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Kamaria McDaniel | Sophomore | G

Q: Kamaria, good day for you offensively. You got to the line a decent amount. Is that something you plan on going into the game or do you like to get to the line or is that part of how you play? Do you think we'll be seeing that a lot this year?

KM: That's not something I say that I'm going into the game to get to the line, I just go to the basket hard. A lot of times I get fouled so I'm just making sure I'm at a good position to get a shot up along with the foul. I do think that it's something that will be happening a lot this season, from all of us. We attack the basket pretty hard.

Alisia Smith | Sophomore | F

Q: Alisia, you and Lauren Ebo were big presences in the middle this game. Do you think the height of you guys is going to be a big factor going into the season?

AS: Yes, I think it is going to be huge factor because we're two sides of the post and I feel like we can do a lot of things in the paint so I think it's going to be a big factor this year.

Q: With both of you ladies being sophomores now, was there a huge difference with how you felt tonight versus last year in a similar position in an exhibition game? Is there more confidence?

AS: Me, personally, I feel that the difference is going into the game now with more confidence knowing that I have the under classmen looking up to me to do big things in the game and show them how to do things. So, I think the main difference last year to this year is my confidence.

KM: Same thing, just no nerves. I just approach it like how we would approach practice, a little bit harder of course. It just felt the same, there weren't many nerves. We knew what we had to come out to do and we were prepared. It was definitely a higher level of confidence coming into this game.

Q: For exhibition games like this before the regular season gets started, how important are they to get in the flow of things, get sets down, get defensive schemes down? How important is actually playing a different opponent rather than playing each other in practice?

KM: It's not that different, but I feel like it's important so we get a feel for how we come together in a real game. I felt like that's important and I'm glad we had this exhibition game so we can go back to the drawing board and correct some of the things we did wrong. I feel like it's definitely good so we can take a step in the right direction.

AS: I feel the same as her, just to piggyback. It's helping us figure out the things we need to work on, playing different teams and just going back on the court and fixing it.