



Postgame Press Conference Quotes
Head Coach Wes Miller
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Opening Statement:

"It was a difficult situation here with a game canceled, and we kind of approached it the same way with the team I coached last year. We sacrifice too much, the players sacrificed too much. They don't play basketball during basketball season, they play all year long. In a lot of ways we know what student athletes put into it, specifically college basketball players. They make too many sacrifices to not play as many games as they can. We approached it like that a year ago. It wasn't always the best decision to play games on a whim but at the end of the year our players were ready to compete. I think every game you can possibly play, in terms of games, and we kept finding a way to play. Whether that was on the road, back-to-back, whatever. Trying to take that same "let's just play" mentality into this COVID situation. Doesn't matter who we play, when we play, where we play...let's just find a team and play. That is what will make us a better team and a better program. Our guys sacrifice way too much to not be able to put the uniform on and play the game. So, I want to thank Ashland for coming tonight. I want to thank our fans for showing up. Let's give credit to them...they are well-coached, disciplined, they know their stuff. With the current circumstances, for our fans to show up and support us it blows me away. I don't need motivation, because I like to think I don't lack that. But, it does give you more of an urgency of what you need to get done. They're a great type of team for people that care about the program. Our fans gave us a nice lift tonight, so I want to thank them for coming out tonight."

On David DeJulius

"David DeJulius played and shot it well. Played with passion and some edge and made some plays in the first half to get us going a bit. Had some great plays to start the second half. Was really pleased with some of the stuff he did."

On Jeremiah Davenport

"Jeremiah Davenport shot the ball well. Trying to figure out more ways to get him engaged in the offense and put him in better positions to take advantage of his offensive weapons. I thought he did a good job shooting the ball and making some plays tonight and played with a nice edge. It was good to see those guys score it."

On effort over 40 minutes

And there were good things throughout the game...I don't want to be a negative Nancy and all that. There were some moments and segments that were good and at times we did some good things. But, I am disappointed in our performance over 40 minutes. We had what I think was the best in-season practice we had yesterday. We had a real sense of urgency to address and work on some of things that were holding us back. I don't know another way to do it besides get in the gym and work on it. I don't have any secrets to success...it is going to take what it is going to take. Thought our guys came out and really gave it to us yesterday. They were tired...trying to push through some things to become a better team. I did not see that for forty minutes tonight. And I am frustrated and they know I am frustrated. One of the reasons I am frustrated is I expect more from our group than that. We have guys that want to do it right...so I got to figure out a way to get us to take some steps. Again, not being able to see that two days in a row is frustrating. But, we will get back to work, film, and give them a chance to catch their breath and stretch their legs before we get back to work on the basketball floor on Monday and try to finish this thing off against Tennessee Tech.