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Postgame Quotes

#13/13 Maryland 80, #18/17 Iowa 64

Head Coach Brenda Frese

Opening Statement:

"I love the fact that you could tell we were ready to go from the tip and each game that we're out there we're learning how to win collectively. I thought it was a tremendous effort. I thought we were able to set the tone defensively because we knew we had a matchup concern with Gustafson in terms of how talented is and her percentages from the field. We were able to mix it up defensively and I really liked the aggressiveness we had on offense sharing the ball. The unselfish play when you look at the game. And forcing them into so many turnovers was key."

On the team's mindset entering the game:

"We made sure that our team knew where they were at and I think it shows how competitive this team is. They really stood up to the challenge. They love these kinds of matchups and were excited. You could feel that from shoot around to the start of the game and all the way through."

On limiting turnovers:

"From Penn State we were disappointed in that game and our defense so we took that pride and responded to that which was key."

On defending Gustafson:

"It was by committee. There were some things defensively in terms of who we wanted play, or who we didn't, and double teaming her when she got the ball. We thought our post players did a phenomenal job just making it difficult for her. And then our ability to change our defense, switching from full-court to half-court, really disrupted that rhythm."

On taking inspiration from Penn State game and carrying it through the season:

"It's a long season. Not to give them an excuse, because we want to play like this every time out, and we have consistently up until but Penn State, but what we have to realize is that we've had tough road games. For us on the road, we have to get different elements of our young team together. And we'll get there."

Sophomore Forward Stephanie Jones

On altering Iowa's game plan:

"It was definitely a team effort just having ball pressure on the guards and everybody else helping out down low. It was definitely a team effort tonight."

On how Coach Frese got the team in the mindset:

"Especially after Penn State, she told us that they were a really good team coming in and they were looking to beat us so we needed to come out ready to play. She wanted us to know we must be able to defend and do what we do."

Freshman Guard Channise Lewis

On what Maryland did to rattle Iowa:

"We locked in on defense. Every time they found new areas to score we would regroup and huddle. We just locked in."

Sophomore Guard Kaila Charles

One her performance tonight compared to her performance against Penn State:

"I definitely didn't want to dwell on it. You are sometimes going to have a bad game, that is basketball. With my teammates encouraging me I just put it in the past and stayed in the present. I was hitting shots and they were feeding me the ball. I could have made more layups but it was just about not dwelling on it and playing the next game. It is a new day."

Head Coach Lisa Bluder

On tonight's game:

"Congrats to Maryland. Obviously came out and played a great game, especially that first quarter. We got behind extremely in that first quarter and really just couldn't get our rhythm back after that. We give up 17 extra shots than we get to take and we're not shooting 17 times. We shoot 63 shots, they get 80 shots. We turned the ball over way too many times. Obviously, that's not going to work in your favor."

On takeaways from the game:

"Maryland is a good team, we have got to take care of the ball."

On turnovers:

"Yeah we made some really silly passes trying to break the press and passes that we don't practice and unfortunately their half court press bothered us. We need to get that fixed. I thought we did a great job against their full court press and their three quarter court press, I thought we did a good with against all of those things, their half court press bothered us."

On moving forward:

"After the first quarter we kind of got it figured out a little bit but we need to get the ball into Megan, you know, we got to find a way to do it. We're taking shots early that we can take later on. We don't need to take those shots with 10 seconds on the shot clock. We can work the ball and try to get a better shot before we put it up."

On Maryland's defense:

"They were really just sagging off of our guards and just letting our guards take shots."

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