

# MARYLAND



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## Postgame Quotes

*#11/10 Maryland 88, Rutgers 60*

### Head Coach Brenda Frese

#### *Opening Statement:*

"I think that in the first quarter we really came ready to play. We punched early from the tip. Our rebounding was sensational tonight when you talk about being up 20. The way we shared the ball with 25 assists on 32 makes I thought was tremendous. Just continuing to get better. I was really pleased with our defense and considering the Rutgers defense for us to score 88 points was tremendous. Again, just playing a high level every time we step out onto the court.

#### *On importance of winning at home:*

"I don't know if I'd say more important because they're all equally important. I think that for us it's that we have eight games to get it right before the postseason and that's where I look at it. We don't look at it as home and road we just look at it as improving as a complete team over these next eight games into March."

#### *On the team's fast start:*

"I thought we shared the basketball and we had eight assists with only one turnover in the first quarter. That's who we need to be. I thought we got comfortable in the second quarter and we had seven turnovers which I was not pleased with. The first quarter is who I think we are and in the second quarter we just got more comfortable. The second half was really solid and that's what we need to be able to have."

#### *On Kaila Charles:*

"She's always ready to play. I thought she settled us in early and she gets us going. She's always going to ready from the tip and she's our energy that we can feed off of her. She just continues to play with that poise and confidence every time she steps onto the floor."

### Sophomore Guard Kaila Charles

#### *On what Coach Frese said in the second half:*

"Basically just not to let them get that confidence. They hit a couple good shots to cut the lead but we went back out there, brought the energy and like you said, shut the door."

#### *On the team's 25 assists:*

"We were finding open teammates, which is a big emphasis we have had and have been successful. That's what we have been doing so we went back to that."

#### *On is the team gets comfortable with big leads:*

"I wouldn't say we had comfortability because we don't want to let up in any way, whether its defense or offense so we still try to stick to Maryland basketball even if we have a big lead."

### Junior Guard Eleanna Christinaki

*On the team's 25 assists:*

"We just need to read the defense and when they close in on us, we need to pass the ball. That's why we had assists. There are so many good players on our team, which makes it even easier. Steph came and she was phenomenal so we were passing her the ball. This is our team, everyone contributed to this win and that's why we had so many assists"

**Sophomore Forward Stephanie Jones**

*On her scoring in the second half:*

"I think that in the first half, I wasn't as aggressive while rebounding the ball so my coaches really challenged me to get on the boards and then also my teammates found me."

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