



Northern Colorado Locker Room Player Post-Game Quotes – March 17, 2011

#41 Mike Proctor – Junior Forward/Center

On thoughts going into halftime:

“We were all pretty happy with the first half. I thought we played hard and showed a lot of heart going in the first half. From there we just wanted to play hard. We needed to keep SDSU off the boards and keep the ball in position to score.”

On heart of the team:

“There is no doubt our team showed a lot of heart. We weren’t going to give up no matter what; even as the lead was widening, I didn’t hear a single person say, ‘Hey, we might lose this game.’ I know I didn’t think that. I think we were all really happy to have the opportunity to play, and we made the most of it.”

On Beitzel:

“Devon always plays well. He’s a great player, and a great leader. I hope he can take his abilities and move forward and get paid for them. That’s my dream for him. Hopefully, it is his as well.”

On the future:

“I think this game might help us with recruiting somewhat. We can say, ‘Hey, we made it to the tournament, if you come here you can, too’ kind of thing now that we’ve had an NCAA appearance. Mostly, though, it was a good experience. Everyone knows we have a lot to do over the summer. We need to hit the weight room and practice hard.”

#33 Neal Kingman – Senior Forward

On the physicality of SDSU:

“No doubt they were big. It’s not the same thing we see in the Big Sky. They can match up physically with anyone in the country.”

On SDSU forward Kawhi Leonard:

“He’s got all the tools you could ask for --- and he’s only a sophomore. He’s a great player.”

“I don’t think anyone’s hanging their head. We accomplished so many great things this year. There are so many positives; we don’t want to focus on this one negative: losing to a two seed in the NCAA Tournament. Our success this year was great for the program. The seniors already told the younger guys we expect them back here next year.”

Referring to being the worst team in Division I four years ago:

“I couldn’t have asked for more in my senior year. From my freshman year, we’ve come so far.”

On the Northern Colorado crowd in Tucson:

“The fan support here was unbelievable. Coming out of the tunnel for the first time and hearing them and seeing them all was surreal. I was not expecting that big of a Northern Colorado crowd. It was a moment I’ll never forget.”