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Purdue Player / Postgame Quotes

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QUESTION: The approach the last two games...

Vincent Edwards: "I would say just coming in and being ready to play. Our goal and our focus is to win the Big Ten. Going to Iowa and dropping that game, and then letting Minnesota come in here and get a game. When you're trying to win the Big Ten, that is tough. Every game is important. Our goal and focus is to come in and play hard and try to keep our goal in our mind."

QUESTION: On Vincent's early spark to start the game...

Vincent Edwards: "Our coaches said we could get a lot of things in transition. So I was just trying to attack, trying to find Biggie running the floor, or any of our shooters. Nobody could really stop me when I was pushing the ball so I was just trying to make plays and get us going."

QUESTION: Key on the defensive end...

Dakota Mathias: "I think it was just following the scouting report. They have a lot of different weapons. They have good perimeter shooters, but we just knocked them out of rhythm early, didn't give them anything easy. I think that was the key from the start."

QUESTION: On Vincent's start...

Caleb Swanigan: "It meant a lot, but it meant more on the defensive end and the way we were stopping them early. They couldn't get a rhythm, and that was big for us."

QUESTION: On the sequence where Swanigan got a rebound, turned it over, blocked the shot, and then assisted Carsen Edwards...

Caleb Swanigan: "I'm just making up [for my mistake], and keep playing. I'm not dwelling on the turnover and giving up an easy shot. I went to contest it, and then got in transition and found Carsen under the basket. It was just a good play."

QUESTION: Importance of taking care of business today...

Vincent Edwards: "The focus is every time. We aren't focused on the next one. We can't worry about the ones that we lost. We just got to focus one game at a time. So now that we took care of business, it's on to the next one at Michigan State. We just have to stay focused on that one game and the task at hand."

QUESTION: On Vince being assertive in early...

Dakota Mathias: "I think it just opens up everything for everyone else. He is very versatile. When he has a bigger guy on him, he can take it to the hole. When he has a smaller guy he can shoot over them. It extends the defense and opens up holes for the guards to drive and Biggie to post up. Just gives us another dynamic for our offense."

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QUESTION: On Purdue defense...

Coach Painter: "I thought we did a good job of just trying to keep the ball out of the paint. I thought that was going to be the most important thing. Not letting them post us up and not letting them drive the basketball. We tried to stay connected and keep the ball out of the paint"

QUESTION: On Vince Edwards' play...

Coach Painter: "I thought he did a great job starting the game and we took him out after about 10 minutes. You know he got a little winded right there, but I thought he played very hard. I thought he took care of the basketball. He made good decisions -- he is a very versatile guy who can do a lot of things. "

QUESTION: On consistency and playing consecutive strong defensive games...

Coach Painter: "I thought we were better today and I thought our ball screen defense was a lot better. We just tried to keep the ball out of the middle of the floor and tried to keep the ball out of the paint. So hopefully we can keep building on this."

QUESTION: On the approach of the last two games...

Coach Painter: "I thought our guys were ready to play in the start of all the halves. Everybody wants to get ready and have a good start to a game, but it is also important to have a good start to the second half and I thought in both games we did that. We were focused and we were ready, but we also shot the ball well. When you get into games (especially on the road) when it does not go your way, or you aren't shooting the ball well, can you continue to defend or does the offense dictate how you play and how do you handle yourself? We have had some games where we have shot it well, but we turn it over. I do not know why that is, but when you shoot 57 percent from the field you want to be able to have as many cracks at it as possible so we have to do a better job in that area [turnovers]. "

QUESTION: On putting together runs...

Coach Painter: "It is getting stops and scoring the basketball at the same time. In practice we always talk about whether it is a drill where you have to get three stops in a row, because you score the basketball three times in a row and you get three stops in a row there is your run. A lot of times in games especially when it is decided by two or three possessions, it is normally one of the team's runs against the other one that ends up being the difference."