Penn State Women's Basketball vs. Providence November 8, 2018 Providence Head Coach Jim Crowley Postgame Press Conference

Opening Statement: Certainly, want to give a lot of credit to Penn State. We wanted to play this game for this kind of situation. We obviously played really well in the first and third quarters. The fourth quarter, we just couldn't get a score to slow down their transition offense at all. They really attacked it. They turned up their defense and because we couldn't get a score they were able to build some momentum off that and just kept attacking the rim and taking advantage of that in transition and really put pressure on. Credit to them that they kept coming in this kind of situation. It's the kind of game we wanted. Obviously, we want a different result, but it's one that will help us grow.

Q. How were you guys able to take advantage of Penn State's 3-point defense in the first half? You guys shot pretty well.

A: We're pretty good at that. We have a lot of shooters, so I think it's hard to kind of guard our shooters and we were able to get downhill with stuff. They really did a good job, especially in the fourth quarter, with running us off the 3-point line, of really just demanding that we put the ball on the deck. From that, we had a couple of turnovers as well as missed some layups. Credit to them for making that adjustment and then for being able to execute it.

Q. You guys really kept Teniya Page in check today. How were you able to do that?

A: I thought Chanell Williams really did a great job of staying down and really getting a spot. When we got to the half court, we were actually pretty solid with our defensive principles. I think at times we were so worried about finding her thought that it really hurt us with some others in transition. They took advantage of that, but you can only keep her in check for so long. I really thought the 3-point play she got early in the fourth quarter kind of got them going. When she saw the ball go in and got the free throw, they had a renewed life and obviously made a run from that.

Q. Before the final sequence of play where the steal happened, you had a time out left. What goes into that process? Why didn't you elect to burn a timeout?

A: I don't like timeouts there. I like the flow of the game. I don't like struggling with the inbound. Of course, we ran a pretty good inbound at the end of the sideline. I liked the flow there. Obviously, that's something we'll look at, but early in the year it's good for me to gage the team and see what's there and how we handled that. Obviously, it didn't go great, but that's why you play these kinds of early games.