



2014 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round · Georgia vs. Saint Joseph's
Harry A. Gampel Pavilion · Storrs, Connecticut
Sunday, March 23

POSTGAME QUOTES – Saint Joseph's Hawks

Cindy Griffin, Saint Joseph's Head Coach:

On what the win means to the program:

"It's terrific. Not only is it great for Saint Joseph's University and our program, but it's also great for the Atlantic Ten Conference. It's a stepping stone, and though we were very excited about winning the Atlantic Ten Tournament last year, this team wanted to take it a step further this year in getting to the tournament and winning a game. It's huge."

On the mindset for possibly playing UConn on Tuesday:

"I'm excited about it. As a student athlete you want to play the best, but as a coach you want to coach against the best, and Geno is one of the best if not the best... I think it's an opportunity for us to showcase Saint Joseph's University, not only our team but also the University as a whole. We're always the under dog and we like that role and we've been successful in that role, so we're excited about it."

On getting down in the second half:

"We just weren't doing the little things to get open, and when you're playing such a great defensive team like Georgia, they try to take the first and second pass away. If we can get past those first two passes, we're going to be able to get some open looks, and we did that."

Natasha Cloud, Saint Joseph's, guard:

On stepping up when the team needed it:

"I think my teammates having confidence in me really gives me a boost. At that point, coach had dug into me a little bit telling me I needed to shoot the ball so I did it. We made plays and we got open looks. We executed very well in the last few minutes."

Erin Shield, Saint Joseph's, guard

On winning an NCAA tournament game:

"It means a lot. It's been an unbelievable experience and I think being here last year and getting the loss we learned how that felt. We came in here to show what we have. Being a part of the program for my whole life, growing up at Saint Joseph's, nothing feels better than representing your program and making them proud. I know we made Saint Joseph's proud today."

On the difference playing this season vs. last season:

"I felt better this year, obviously. Coming into this game, coach had said before the game that I had to be ready to shoot and it's really important that I can't worry about the last play or last missed shot. Having teammates pick you up and coaches telling you to keep pushing was the difference this year."