

Penn State Women's Basketball
Coach Washington Postgame Press Conference
vs. Rutgers – January 27, 2019

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Opening Statement

Rutgers is a really good defensive team and made it hard for us at certain times for us to get into a rhythm offensively. So we have to figure out and continue to work on our offensive flow and be able to get a few more points here. If we can do that I think it will go well for us moving forward.

Q: Coach at one point at the end of the first half it seemed that there was a small momentum shift where Rutgers finished the half off strong, got some buckets to conclude the half, and then obviously once you guys got back out there they took charge and went on an 18-6 run. What do you think was it the offensive end or the defensive end that really led to that coming to fruition and that whole run occurring?

A: I think it was a little bit of everything, kind of a potpourri. I think they got a couple of offensive rebounds, they got a couple run outs off some of our turnovers, and so I think it was a little bit of everything. And then on our end, we struggled to get great looks, so a little bit of both into the four.

Q: Obviously the field goal percentage wasn't where you'd probably like it to be and you guys got to the foul line a lot, but would you attribute your poor shooting performance to anything specific? Was it what they were doing defensively, shot selection, or just a bad shooting day?

A: Well I thought we had some good looks that didn't go down. Teniya [Page] had a lot of good looks, Jaida [Travascio-Green] had a lot of good looks, Amari [Carter] had some good looks, so we had good looks that just didn't fall. I think Smitty [Alisia Smith] getting a foul trouble in the first half kind of hurt our flow, but I did think [Lauren] Ebo came in and played pretty well in terms of being a big target for us in the post. When you get good looks and we get open looks we have to knock them down and I thought we had our fair share of those.

Q: We all know that Teniya Page is such a 100% team-oriented player. After tonight she is 13 points away from 2000 which is an unbelievable accomplishment. She will likely be the sixth player in program history. As a teammate or coach can you talk about just one thing that you see in Teniya that her legacy will be remembered for because of it.

A: Well I think Teniya has a very high basketball IQ and like Jaida said she's got an incredible work ethic to go with it, so the things that she's been able to accomplish as a player are really a testament to her work ethic and all that she puts into the game.

Amari Carter | G | Sr./Sr.

Q: "I know you ladies always play hard against Rutgers when they come to your home court. I know your family came and even though you guys were not able to pull away with a win, you did make some clutch shots. Your family was here supporting you. What does it mean for you to be out here performing and playing at the top level with your teammates on your senior day?"

A: "It was really fun. I really enjoyed everyone that came out and not just my family but I had a lot of friends that came up. I had a lot of friends that drove up from out of state so it was a really fun environment and I am thankful that they were able to come up."

Jaida Travascio-Green | G | Jr./Jr.

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A: "Teniya is a great basketball player and we all know that. She works incredibly hard. She is probably one of the people who gets the most critiques. Co, Jeff, and Tamika are the hardest on her in practice. A lot of people only see her performance, but there is so much that goes into that. I think we are all really proud of her as a player and how she has grown throughout my three years and the seniors four years. She has grown even as a person. I think we are all really excited for her to get this."