us.”

On engagement during game:

“I just go out there and play hard. I try not to think about that type of stuff. I just go out there and try to give my coaches and my teammates my all. That’s all I can do and that’s all they ask of me.”