



## **2014 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Second Round · UConn vs. Saint Joseph's  
Harry A. Gampel Pavilion · Storrs, Connecticut  
Monday, March 24

### **PRACTICE DAY QUOTES – Saint Joseph's**

#### **Cindy Griffin, Saint Joseph's Head Coach:**

*On Moriah Jefferson:*

"I think she gets better every game that she plays. I think she gets more comfortable. She plays with a lot of confidence and she plays beyond her years."

*On Natasha Cloud:*

"I think Erin alluded to it earlier; she makes everyone around her better. Her head is always two steps ahead and for the most part that's a great thing. Sometimes we have to slow her down a little bit but she's a giver by nature. She's a giver off the court and she's a giver on the court. She likes to make her teammates look good. She thrives on that. She has been an asset on both ends of the floor."

*On how the team is preparing to face UConn:*

"I think it's no secret that UConn is the best team in the country but it's an opportunity. We're looking at it as an opportunity. Natasha said it well; they're competitors. If you're going to play in this tournament then why not play the best and challenge yourself against the best. Even from a coaching standpoint, they're one of the best coaching staffs in the country, from our perspective. I think for Connecticut, they're a national championship type team but if we stay through our game plan and do the things that we do well and do them often, every opportunity we have to find a hole, we have to take it."

#### **Natasha Cloud, Saint Joseph's Guard**

*On what makes UConn tough:*

"They're a very good team. They're well-disciplined, well-coached, very athletic and very big. But we'll do what we need to do to prepare for them and we'll be ready after practice today."

*On what the team needs to do to match UConn:*

"I think we just really need to stay within ourselves. Like I said yesterday after game, UConn is the best and we want to play the best as athletes and competitors. We're a good team, we've had some peaks and we've had some downs this year but we just need to stick with our game and do what we do best and everything else will fall into place."

**Erin Shields, Saint Joseph's Guard:**

*On how long the team celebrated the win:*

"I think we gave it the night and that's about it. We got back to the hotel last night and we were happy about the win but then you wake up this morning and you move on. We have UConn to look forward to tomorrow night so that's what we're doing."

*On Natasha Cloud's ability to make the team better:*

"Natasha is really the best teammate that anyone could ask for. She can take it to score and she is always looking. I think that's the best thing about her. It shows in her personality as a person. She likes to share, she's a nice person but on the court she even passes too much as coach will tell you too. But she is always looking for the next pass and I think that's why she's so hard to defend. She's always looking to the next play and the next person that is open but she can also shoot it. She makes every single person on the team better."

*On Moriah Jefferson:*

"She is a great player. She's very quick, she's long, and she can do a lot of things. I think she's very versatile so we need to be prepared for her. She can shoot the three or take it to the basket. I think Georgia had some long guards, probably not as long as her, but they prepared us for the pressure that she can bring on defense and we have to be prepared for her quickness on offense."

**Ashley Robinson, Saint Joseph's Forward:**

*On the season as a whole:*

"I think we definitely had a lot of ups-and-downs in our season but just pulling together and getting some key wins throughout the season really just prepared us for last night."