



Pitt Women's Basketball Quotes

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Pitt Head Lance White

Opening Statement:

“Again, life in the ACC and being in the best conference is that you must play at a certain standard and I think tonight we proved we can play a half with a really good basketball team but we weren't able to play a whole game. The second half and especially the third quarter was just us falling apart and not being able to make the plays we have to make on a regular basis. Shooting the low percentage in the third quarter affected our defense. Luckily we will get another chance on Sunday to face someone else.”

On what the biggest difference between the two halves were:

“Shooting open shots and I think we turned down a lot that we've got to get. If Cassidy [Walsh] and Jasmine [Whitney] get shots, they have to shoot it and whenever they turn those shots down then it presses us. Whenever we do get a great shot, then they have to step up and shoot it. We had miscues that allowed them to get layups or wide-open threes as we let our offense dictate our defense. We aren't good enough to be able to do that right now.”

On can they build on and improve looking back at the first half:

“It's nice because Clemson's really similar to Syracuse in the style of play that they play so there were a lot of positives with the way we moved the ball. We didn't turn it over in the first half against their presses and they're pressing all the time. I thought we had some good stuff and we got to get better at transitioning from the press into our offense a little bit quicker. But, overall I thought those were positives and again, we rebounded with them the first half. I think we were down three at half against a really good rebounding team. Those are all positives and we got to work on those things in the second half and a lot of it is mentality. These kids never demanded of themselves what it takes to win in the ACC and we are still learning to do that. We just have to put this one aside and get onto the next one.”

Senior Cassidy Walsh

On playing against Tiana Mangakahia:

“She's just someone that you have to keep in front of you. She's a great scorer, and a great distributor. I thought we did a good job on her in the first half. We had Kauai or Jasmine key on her coming up the court, so we could slow her down in transition. They were a little bit out-of-sync in the first half without her making plays. She is a great player, and she got a little more comfortable the second half. Overall I think our guards did a really good job on her.”

On scoring success in first half and if their defense slowed her down in the second:

“No I think I need to look for my shot more in the second half. I was more aggressive in the first half as opposed to the second. Everything in the first was more in rhythm. I just have to stay focused throughout the game and look for my shot more in the second half.”