

Penn State Women's Basketball
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Intro: Well it felt really good to get back home and play in front of our fans after being on the road all last week. Last week was a long road trip. It felt really good to come back home and play in our arena in front of our fans. I thought we came out today with a high level intensity playing a little shorthanded playing without Teniya [Page] and Smitty [Alisia Smith]. I thought it was an opportunity for other people to step up and to take advantage of the opportunity and I thought we played together as a team. That was a thing we kind of talked about all week coming into this game. We just had to stay together, play hard, play together as a team, and when you look at the stats it worked itself out. So I'm proud of the team and I'm really happy how we played beginning to end.

Q: *What does it say about the group that you had out there tonight, being able to perform so well with two of the main pieces of this team not being on the court?*

A: Well I think it speaks volumes about our preparation. We prepared very well. To be honest, we did not do much different. It was just that people were locked in and knew that we had to come ready and I think they were ready to play and ready to execute the game plan. We just played together as a team and the result was a nice win for us at home.

Q: *As Jaida [Travascio-Green] has progressed from the injury, you really see how much she actually is progressing. What does it mean for her to be fully healthy and how important of a piece is she to the offense?*

A: I think she's very important, she definitely adds an element to the team. That's a big piece being able to stretch the floor. Towards the end of the game in the fourth quarter and Purdue went man. Having her there to stretch the defense out gave us driving lanes and Kamaria [McDaniel] gets to the basket, Siyeh [Frazier] gets to the basket, Amari [Carter] gets some driving lanes and gets to the basket and gets fouled. So she's an important piece and the area for her that she's continuing to grow in is her lateral movement and defensively, but she made some big plays on the defensive end as well.

Amari Carter | G | Sr./Jr.

Q: *"They were up two to nothing and then you guys led the entire rest of the game. Did it feel like you had a control over this game or did you feel like it was back and forth? What was that like essentially leading the entire game?"*

A: "I feel like we were in control. I felt like they were trying to adjust to the things we were doing and they did not get into a good rhythm. When they went on a run on offense, we stopped their run. We got locked back in and tightened the score back up and extended our lead. I felt like we did a good job on the defensive end and that really helped us."

Q: *"Going into tonight without two of your primary scorers, was there a different mentality or was there a different game plan? How exactly did that work?"*

A: "We did not prepare any different. We went in with just a matter of focusing in on the whole game, all forty minutes, and staying locked in. We addressed the game plan and executed it."

Siyeh Frazier | G | Jr./Jr.

Q: “Siyeh, you had a great game offensively with 18 points. What was working well for you today when getting to the basket and on the offensive end?”

A: “I think my teammates opened a lot of that up with knocking down open threes. It gave me opportunities to drive to the basket and get one-on-one looks.”

Q: “Siyeh, you were a force on both ends of the floor tonight. When you were up in man guarding them on defense and that led you to opportunities in transition. Do you feel this was one of your best performances of the season?”

A: “I believe I played defense pretty well. A lot of it came from the help of my teammates. Especially when we were talking on screens and having my back to help open up some lanes.”