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Coquese Washington

Penn State Nittany Lions



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Q. Obviously you guys had a lead going into the fourth, but I think Page only scored 4 in the fourth. You had a couple of other players. How important is that, especially going forward, to have other players who can score?

COACH WASHINGTON: I think it's important for other teams to prepare. You've got to be aware of Jaida Green. You've got to be aware of Teniya. You've got to be aware of Amari Carter. You've got to be aware of our post play, and our post play showed up today. You've got to be aware of three or four or five other people, then it just opens up opportunities for Teniya to go lead the charge.

Q. On the defensive end I think you held them scoreless for seven minutes in the second quarter and a three-minute stretch at the end of the third. What did you see there?

COACH WASHINGTON: Well, I thought we did a better job of trying to contest shots, switching it up from man to zone, and forced them to try to beat us from outside, and we did a good job in the zone of getting out and contesting shots. I also thought we did a good job in the second quarter on rebounding and not giving them second-chance points, and that was really big for us.

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Q. You reset your own Big Ten Tournament scoring record. What is it about the tournament that you play so well?

TENIYA PAGE: I don't know what it is, but I know my teammates have a lot of confidence in me, so that's kind of the reason why I keep shooting, and they motivated me throughout the game and before the game and after the game. That's pretty much it.

Q. Does playing in this tournament atmosphere, does that get you more excited or kind of hyped up for the game?

TENIYA PAGE: It does. Win or go home, so I think everyone's competitive spirit is really high. For me personally, knowing that it's win or go home, I think I'm a little bit more focused.

Q. This being the 25th Big Ten Tournament, what does it mean to be a part of this milestone to you?

TENIYA PAGE: To know it's been around for 25 years and to be able to consistently play in the Big Ten Tournament, and I'm just a junior, so I'm happy to be afforded this opportunity.

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Kamaria McDaniel

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Q. How were you guys able to pick up your momentum in the second half?

KAMARIA MCDANIEL: We came in here at halftime, and we said we wanted to keep pushing. In previous games, we always got up and things like that, and then the team would make a run.

We wanted to make sure that we didn't let that happen today, and just us playing as a team, playing unselfish, playing team defense and staying true to our team principles on offense and defense, that really led us to keep pushing and increase our lead. It just felt good.

Q. Do you feel good going into your second game with Michigan?

KAMARIA MCDANIEL: Yes, we feel very good. I am excited.