

Women's Basketball vs. Kutztown

Exhibition Game

Head Coach Carolyn Kieger Press Conference

Opening Statement

I want to thank Kutztown for coming out and showing us our weaknesses tonight and hopefully giving us stuff to prepare for before our actual first game on Tuesday. First of all, lots of stuff we have to fix. I'm proud of our fight. I'm proud of some of the stuff we fixed from our Delaware scrimmage. Obviously the two sitting next to me (Kamaria McDaniel and Shay Hagans) showed a lot of heart tonight, a lot of effort. Defensively we have to get better. Containing. Penetration. I thought man and zone they were able to get into the lane way too easy. We forced them into 32 turnovers and 16 steals which is great and that is something that we are going to practice and really preach, but I thought that if we didn't have that first initial turnover we didn't have enough stubbornness to keep them out of the paint so we will definitely have to work on that this week. Offensively we have to fix our turnovers. I knew that if we wanted to play at the pace that we want to play, that it's going to be some growing pains and we are going to turn that ball over, but we'll get after that and we will watch film to solve that. I thought Kamaria did a great job attacking the rim today. Shay gave us a spark off the bench. So pleased with the minutes some people gave off the bench as well. I thought Bexley had some great minutes and did some great things. Alicia got to come in and play for the first time in a long time so it was great to see her out there. But as a coach, we were just talking in the locker room and I was saying this is going to be a fun ride and this is the fun part of being a coach, you know, there is so much to teach and so much to learn as a team and that's what we are here to do. Get better everyday 200 feet at a time."

Q: How was the debut at the Bryce Jordan Center? What was it like?

A: Well, obviously, I'm a perfectionist so for me right now I'm really just focused on our team. I thought it was great to get out here coaching on this floor and get our feet wet a little bit. I think that the best thing about exhibition games is you get your routine down, your warm-ups, your time-outs, how everything works national anthem wise. I think that helped. You can obviously see a lot of nerves with our team tonight and it is my job to make sure that those get calmed down in three days so we have to fix that, but it was great. Coaching my first game at the Bryce Jordan Center with our players wearing that Penn State jersey is a special feeling.