

## UNM vs. SJSU Post-Game Quotes:

Head Coach Paul Weir:

"I thought we played much better defense and were able to get some stops, particularly at the start of both halves. We were a little bit more contained and a little more control-oriented."

"On the defensive end, we worked really hard to keep the ball out of the post. They were trying to throw it over the top of our fronts a little bit, but we just worked really hard on making sure the ball just wasn't going to go in there, and the ball didn't get in there a lot, which is good."

"All we've talked about in the past few days is toughness, getting tougher and more physical and stop being soft. I think we've been soft at times here lately, and the guys really responded. The eight that played, played their hearts out tonight, I'm really thankful for them, and I hope they know I appreciate that."

(On turnovers) "We were able to get the ball ahead, attack, and get some easy layups. Tonight we did that, and that's huge because generating the turnovers is great and we've done a great job of that this year. It's completing it on the other end and getting points out of (turnovers) that we need. Tonight was probably one of the first nights that we were able to do that almost all season."

"There are times where I get on them and I want them to be tougher than they are right now, but they showed a lot of resiliency tonight. We can all talk about scores and everything else, but the bottom line is that eight players went out and played their hearts out tonight. I thought that those eight did a really good job, and I just hope I can get those eight for the next game and just keep fighting the rest of the way."

**Joe Furstinger:**

On his steals on entry passes... Did he know they were coming?

"We talked about it in practice. I just tried my best to get my hand on a few balls and it worked out."

The double-double streak was against smaller guys, but tonight you were able to adjust to bigger guys? How?

"Yeah, I won't say size really matters, because I feel like it's more passion and energy. I'll bring the energy every night and that's what really matters the most."

**Makuach Maluach:**

Did you emphasize rebounding more with this bigger team?

"Yeah, the bigger you are, the slower you are going to be. We talked about it at practice, you've just got to go to the board every time and never give up."

Was this your coming-out game, your best effort as a Lobo?

"I give effort every single time I step on the floor. Tonight I felt like I needed to step up because, obviously, we're missing a lot of players. I just went out there and tried to play hard defensively. 15 points shows here, but my teammates just found me, I just try to play hard defensively."