

# **2019 CONFERENCE USA** **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**



## ***Press Conference Quotes – Old Dominion vs. Western Kentucky*** ***Thursday, March 14, 2019***

### **Western Kentucky Head Coach Greg Collins**

#### *Opening Statement:*

"I was really proud of our effort on the boards and defensively. It's been our Achilles heel throughout the season. As we started year our offense was clearly ahead of our defense and rebounding and we worked hard in this game. We were worried about Old Dominion's ability to outrebound us so I was proud of the way we kept them off the boards. We had a plus-10 rebound advantage which isn't typical for us this year."

#### *Whitney Creech acclimating herself to point guard position...*

"The thing that she's always had other than being a team player is a really high basketball IQ. She hasn't grown up as a point guard, but she's growing up now. What changed her on the offensive end is when she started to be more aggressive to score. There was a long stretch this year when players weren't guarding her, but now you have to. She's fine having zero points as long as we win, but when she goes and scores 15 that makes us really hard to beat."

### **#5 Whitney Creech, WKU**

#### *what it means to advance to semis for third straight year....*

"It means a lot. The past two years we've had success in the tourney. We're trying to continue that trend. We have to focus on the opponent ahead and not worry about the next game and stay locked in."

### **Old Dominion Head Coach Nikki McCray-Penson**

#### *Opening Statement:*

"Obviously I'm disappointed we didn't come away with a win. We came here to win this thing. We just came up short. The mental side of it and the details hurt us. We didn't rebound the ball as well as we should have. We played hard and competed but the details and the mental side of things, you have to be sharper, especially at this stage. I'm excited about this team and the program moving forward. I do think we've earned the right for postseason play, whether it happens or not, I don't know."

#### *Exceeding expectations this year?...*

"For us, every day we step out on the floor we want to win. I'm disappointed we didn't. I felt like we had enough to do it. We've been about getting better each day and winning each practice and winning each game. Our kids are winners and come from winning programs and it hurts because they're not used to it. I'm

not either. I'm used to playing on the last day and feeling the confetti falling on my head. I want to get back to that and see how that feels."

**#11 Taylor Edwards, Old Dominion**

*possibility of getting to WNIT?...*

"We didn't get the win like we wanted but if we get another chance, we'll have another chance to prove ourselves."