



2016 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round Game: Texas A&M 74, Missouri State 65

Reed Arena · College Station, Texas

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LOCKER ROOM QUOTES – MISSOURI STATE

HILLARY CHVATAL, SENIOR FORWARD

On forcing 17 A&M turnovers in the first half

"We came out with a lot of energy and we decided to play our team defense, which is what got us here. We got up in their shorts, and we got some steals out of it."

On the conversation at halftime after trailing only 25-23

"We came in at halftime, and we were all pretty excited. We had momentum. We just had to keep doing what we were doing to win us the game."

On what A&M did differently in the second half

"We had weaknesses in the third quarter. I think our defense fell apart a few times in the third quarter, and they converted on it."

On Courtney Walker

"She's a very good player, and she made her shots in the second half. She capitalized on our mistakes."

On Missouri State finishing the season 24-10

"It's tough with the way we ended it, but we were very happy with how we did this season. Winning the Valley championship was special. Our whole team has worked so hard for a few years now, especially us three seniors. We've been through it. Ending our senior year on that is great."

LIZA FRUENDT, SOPHOMORE GUARD

On Missouri State's defense in the first half

"That's what we've been focusing on all season, but especially the last couple of weeks. We knew that's what was going to win us our championship and get us to move on. We did that for three quarters. We just couldn't do it for one."

On what changed after halftime

"I think they probably went into halftime, knowing they had to change some things, take care of the ball a little better. I think they really focused on really putting it inside and stop taking jumpers for a little while there and kind of put it down our throat."

On A&M's 55-35 rebounding edge

"They were taller, and our box outs weren't always there."

On halftime conversation trailing only 25-23

"I think we were pretty confident coming into the game. I think we were just saying, 'We've got to capitalize more.' We were only shooting 29 percent. We just had to focus and score and play defense."

On Missouri State finishing the season 24-10

"Not many people get to experience this. We were all fortunate enough to be here, and I think we all knew that. We came in expecting to win, so there's disappointment, but it doesn't necessarily put a cloud over our season. I think we're all just very proud of each other and proud of what we did."