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Post-Game Quotes
No. 25 California 89, San Diego 64

California Head Coach Lindsay Gottlieb

Opening statement:

"This was a good win, this team continues to develop in a lot of different ways. I thought we had intensity for the entire game. I thought we were efficient on offense. I thought we handled their different styles of defense, their pressure. I keep asking these two to step up, Asha and Kristine to step up and they keep raising the bar, which is great. I told them in the locker room that the number of wins are fun, but mostly it's the ride, it's about the people you do it with. The way they played today I was really proud of them and it's just fun to be with this group of people everyday because they are really committed to getting better.

Tell Tara [Vanderveer] I'm coming, only 800 more."

On team's shooting percentage:

"We talked about it at halftime, when we handled their pressure, you know when people are going to pressure they're going to give something else up, so we felt that, with Kristine and all of our post players, that if you're going to pressure us in the front court and we are going to get one on one touches, I mean we have a really good group. Kristine, Nina, CJ come out and do the 20 for 25. I credit our guards for understanding that there are going to be games like that. They handled pressure and fed it into the paint with penetration or post touches. Kind of like when people sag off of us, and put four or five people in the paint we got to take shots. I think what we are learning is that whatever teams throw at us, we have enough, we are enough. Whereas in the past times, we are like oh let's hope we get shots or let's hope we finish. Now I expect us to finish layups and hold seals, and make really tough plays that Kristine makes look easy. At the same time, to be able to get the ball where it needs to go and for the guards to make shots."

On what has made this team more confident:

"Themselves. Working harder, being more focused. I think it has only been a short time, but they understand the drills we are doing better in situations to be successful but also they have that will to want to do it right every single time, not one for every three times. It is totally on them and us just trying to push the right buttons to get to that intensity level. We know this team is capable of it but it took us a couple, maybe getting punched a bit, for us to say no no we can be the aggressor."

On team's composure:

"You've been looking at these two for three years, they were thrown into situations as freshman and sophomores where we were expecting a lot. Same with Kayla, we were playing a lot of minutes with young players. There is some stuff that no matter how talented you are, you can't get unless you have experienced it. I think it is experience of the veterans and I also think it we are a more balanced team. We have more ball

handlers, we don't have to only find AT to break the press or get the ball to only Kristine to score, there are a lot more threats on the floor at all times. I think it allows us to be confident in what we are trying to do out there. We talked about it all year, I think the team chemistry is better and level of maturity is better so everything feels a little more cohesive all of the time."

On limiting turnovers:

"I also think it is our bench. It's not often where you finish a quarter with a 20 point lead and whoever we put in gave us great minutes .Across the board that is a difference, I think we are deeper and the bench has been better in practice and better in games."

On moving forward before conference play:

"I think its good that we have seen a couple of game plans early on and that we are very focused on Kristine {Anigwe} and the post play. Now they will come out and pressure us. I love the four for seven from the three and I think we made good decisions on it. The more you can schedule non-conference games and face different kinds of things. It wont be the first time, let's say we play Arizona State and if we play another team who is going to sag, its not the first time we face it. We have enough personnel and understanding of the game so that we can play a number of different ways and people will have to pick their poison. I think we have a better understanding of what we can do."

Junior Forward/Center Kristine Anigwe

On Gottlieb's 200th win:

It's always special to be apart of anything with Lindsay because she's our family and this is just another thing were going through with her on this journey.

On her efficiency:

"Coming off [the knee injury in the preseason] I was nervous coming onto the floor, but I feel very comfortable playing with this group and it allows me to play at a high rate very efficiently."

Junior Guard Asha Thomas

On Gottlieb's 200th win:

"It's fun to be a part of it like [Coach] said, to be a part of the journey and in her coaching career and whatever we can do to get wins for ourselves and her is great."

On limiting the turnovers:

"We just didn't want to turn the ball over. We wanted to be efficient and we know where to get the ball and knowing where to be."

On the abundance of assists:

"We have a lot of players who can score, we have a lot of people who can move the bal. We have depth, a lot more depth than we have had in previous years and just to be able to have that is rare."

On Kianna Smith helping lessen the workload:

"She's very skilled, makes my job a lot easier and makes everyone's jobs a lot easier. She knows where to get the ball, where to create, she can score, just very good player."