



Pitt Women's Basketball Quotes

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Pitt Head Lance White

Opening Statement:

"Obviously, we are really disappointed and this one hurt in a lot of ways. Again, you start conference play at Notre Dame and at NC State, two top ten teams. We are a team that is still growing and we're not ready for that just yet. Coming here today against a team that I think we matched up great with and fought our guts out and just couldn't make enough plays to get the win. We are growing and learning, and in the ACC you can't have that many missed free throws and missed assignments and win games. The second quarter hurt us and getting down those points in that quarter, not being able to score enough to match them, changed the game. The third and fourth quarters I thought we did everything we needed to to try and win a game and I was really pleased with what I call stat fillers, kids that do everything; rebounds, assists, steals, blocks, all of those hustle plays that make us the top team we need to become."

On how hard it is to adjust rotations with players being injured:

"It's hard. I talked a lot about how everyone on our team are freshmen for me. No matter what year you are, Kauai [Bradley] is a senior, Jasmine [Whitney] is a junior school wise, but for me and my terminology and the way I want to play, they're all freshman. Players make plays, you make reads, and you attack it. They've had to learn that and it's taken time. Whenever you have players like [Aysia] Bugg and Alayna [Gribble] that are proven in the ACC and at this level, it hurts your depth and your rotation. Now, you are having to play players that haven't ever been in this environment in this situation on the fly and I think that's extremely hard in this conference."

On what led to Boston College getting the win:

"I thought with the missed free throws, I thought we had good attempts and the ability to knock down shots is huge. I think we ran one where Cara Judkins got a wide open layup that she's got to hit. Jasmine had one where she could have gotten fouled and all that stuff, but in the ACC you got to go score it. Cassidy [Walsh] missed a couple of threes in the corner that hurt us and they would go down and capitalize on it. You have very few chances and if you can't nail them, you wind up on the losing end."

On being a part of the first women's basketball jersey retirement of the program:

"I'm extremely excited for Lorri [Johnson] and our program. There have been some very good players at Pitt that need that honor, so that now we can continue that as the players have someone to look up to. We always talk to the kids that we have now and the ones we are recruiting about what is your legacy going to be. To be able to now point to the rafters and see a Pitt women's basketball player up there it's huge for us. Before that, it's extremely difficult to see a lot of men and think what about the women? There have been some extremely awesome players at Pitt throughout the history that now our players have to leave their legacy. I am extremely excited for Lorri and our administration for honoring her and now it's the next one. I think it's a huge step in our program to have someone up there."

Kauai Bradley

On getting better defensively:

"A big emphasis is on communication. Just outworking the other team. I think it is important for us offensively to get stops on defense. That helps stimulate our offense more. That is why we have been putting more emphasis on defense."

On finding motivation when down in the last two minutes of the game:

"The one thing we always talk about is energy. I think that was a big part of it. We were so amped up because we wanted it and were working so hard. We were playing with so much passion and heart."

Jasmine Whitney

On half-court shot before the half:

"I was confident in it. We work on that all the time."

On taking more shots from the field:

"I would not say that I need to take more. I was hitting shots today that I have missed over the past couple games. I have all the confidence in Cassidy, and she hit the big three at the end. No matter how much she was struggling throughout the game, she hit the big shot. I think it just came to me. I was feeling it tonight."

On finding motivation when down in the last two minutes of the game:

"We have been working so hard on that fourth quarter mentality ever since coach White came here. No matter what the scenario is. You have to fight."