

Penn State Basketball
Head Coach Coquese Washington and Student-Athlete Postgame Press Conference
vs. Iowa – February 3, 2019

Head Coach Coquese Washington

Opening Statement: Hats off to Iowa, I thought they came in and played a gutsy game. Certainly, Megan Gustafson is phenomenal talent and I thought she really carried their team today and got big buckets when they needed them. For us, we have to find a way to score more points and when you play in the Big Ten, where scoring is a premium in this conference, we have to find a way to generate more points. If we can do that, I think we'll be in pretty good shape.

Q: Obviously, [Megan] Gustafson was extremely dominant today. What about her game makes her so tough to guard down low?

A: I think she has really outstanding touch. She rarely misses. You see that on film that she has phenomenal touch around the basket. I also think that she gets into her shot very quickly, so it makes it tough to guard because she has great touch and gets into her shot so quickly. And she gets a lot of touches. They really go at her and they give her a lot of opportunities

Q: You've talked before about everything, what it means to be a Lady Lion and the impact you have on the community. Today, with it being National Women in Sports Day, I think you kind of got to see all of it come together at once. I just wanted to know what that was like for you.

A: I thought it was really cool to see all the young girls that got to experience the behind the scenes aspect of basketball and sports. It's an opportunity, I hope, I think they've been inspired to at some point maybe want to get a chance to see they can have a career in sports aside from the field of competition. Hopefully, they had an amazing experience today and it will ignite in them a passion for continuing to grow women's sports when they get older.

Teniya Page | Guard | Senior

Q: Obviously, big congratulations to you Teniya on reaching a very important milestone [2,000 career points]. I know you're one hundred percent team oriented and to you winning means everything, but to you what importance does this have for you personally?

TP: It's cool to get to 2,000 points. I think in high school, I barely scored over 1,000 so for me it was kind of a different feeling. That's all I have to say about it.

Alisia Smith | Forward | Sophomore

Q: Alisia, you got into some good spots against [Iowa's] zone today, and had a pretty quality offensive performance, what would you say about how you performed today?

AS: I would say that I performed pretty well. The jump shots that I got, I've been working on so to be able to knock them down felt good for me.

Q: Over the course of the season, you've been one of the bright spots where the development has clearly been there. You've gotten better as the season has gone on, what specific aspect of your game do feel like has really improved over the course of the season and what are you looking to improve on over the rest of this season's games?

AS: The aspect of my game that I've improved offensively has been getting around the basket and getting offensive rebounds. Another aspect I'd say improved defensively, has been getting stops and getting the defensive rebounds when we need them.

Q: We talked about Teniya [Page] scoring her 2,000th point, I want to know do you feel like you deserve an assist on it? The lob off of the backboard?

AS: No... *Jokingly* Yup, passed it off the backboard and she got it.