Penn State Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Postgame Press Conference vs. Illinois – February 9, 2020

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Q: So much of sports are habits and building routines. When you go through a long losing streak, how does that play into how you try to play yourself out of it? How difficult is it breaking those habits, breaking those routines, and getting yourself back on the winning track, particularly a close game like this?

A: I think the biggest thing is identifying the problem and then fixing it because you can't fix something if you don't know what it is. Identifying problems and working endlessly to fix them, I think that's our biggest thing. We have to just keep pushing and trust the process and trust that things are working in the right direction even when it doesn't feel like it. I know our team is going to keep working hard. The coaches are brilliant basketball minds, and we're going to continue to try to get better every day and it'll happen. I have no doubt in my mind that it'll happen.

Q: Coach mentioned that Moe Cooper was in the locker room sharing some words with you guys. What were some of those words and what was it like to be part of an event like this with so many breast cancer survivors?

A: I mean, it brought tears to my eyes. Life is so much bigger than basketball and we kind of get caught up in our sport when it's so much bigger. There are people out there fighting for their lives. They are such an inspiration to me. I can't even really put it into words, but it just put life into perspective for me today. And for us to be fighting on the court, but them to be fighting for their lives and just unsure about everything is something that really touched my heart. I've been really enjoying this game and I've enjoyed it since I've been a player here.