



# Pitt Women's Basketball Quotes

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## Pitt Head Coach Lance White

### **Opening Statement:**

“Obviously anytime you play really good opponents, and West Virginia is a great basketball team and they’re going to do extremely well, you learn a lot about yourself. We’re a team that’s a work in progress and were going to have to keep getting better, but I thought their pressure took us out of a lot of stuff that we wanted to do today. They’re just rougher and tougher and bigger and stronger than we are so those are points that we’re going to have to address because that’s what an ACC team looks like. For us to be able to compete in the ACC, we’re going to have to get tougher and stronger and play with a lot more energy. I’m disappointed in the way that we started, but after that, I thought we made a little run and played a little bit better. Again we’re finding a lot of the old and becoming new. We’ve got some things that we have to get better at and that’s kind of where we are at today.”

### **On how the game slipped away in the second half:**

“The energy. [West Virginia] has kids who can step up and make shots. I thought that was a big difference. Once we made a little run we would turn it over and then they would go score. I thought our offense dictated our defense. We are never going to be a team who is an offensive juggernaut. We need to be able to relay on mixing people up and making it an ugly basketball game. I didn’t think we did that and allowed #5 [Tynice Martin] to take it out and jump up the score.”

### **On Tynice Marin’s performance:**

“She is a great player. We recruited her at Florida State. She was a kid that can really change the game. Being out last year and coming back, she is a phenomenal one-on-one player and you always have to guard her and make sure you know where she is at. We lost her a couple of times and she made us pay. I thought more so than anything was their pressure really forced us out of being able to have any flow. I thought that had a much stronger barring on the game than their individual players.”

### **On how they need to manufacture easier offense:**

“We are not going to manufacture easier offense. We have to do all the little things and we have to be able to handle the ball and move it to the next spot and create catches and make reads out of that. We are not there yet. Today, I thought we ran most of everything at half-court and it was really difficult to make that next decision. We have to be better at knowing how to play with each other. All of these players are freshmen. Playing for me is different so they have to figure out what to do and when to go.”

### **On Cara Judkins’ performance:**

“Cara has made huge growth this year. To see her against really good people, be able to battle, her toughness, being able to seal every time, set great screens, to get people open. That’s huge growth for her and for us as a staff, it’s very encouraging. She has had several good moments this year so far and we need her to continue that growth because she is really a different player than she was three months ago.”

## Junior Guard Jasmine Whitney

### **On winning consistently:**

“Like coach said, it’s the little things. We have to come in everyday with the mentality that we want to grow and get better and I think today we just didn’t come in with that mentality. I think we have to improve on that and come back in next week off of games, get in the gym, and work on the little things that we have to do because it’s going to be a battle every night.”

## Sophomore Center Cara Judkins

### **On winning consistently:**

“Coming in every game, doesn’t matter if we’re playing West Virginia or Youngstown State, just playing tough because they out worked us today. We need to keep matching their effort and intensity every night.”

### **On what she can take away from today’s performance:**

“I just need to keep working hard. I may have had the most points, but it was all due to teammates finding me. I had to come out stronger in the beginning, just because of all of us starting out slowly and they had a 14-0 lead, so just taking away that the way you start is important and it effects the rest of the game, especially against a team like West Virginia.”