

11-13-18 QUOTES VS IONA

Head Coach Paul Weir

Opening statement:

“I just told the guys in the locker room, especially the new guys - they wonder why we run and train so much and do the things that we do - and the ones who were on the team last year understand why we play our style, and train the way we do ... Tonight, we had more legs, more juice for the last four minutes.”

“The depth that we have, the way we spread our minutes and the style that we play allowed us to break away at the end and get a big win. It was a good basketball team that we beat, and we have come a long way in the last 12 months. We have not arrived and we have a lot of work to do the next few days in order to continue to get better, but just to get a win against a good basketball team early in the year shows our progression as a program.”

On the trust in the game:

“I thought our defense, outside of the first eight minutes of the game - I think they had 20 points in the first eight minutes - I thought our defense for the rest of the first half and I thought our defense in the second half was pretty good. They shot 38 percent in the second half, 40 percent for the game. I told the guys, we can stop them. When we got into half-court defense, it hasn't necessarily been our calling card, but it was tonight. We were able to really get stops. It was offensively taking care of the basketball and not giving them easy stuff at the other end.”

On what it said about the team to pull away at the end:

“They are finding ways to win, which is terrific. We weren't doing that last year at this time of the year. It took us a long time to get that confidence about us. Iona is a great basketball team and to get a win like that against them is enormous for us.”

On Dane's shot:

“I am happy for Dane, and every time he shoots it he is probably thinking way more than he should. But you go in and you feel for him because he does everything right that you want him to do. He defends, rebounds and moves the ball. At the end of the day he cares, and when guys make shots like that it makes you feel good as a coach.”

On the play of Manigault and Jackson:

“We won because of those two. Whenever they can play the way they do, it is going to help us tremendously. Vance is highly decorated, but he has only played one year of college basketball, and every time he goes out people expect so much and he is just a kid. He is such a talented player. Corey is the same way. At the end of day, the kid is playing his tail off and has talent.”

Lobos taking a big shot:

“We have great shooters. When we come down in transition, part of the reason we play the way we do is so that we can transition and get the guys some good looks at the rim. It’s encouraging because I think we are shooting better than last year, and last year was a terrific offensive team.”

Corey Manigault | Junior | Forward

How good was Iona:

“They were good. They came into The Pit and gave us a challenge. We had to grind out the win because they were not going out easy.”

On his steal and dunk:

“It felt crazy. This is my first time in a regular game to be in this situation and environment. I love how the fans give me energy and that is what kept me going.”

Vance Jackson | Redshirt-Sophomore | F/G

On his comfort level:

“I felt comfortable, I have been here for a year now. I kind of already know the offensive and defensive flow of what we need to do. I am always ready to get better the next day; the more practice, the more comfortable I will get.”

On the difference in pulling away at the end:

“We knew the other team was winded. We are built for this, we practice running every day. In the offseason, our conditioning is a grind, and that’s what allows us to overcome in these situations.”