

Penn State Women's Basketball
Head Coach Carolyn Kieger – Postgame Press Conference
Vs. Clemson – November 21, 2019

Opening Statement

Thanks for being here tonight. I am just extremely proud of our team. This is a great bounce-back win against an extremely well-coached team, an NCAA Tournament team last year. We knew at halftime that they were going to make adjustments and they were going to come out with some energy. I love that our team weathered the storm and that we kept our heads. Obviously another huge performance by Siyeh Frazier here with another double-double on the year, 17 [points] and 10 [rebounds], and five assists. I can't say enough about her. And Lauren Ebo came off the bench and had a monster second half for us which was huge. This is the first time this season that we've had 17 assists which we've been working on and we've been striving for. I thought our team did an excellent job packing the paint and executing the game plan. I think we did a good job holding them to 55 points and shooting 33 percent for the game. That's absolutely what we wanted to do. This is definitely a growth moment for us and a big time performance coming back after that loss.

Q: Clemson went on a 13-0 run to start the second half and you called a timeout. What did you say to your girls to pep them up to go on a 10-0 run to blow the game back open?

A: I thought we did a great job of doing what we practiced this week. We actually had our sports psychologist come in and we practiced huddles, we practiced handling adversity, and I think they reverted back to what we did the last two days. It's ironic that that moment happened and we just reset it ourselves. I thought our girls did a great job just composing themselves and weathering that storm. Basketball is a game of runs and obviously against La Salle we didn't handle it well, so it was an awesome growth moment to see them come back, take a punch, weather it, and continue to keep going.

Q: No surprise they came out in a 2-3 zone for a lot of the game. What matchups did you want to exploit?

A: We were trying to go inside and outside or get the ball in the high post and the short corner. We didn't do a great job of that to start the game, but I thought once we hit some threes that opened it up a little bit for us and it had us start coming out. They packed the paint more than they have as of late. They're really aggressive in trapping and I think it was great we weathered that in the first four minutes of the game – I think that made them less aggressive as they went. So obviously we got to continue to work on our offense but a much better performance on that zone than last game.