

POST-GAME QUOTES VS. ILLINOIS

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COACH BRADBURY

“Three games in three days is challenging, but everybody had to do it. I’m proud of our team and the way they played today – our effort and our energy was really good. Defensively, we were probably as good as we’ve been at any point this year.”

“Against Illinois, they’re so precise and well-coached. If you let them just run their stuff, we would have had no chance to beat them. So we had to get out and do some things we haven’t done in a couple weeks, trap all the ball and press them a little bit just to make them do something a little different. If you let them and their coach control everything, they would have been too good and too well-coached to beat them.”

“It seemed like we made all our threes. It got contagious and unfortunately it can get contagious the other way too. Tesha got us going and hit a bunch early and then Alex strung a bunch together. Then, the next thing you know everyone is throwing them in.”

“We played that first half at their tempo. That wasn’t going to work and we had to get that changed. It wasn’t anything great. We a lot more today than normal.”

“The second-half crowd was unbelievable. It was very similar to the Marquette game and it’s such a huge advantage for us to have the greatest fans in the country. They show up every game and provide us with their support. ... We got them going in the second half and it made it a lot more fun for everybody.”

“We try and put a plan together and have our kids play as hard as they can. We are going to try and win every game, I know it’s not realistic, but it’s a good start.”

TESHA BUCK

“I thought we shot the ball well. There were a few other games we haven’t gotten them to fall. Most of the shots were in rhythm threes and that’s what coach wants us to shoot. So they were going in and it was feeling good.”

“They were just pounding the ball on Jaisa. Whether it was rebounding, catching the ball or boxing her out, it really took a lot of pressure off of us and left us wide open. Jaisa’s the reason we made half our shots from the outside.’

“I played in a lot of different gyms and arenas, and I can promise you, we have the best fans in the nation, hands down.”

“Some nights, the shots are going to fall and some nights they aren’t, and tonight they fell.”

“We feed off of the energy of the fans, the bench, and coaches. We feed off of everything which makes it a little bit easier.”

“It was really physical. We knew that coming in and knew they were a really good team. We knew the game was going to be physical and I think we did pretty well with it.”