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Postgame Quotes

#15/13 Maryland 91, Albany 58

Head Coach Brenda Frese

Opening Statement:

"Obviously, a solid game for us. I thought the first quarter looked like the first game of the season. A lot of nerves and jitters with our sloppy play and turnovers. I thought we settled in as a team in the second quarter, I think we outscored them 30-4. Blair [Watson] was able to get us started with a big three and I thought we were able to feed off of that run with a lot of momentum. Obviously, fun to be able to watch so many players contribute in different ways. Stephanie [Jones] with her double-double and the toughness she played with tonight. It thought Channise [Lewis] as a freshman really handled the duties at the point well and really played poised in her first game. A lot of great things for us to be able to build upon moving on."

On what she learned about her team:

"We want to do a better job taking care of the basketball. Twenty-one turnovers is way too many with how we want to play. I liked our fight, I really liked how we locked in in the second quarter and really played extremely hard. I like how we rebounded and shared the ball in those second and third quarters so a lot for us to build upon."

On what changed in the second quarter:

"How we were presenting is not how we've been in our exhibition games as well as our practices. Sometimes we make moments bigger than what we should when they've been those same things we've been worked on. We just make it a bigger moment in our mind. But I do think we settled down and really came together and that was the difference in the second quarter."

On mindset heading into South Carolina game:

"It helps us to get a game under our belt. Just like every game is going help us this season, the next game on our schedule just happens to be South Carolina. I know that will be an easy game for our players to get up for and I know they're looking forward to it. But for us it's just every day approaching it the same in terms of our practices and what our game mentality has to look like."

Sophomore Forward Stephanie Jones

On the change in energy in the first half:

"I think once we got stops, we really got it settled and we just started getting our reps on offense too."

On the team's play in the paint:

"I think that me, Bri [Fraser], Kaila [Charles], and even the guards, just them crashing the boards hard, getting rebounds, getting that second chance on offense is huge for us and just getting stops on defense."

Sophomore Guard Blair Watson

On the team's play in the fourth quarter:

"I'd say our play really got sloppy in the fourth, but I feel like at the end we kind of picked it up a little bit and as the season goes on that's something we have to work on."

On keeping confident:

"Like everyone says, don't worry about the misses, just keep your head down and keep working. I feel like that's what I definitely did and I definitely fed off my teammates energy and just rode away from there."

Freshman Guard Channise Lewis

On her first game:

"I didn't feel like my first season game cause I've been here since the summer and in Taiwan. I just carrying that confidence from Taiwan over to this game, which led me to the comfort state I was in."

On what went through her mind after first shot of the game:

"Time to play defense, get a stop. That's what went through my head, to keep on playing."

Albany Head Coach Joanna Bernabei-McNamee

On tonight's game:

"I think there is a lot of growth we can take from this game, like I told our players, we play this really tough early opponent because we hope to be facing an opponent like this at the end of the year in March. What we learn from this game is we have to get a little bit more gritty and a little bit tougher and reboundin-wise that's kind of what we are known for. But I think we have a lot to learn from the way Maryland rebounds the ball. I thought all-in-all Maryland played really hard and we played hard first quarter, fourth quarter, we had a little bit of lapse in the third. A lot of lapse in the second."

On being back in College Park:

"It's exciting. You know of course in my head, you always want it to be a closer game. How great would this have been if this was an exciting game but it is quite nostalgic to be here. I haven't been here for a long time, so it was fun. It was great to see my boys in the stands with Brenda's boys, it was kind of cool."