

2016 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round Game: Florida State 72, Middle Tennessee 55
Reed Arena · College Station, Texas
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LOCKER ROOM QUOTES – FLORIDA STATE

IVEY SLAUGHTER, JUNIOR FORWARD

On FSU outscoring MT 23-13 in fourth quarter

"I think in the first half we had way too many turnovers. Coming into half, we talked about having to turn down our turnovers. Also, we were getting offensive turnovers, but we just had to finish. Those were two big key points, and 00 [Alex Johnson] was scoring a lot in the paint, and we knew that we had to get around, because she seals really well. So we had to fight and get around. I think we did a pretty good job of that in the second half."

On experience from last year's Elite Eight run helping this year

"We weren't really comfortable, because we know how hard it is every game, having played last year. I think we kind of had a cushion, knowing that we know what to do and how to win. I think that's a good thing coming in."

On having 21 turnovers and needing to reduce that in the next game

"We have to make sure our passes meet passes. As soon as we see it, we've got to pass it. We can't wait or hesitate."

On possibly meeting A&M on Aggies' home court in next round

"We have to keep our composure. Always. Keep our composure. We know basketball is a game of runs. We know that they'll go on runs, and we'll go on runs. At the end of the day, it's just who wants it the most."

ADUT BULGAK, SENIOR CENTER

On outrebounding MT 41-22

"I guess it was a reality check from our coaches like that's basically our team identity. We've been a great rebounding team since last year. We just had to come back and do what we had to do, because we weren't rebounding well in the first half."

Halftime conversation when FSU led only 30-27
"Clam down. Relax. I feel like we were rushing everything, and everybody was just getting the jitters out. That's what was going on with us. Most of it at halftime was just calm down and do what you do."

On having 21 turnovers and needing to reduce that number
"We have to meet the ball better. On time, on target. Just making good decisions with the ball and not rushing."

On possibly playing A&M on Aggies' home court
"We just have to play our game. This, too, counted as a road win, and we're staying in the arena. So we should be comfortable by now. This will be our fourth time in here."

On Elite Eight run last year helping FSU knowing what to expect this year
"I think we left that behind us. We're trying to make our own mark this year."

EMIAH BINGLEY, SENIOR GUARD
On her 3-pointer with 5 seconds left in the third quarter for a 49-42 lead
"I know that we were talking a lot just defensively, because there was a time where we had gotten multiple fouls in a row. But we were determined to keep fighting, keep pushing. It was part of that momentum of let's not get down on ourselves; let's keep fighting. Leticia [Romero] just looked up and saw me, and she passed it up, and I knocked that shot down."

On that getting FSU rolling into the fourth
"That momentum, that push, that drive that we had, I think that carried us over into the last quarter. I think ultimately it showed that we're not going to back down."

On 21 turnovers and needing to reduce that number
"That's something that we talk about at practice all the time. It's something we talk about before games. It's something we talk about at halftime. We definitely have to keep that down and we're going to continue to try to be smart offensively, make the right plays in order to keep the ball on our side of the floor and not in their hands."

On possibly meeting A&M on Aggies' home court
"I definitely think it helps just to have gotten a game under our belt. There's nothing like playing in front of your home crowd, so we know we're going to have to work really hard and fight. It's going to be a fight to the end for us. But I definitely do think that just because we've gotten a game under our belt and gotten to play on our floor that it gives us a little insight on how things might go for us."