

## UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO QUOTES

### **UNM coach Bob Davie:**

#### ***Opening Statement:***

The offense I thought was really good. We bogged down just a little bit because we couldn't get the ball on the perimeter as much from the end of the third quarter until really the end of the game they were make us hit it in there (in the middle) and just boxing us in. Still, we did enough to score 48 points.

The defense there are so many times where you think we are ready to turn the corner, we are ready to seize momentum and get after them, but we couldn't because of the big plays. Even on that last drive there at the end was disappointing.

We've got a weapon (in Jason Sanders) on special teams in terms of a kickoff man as he's able to put it in the end zone every time. He hit his field goals as well. ... I think the one that put us up 11 right before the half was big. I really do. To be able to go up 11 was big because it makes it feel like you have a little bit of breathing room going into the second half. I was happy for him. He's had a good year.

#### ***Davie discusses the defense:***

I don't want the theme to be if I was sitting down writing a story that I was disappointed in the defense – but I can't hide it. We have some good things going. ... I just thought we'd be playing at a higher level right now defensively. I just do. I know we all feel that way across the board in this building. So it's a positive we won and it's positive and we are happy. But I also know today is like Sunday because we play Boise on Friday. I'm back to reality right now. It's Sunday now and we've got to get better.

#### ***Davie on McQuarley's three touchdowns:***

I'm a big fan of (Richard McQuarley). He's a stronger, bigger back than we've had here. ... We don't lack for running backs.

### **Linebacker Austin Ocasio:**

#### ***On the interception for a touchdown:***

Today was the first game I felt like I played without thinking. ... I made a check, but thing that was supposed to happen didn't so I dropped back in coverage. He tried to throw a dig under me, but I read it and was at the right place at the right time. The defensive call was the right call.

#### ***On the defense as a whole:***

Obviously there are things that need to be corrected, but I'm a positive person. So what I'm looking at are the sacks, tackles for loss and the interception. There were a lot of positive things on the defense. We got to get better, but I'm looking at the positive.

### **Running back Richard McQuarley:**

#### ***On starting conference play 1-0:***

It feels like everybody is on the same page. Everybody feels good and they are comfortable now. We lost those back-to-back games and everyone was waiting on that punch to get back on track. Now that we are 1-0 in the conference, we feel like we have our head on straight and are ready to go.

#### ***On the strong start to the second half:***

We came out at halftime with confidence ... and when Austin Ocasio came out with the pick-six, that brought the momentum back our way and helped us on offense get ready.