



Pitt Women's Basketball Quotes

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Pitt Head Lance White

Opening Statement:

"This one for me, hurts. Watching them on film and in person even, they're a team that I feel like we can play with and we just didn't make enough plays that we needed to in crucial situations. I thought we started the game pretty flat and then ramped it up and I thought we had a pretty good third quarter and then to let up on the gas again was really disappointing. We sent them to the free-throw line way too many times and then gave up way too many points in transition defense where they got layups. Those are things we can control. We were not disciplined enough or didn't have enough heart to make those plays and whenever you don't do that you lose games. Again, this one was just really disappointing."

On the third quarter:

"I think as you go along in the ACC, there are players that can make plays and we had a great run and cut their lead or tied it and it went back and forth for a while. They hit a couple shots and we didn't respond and that's always the thing in big time basketball, they're gonna make a run and you have to shorten theirs and lengthen yours as much as you can. We knocked them one time and then we fell over."

On the message he gave at half-time:

"I thought we could take advantage of them on the inside. They were switching, so I thought we could give Cara some good looks and we got her a couple of touches which made them stay with theirs for a little bit. I thought our defense picked up and we were a lot more active. We had four stops in a row and all of that stuff that led to good offense, but I still think that if we can't shoot it well, we can't play defense. In this league, as hard as it is for us to score, we can't rely on our offense. We have to get stops and rebounds and make it an ugly game."

Sophomore Center Cara Judkins

On going up against other centers in the ACC:

"I think it's taught me that I have to be patient when I catch the ball inside. A lot of the girls are bigger and stronger than I am and are more experienced, so I have to learn to catch the ball, wait a second, and feel where the defense is before I put it up. Coach has been working on it with me after practice and really getting it into my head that I can't just go and turn and rush it; that when I'm patient I have the advantage because I'm so much bigger than some of the other opponents."

On her career high:

"After the first couple high-low passes from Danielle, it built up my confidence and when she started making it, the energy really helped me because it was like, "Ok, well, I know that if I can't do it, she can," so it was nice being able to know that "Ok, I'm playing well, she's playing well," and I just thought that we worked off each other pretty well."

Senior Forward Danielle Garven

On trying to stop Toussaint and Willoughby:

"Well, they are good players, I won't take that from them. But, I think we just needed to buckle down in the crucial moments because we had a lot of breakdowns on defense and just knowing that they are key players, and so they can get their shot up and just making sure that we get that stop was big."