



# Pitt Women's Basketball Quotes

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## Pitt Head Coach Lance White

### **Opening Statement:**

"I'm really pleased with how our kids fought and clawed and made plays in order for us to win a basketball game tonight. We talked a lot to them about developing a fourth-quarter mentality and that's what we did today. A couple of months ago, we would've quit on that game and said, 'We're done,' but this group is finding a way to overcome their own fears and overcome the past and say, 'We're going to be different.' So I'm really pleased with them. I'm pleased with [Cara Judkins]. A career high for her and 8-for-11 from the field. All that work that she has been putting in individually is now paying off and that is a huge step in where we have to go. Overall, I was really happy that we were able to get the win."

### **On if this game represents what you are expecting from them:**

"Yeah, absolutely. We've talked the whole time in that they may be seniors in classification, but with me they're freshman and so the things that I say and the things that we're doing is that all of them are freshman. They're trying to figure out 'when he says this, what is he talking about.' We had nine days off and so we knew that the first half was probably going to be ugly, but at the end you have to turn the switch and go from academics to now it's all about basketball. So, I thought at the beginning of the third and the fourth, they realized 'we got to go.'" But, I was really pleased since it's a learning process and we have to learn to value possessions and how hard we have to play all the time because the competition's going to just get tougher."

### **On what the message he told them at halftime was:**

"The message was you have to make a choice. You got to make a choice all the time to play. You have to want to shoot the ball. You have to want to get a rebound, defend, all those things and I can put you in position to get it done, but they have to make the choice to go do the work. That's what basketball's about - heart and toughness and doing things with repetition."

### **On the rebounding done tonight:**

"We picked up some crucial ones today. That last one, we were right there. But, rebounding changes the game."

## Sophomore Center Cara Judkins

### **On if they have been focusing on the rebounding battle:**

"All the time. We focus on it in practice so that it will carry over into the games. We'll do a bunch of rebounding drills and coach [White] really emphasizes that the way to win is to rebound. I think that every time that we outrebounded our opponent, we have won games, so I think it just shows that rebounding is so important."

### **On how they have adjusted to the new system:**

"I think that we're still getting there. I think that we still need to work on a few things here and there but I think that we are definitely getting comfortable within his new system. I think that running his plays, coach always talks about don't just run the pattern, run the play within the play, so I think that's our main thing that we need to work on. I think that as a team, we're definitely getting to the point where, coming up in ACC play, we'll be ready to compete because we'll have bought into the system and we'll be able to implement it into the game."