

Penn State Women's Basketball
Coquese Washington Postgame Press Conference
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Coquese Washington | Head Coach

Opening Statement

Well, we wanted to start the season off with the most exciting win we could possibly have. I certainly enjoyed Sam Breen making those free throws down the wire. We're a team that, I was really pleased with the effort we had, in particular in the fourth quarter defensively. We had some big stops when we needed them. We got some big buckets when we needed them. I thought in the fourth quarter in particular, we made some pretty big free throws down the stretch. Kamaria made two big free throws and then Sam obviously with the two game-winning free throws. I thought we showed a lot of poise down the stretch, in particular some of our younger players showed a lot of poise down the stretch of the game. We're just going to continue to grow. We're going to continue to develop our chemistry with this team, and how we're going to play. Another bright spot is the balanced scoring we had. We had five people in double figures and Sam Breen chipped in with nine, so we have a balanced attack and we just have to continue to grow and develop some consistency there.

Q: You got a pretty good look at all four players in the low post tonight, what did you think of each of their performances?

A: I thought they all showed flashes of what they can do. I thought Alisia Smith played with the speed and getting some offensive rebounds, and did a good job finishing. Sam [Breen] did a really good job when she came in offensive rebounding, stretching the floor. She made a big three in the fourth quarter. [Lauren] Ebo has some power for us and she'll continue to round into shape. Bexley [Wallace] is a really good defender. I thought in the fourth quarter, she stepped in and played some really good defense, got some big rebounds for us. I think they all played in the space that their strong in, and we'll just continue to grow that from this point.

Q: Coach that up-tempo transition offense that you had your team playing tonight, it did eventually turn out to 22 turnovers, 28 points off the turnover for Providence. How do you limit that going forward?

A: We just have to watch film. We have to be a lot more mindful of our opportunities, but I think that's something that will correct itself moving forward.

Q: Coach, you called a timeout early in the fourth quarter, and that really seemed like that's when the momentum started to shift your way. Is there anything specific that you were telling the players during that timeout?

A: I don't remember what I said in that timeout to be honest. I think we talked about some tweaks we wanted to do offensively. I felt like at that point, even in the third quarter, that our defense had kind of settled in, but we we're having too many turnovers and we could attack their defense in a few different ways. I think we called that timeout and we made some adjustments on offense and did a better job of going downhill off of ball screens and getting some stops and getting out in transition.

Q: Coach, McDaniel provided a solid 25 minutes off the bench for you. She had 12 points, four assists, and six rebounds. Could you talk about her importance and what she gave you guys tonight?

A: She's a big spark for us. She has a knack for scoring. She can just get buckets. I thought in particular in the first quarter she came in and gave us a really good spark early. She's an emotional player, the team feeds off of her. She's going to make sure everybody has a lot of energy, and it's something the team feeds off of.