



2013 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round · Purdue vs. Liberty

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PURDUE POSTGAME QUOTES –

Sharon Versyp, Purdue head coach

(Opening statement)

"We were just real anxious to play a basketball game; it has been over two weeks. We had a game plan put in and I feel like we executed it to a tee. I thought our defense was the key and helped us set the tone early. For us to be able to have our bench come in and score 28 points was really good for us."

(On Sam Ostarello 17 rebounds)

"It was a big key. We knew they were going to put two bodies on her offensively to box her out so she couldn't get the offensive boards. I thought she did a phenomenal job on being more physical. When she rebounds, great things happen. For her to have 12 defensive rebounds in the first half really helped set the tone."

(On connecting on outside shots in the first half)

"We wanted to try and get the ball inside-outside, but our post players weren't really pinning the inside low post the way they were supposed to. We were knocking down shots; if that wasn't happening, then obviously, you will have to execute a little bit better and get the ball down low. I felt like in the second we attacked a little bit better."

(On getting the bench involved in the NCAA Tournament)

"I think it's big when you can get all your players NCAA Tournament experience. We are still a young team, we lose three seniors, but we still have young players who are able to play on this type of stage. I thought Liza Clemons minutes were very good, I thought Chantel Poston, Hayden Hamby, and April Wilson were really beneficial and they played with a lot more confidence. We were fortunate enough that our first group got us out to a great start."

(On Chantel Poston performance coming off an injury)

"We missed her as a player in conference games and the BIG TEN tournament. Chantel is just an amazing athlete and we missed her ability to rebound and score for us."

(On thoughts about April Wilson)

"I think April is a special player. She's not a backup point, she's a point guard. She can start for us; she can play shooting guard for us. She is just a really poised point guard. She didn't try and force anything; she ran the team very well. She is a great passer. I think one of her biggest strengths is her ability to go out and play defense. She understands the game and understands what I want. She can hit big shots and has done it all year."

(On thoughts about facing Louisville)

"They are a very athletic team. They extend their defense with their length. They have some great scores. If we do have to play Louisville, then it's going to be a battle. I think both teams have a lot to offer when going against each other. They have obviously done very well at home."

Courtney Moses

(On the importance of Sam Ostarello's rebounding to Purdue's transition game)

"It was huge. Before you think run, you have to first rebound. Sam's rebounds were key and she was getting it out, kicking it, and when we're running, we have fun."

(On the ability to leak out)

"Every time the shot went up for them, they had five crashing so I was able to get out and run."

Sam Ostarello

(On her rebounding)

"I think I was just really focused on that assignment. They're the top rebounding team in the nation by margin and they get a lot of their points on second chance opportunities, which is my defensive rebounds. So I just needed to go in there and every ball, every board was going to be mine and if not, my teammates were there to clean it up."

K.K. Houser

(On Liberty's defense)

"We worked a lot lately in practices just breaking their zone and setting plays up out of it. I thought we did a fairly good job. We settled a lot on the outside, but in the second half we got to a flow of it and we were able to find easier shots."

Courtney Moses

(Do you feel you had pretty good looks in the first half?)

"Yes, it all started with my teammates setting me up for good looks, and drawing their defense up top so I could get good shots off."

(Is there something about first round games with you and always shooting the three well?)

"It's all my teammates!"

(Your thoughts on facing Louisville or MTSU, do you know anything about these teams?)

"We will find out tonight"

KK Houser

(Do you feel like you disrupted them with your quickness?)

"Yeah, the first four minutes we got a feel for how the game was going to be and we were really aggressive to start the game out. So we just continued to play like that throughout the game."