



# **2017 NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME #3 • MARCH 16, 2017 PURDUE LOCKER ROOM QUOTES**

## **Guard P.J. Thompson, Junior:**

*On teammate Vincent Edwards...*

"He had a huge second half for us. Actually, it was special, he had a special second half. In the first half, he was struggling a little bit. He was down on himself, but we told him he's been doing this since he was a little kid. He steps up in big moments."

*On the coaching staff's message at halftime...*

"They got into us a little bit. They told us to stick to our rules. The only time they were scoring, we were breaking down. They shot pretty well from three in the first half. Thought in the second half we really locked down and we hit some big shots."

*On the win...*

"It's huge, we got the monkey off our back with two first round exits the last two years with pretty good teams. We had a hell of a year this year. The last thing we were going to do is lose in the first round."

## **Guard Carsen Edwards, Freshman:**

*On playing in the NCAA Tournament...*

"It's rewarding. It's all a blessing just being here, being able to play this game and being able to play at this stage. The experience was fun and I enjoyed it. I'm just taking it all in and trying to play the best I can."

*On Vermont staying in the game...*

"They're a really good team. They played really well. They can shoot the ball and defend. We knew that going in it would be a good game."

*On whether he had any trouble with nerves...*

"It's a big sense of relief. I'm just trying to take this one game at a time and be able to move on to this next game. It was a good experience and we were able to pull it out, so it was good."