

# Southwest Maui Invitational

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Lahaina Civic Center

**Boise State Broncos**

**Coach Leon Rice**

**Andrew Meadow**

**Drew Fielder**

Postgame Press Conference

Boise State 102, Chaminade 76

**Q. Coach, three days in Maui, you end on a high note. Assess your three days and how you go from here.**

LEON RICE: Well, you come over here to play great teams in this best place on the planet, in my opinion, and this is such a -- I hold this tournament in such high esteem because I've been fortunate to be in it four times, and it's just a cool thing for these guys to get to go do.

It makes it a lot cooler if you can get some wins because it's hard to win over here in these tournaments because there's great teams.

But I think every coach would tell you that the most important thing is to be tested and improve and play -- that's what happens when you play good teams. There's no moral victories for Boise State; three out of the last four NCAA tournaments, and that's always our goal. We learned a lot about ourselves. We learned about how we need to approach things, how we need to do our jobs, all those kind of things, and we've got to take that home with us and get better.

**Q. For both players, can you talk a little bit about personally what you learned about yourselves this week and then also what you learned about your teammates and what you think you can do taking it forward?**

ANDREW MEADOW: Yeah, I think we learned a lot as a team and we still have a lot of film to break down with all these quick turnarounds. But I'm excited to get back to Boise and break all that film down and then we have another great opportunity coming up, so we've got a lot to learn and a lot to get better from, which is exciting.



DREW FIELDER: Yeah, I think we also learned what we can be capable of and when we put it together and when we're connected. But yeah, like he said, we've got to go and break down the film and get a lot better.

**Q. Coach, I think I might have asked you at the opening press conference, you wake up on Thursday morning, what did you want to know about your team, and what have you learned, and if there are two or three things that you thought your team did well this week and what are areas of opportunity?**

LEON RICE: Well, we're making progress with our rebounding. Our program hangs our hat on being a really good rebounding team. We out-rebounded every opponent here.

But we could have done better. We've got to get a little tougher because in those one-possession games like we had with USC, they got one rebound that we could have got, and they tipped it out and hit a three, and we lost by three. So you've got to get better at that.

For us to win a championship, we have to improve on that stuff, and these guys know that. We hold ourselves to a high standard that way, and accountability for it. We're not blaming the ref, like oh, he's over our back. Well, block out better. It's on us.

Those kind of things. Then we had too many turnovers and got sped up a couple times where we just got out of our stuff and that kind of stuff.

A lot that we're going to get better at, but I think even though we lost those two games, we know how good those teams are, and we know that we didn't control everything we can control. So we've got to get better at that.

**Q. I noticed in a couple games where your team was imposing in size and teams started putting pressure on the guards in the entry pass. Are there counter measures you can do to keep that flow going?**

LEON RICE: Yeah, but we got some guys that can go by guys. But it's one thing to go by guys; it's another to make the right decisions when you do. We've got to get them



comfortable doing that because we had too many turnovers from the point guard spot in the first game, and those things.

But they're good players and they're getting better every time out, I think. That's what it's about.

The beauty of these guys is they want to be coached, and the ones that want to be coached are going to make big jumps. You can't get better if you don't want to be coached.

Our guys are usually really hungry to get better, and that's how you get better. They'll absorb a lot of stuff from this tournament, and like these guys said, we'll have a lot of film, spend a lot of time doing that, and we're still figuring out how the parts fit together and all that kind of thing.

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