



2013 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round · Purdue vs. Liberty

KFC Yum! Center, Louisville, Ky.

Sunday, March 24

LIBERTY POSTGAME QUOTES

Liberty Head Coach Carey Green

(Opening statement)

"As disappointing as this particular game was to all of us, I'd like to say thank you for the opportunity to play on this level. I've got a young group of women, who are five seniors, who have led us this year and in the preseason with all of our training. I'm very proud of their efforts. It's just unfortunate that we get to this level and didn't play very well. That is the way the game sort of turns out. I feel like Purdue played very well. They played as well as they could and we didn't play as well as we could have, so we lost to a very good Purdue team. They played up to their potential. I'm very proud of this group for reaching this level. We'd have liked to gone further, that was our goal. Unfortunately poor shooting percentage is pretty simple. They doubled our shooting percentage and that's not a good opportunity for you to win."

(On Purdue's Sam Ostarello)

"I don't think it changed. I wanted her to wear a Liberty jersey yesterday so she proved me right. She did a great job with 17 rebounds. I'd still like to have a Liberty jersey on her."

(On Purdue's transition offense)

"I think that separated it. It got up to double figures and at that time we weren't able to get back in the game. It's one of those things that you can show them by breaking down the scouting report, but to simulate it is just something we couldn't do. It gave them opportunity to take a lead. Once you break it down, and we talked about it in the huddle, I said look, in the half court if you could just pick up (Courtney) Moses, the perimeter threat, we'd be okay. It was the transition plus she hit three three-pointers in the first half, if I'm not mistaken. It is part of the game and that's what they do very well. If you've got somebody like Ostarello rebounding, she had 16 defensive boards and she can outlet to half court, it like bang bang. She outlets to a guard wing on the half court all the way on the other end. She did a great job initiating that fast break."

(On poor shooting in the first half)

"I think it's more complex. If you take a poor shot or a low percentage shot, you're probably not going to make that shot and they're going to get the rebound if they have a great rebounder like Ostarello. Then she's going to outlet and they're going to shoot quick layups on you. They played good position defense but I remember our first two post shots. One was in the bottom of the backboard and one was a two foot air ball that missed everything. I think that was nervousness or really not positioning yourself offensively to take a high percentage shot. So we were taking those poor shots which in term gave them opportunities to get a defensive rebound and a run out. That's exactly what happened. We took poor shots, they rebounds and run outs and you're suddenly behind by 10. I'm certain that there were some nervous butterflies that our players were dealing with, but you also have to put yourself in position to get a good shot."

(On getting underclassmen playing time)

"I think it's obviously rewarding for any player to get on the floor in the atmosphere of the NCAA Tournament. That'll be a memory that I don't think they'll let slip away very easily. It's sort of an appetizer I would think. Now they can go out in the preseason and they'll see the value of running in the sand and lifting the weights and things like that they've worked through. That's what builds championship programs. At least they'll know what the benefits and the rewards are."

(On replacing senior Devon Brown)

"Well, she has the heart of a lion and it's hard to find those. She is a great scorer. Obviously you wouldn't score 2,000 (points) if you weren't. I wish I had her healthy for four years but she's never been healthy. She's missed about nine or ten games throughout her career. It's hard to replace those types of players because of her scoring ability, her desire to win, and her toughness. She is a very tough player. She will certainly be missed. You don't find players like her very often. She's been the backbone to our team."

Tolu Omotola

(On the cold shooting to start the game)

"They came out hitting, they came out shooting well and we didn't. We felt like on the defensive end we needed to step up there. I felt like we could have communicated more as a team."

(On the difference when it came to rebounding)

"They came out physical; they just won most of the battles inside. We came out and we're only one deep so there was a lot on us. But they just came out physical and we didn't win the battles inside."

Devon Brown

(On scoring 2,000 points in her career)

"It's been a blessing, up and down. But I'm really proud of the accomplishments I've made, and I'm glad I made it with these girls."

(On the challenges that Courtney Moses created)

"She's a shooter, and she likes to leak out so we tried to defend it the best we could. On defense we didn't communicate the way we should have and we left her wide open and she knocked them down."

Ashley Rininger

(On the younger players gaining experience in the NCAA Tournament)

"It's definitely great exposure, great experience, just being able to go out there and play tonight. It's definitely going to prepare us for the future. Especially, me and the rest of the younger players because not only are we used to playing at this kind of level, now we are getting this kind of exposure and we're also preparing for future NCAA Tournaments."

Tolu Omotola

(On Purdue's Sam Ostareello)

"She was relentless. She uses her height well, her arms well, and we knew she was going to be an offensive rebounder. She also showed us on the defensive end too that she can rebound. Much respect to her."

(On the foul trouble Liberty faced)

"I agree with Devon that we had people coming in to step up. It's just the game of basket. It happens and you've just got to move on to the next play."

Devon Brown

(On the transition game of Purdue)

“We knew that they were going to leak out. We didn’t pay attention to it really a whole lot and I felt like that hurt us in the first half. I felt like we got down and got ourselves in a hole and we couldn’t come out of it.”

(On the foul trouble Liberty faced)

“It’s basketball. It happens. But we have confidence in our teammates that they were going to step up. I felt like they did that today.”