



## Sunday November 26, 2023 Quotes – Penn State vs. VCU

### Penn State head coach Mike Rhoades

***Rhoades on the loss:*** “Couldn’t guard the ball. Multiple guys got downhill on us and we’re a work-in-progress on the defensive end, you saw that all weekend and just got downhill. And when you do that, now you're in rotation all the time. And that, that allowed Zeb to get to the basket, Max to get to the basket, it also allowed other guys to free up and Fats (Billups) off the penetration cuts and step in threes, tee 'em up and he knocked them down today. So we're a work in progress. The first six minutes of the second half, we had some really good defensive possessions in a row – we’re just not there yet. And again, its good offensive teams like the three we played this weekend, really explosive.”

***Rhoades on the familiar matchup:*** “Yeah, I mean, honestly, you're so busy and it's like one game, the next game and all that stuff. And don't get me wrong, you know, I love VCU and I want them to win every game. I didn't want them to win today, but I want them to win every game. And I'll be cheering for them here on out. But you're just so locked in. Like, get your team ready to play, win the game and that's what we're gonna do for next Saturday. And when we get to Big 10 play, you just focus so much on your team being ready to play the next game. It's the relationships you have with people that are really cool.”

***Rhoades on Ace Baldwin Jr:*** “You know, when Kanye went down, because with him and Kanye, they're both such dynamic guards. You guys know who he is - he's a tough, hard rocking dude and we need some other guys to step up and help him. Him and Kanye together takes some stress off of him. Today he had to do it and, you know, he's not afraid to play and make plays he set up today. He’s pretty hard rocking dude.”