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Postgame Quotes

#15/13 Maryland 92, Niagara 65

Head Coach Brenda Frese

Thoughts on today's game:

"I thought the energy was awesome, we love having this kind of game for our kids. Introducing them to our team, our program and our University. I know this is a game my boys have circled on the calendar for as long as when it came out.

I thought with the game Niagara was extremely aggressive, especially in the first half. I think as a young team we need to be able to really work on that and come more prepared to be ready to play but I thought our seniors did a tremendous job being consistent and ready to kind of settle us in. And I thought, we were able to put some good things together in the third quarter but you know as we talked as a team, we have to be ready to play from the tip. We had to take a tough loss the other night. Understanding that, maybe we have to take a look at who we are starting and what that will look like for us but we need to have a lot better starts to our game."

On how this was a tricky game in an unconventional stretch:

"I guess if you want to give that to your team. I think I was more disappointed because I liked our approach yesterday to practice and how we were probably able to be more competitive in practice yesterday than then start of our games. Again for a young team, there are areas we have to be able to improve upon quickly."

On how she rallied the team at halftime to get them going:

"I was disappointed in our effort, we were nonchalant and we kind of played down to the level of play. That is not who we want to be this season so we have to come out and compete for 40 minutes. I think they were challenged at halftime to do that."

Senior Guard Ieshia Small

On what the environment like with all the kids:

"Basically, because it's my senior year I was looking out and taking advantage of the moment because it most likely won't happen like that again in my life. But it was exciting to see all the kids. Sometimes we had to yell louder than we normally do because you couldn't hear. They were screaming for ice cream. It was a great experience, I loved seeing the kids. They put a smile on my face in the beginning of the game. I was just happy to play in front of them."

On how she helped the team today:

"I think Coach did an awesome job of finding mismatches and my teammates did a great job of looking for me. They did a great job of finding me when I was flashing to the middle. Coach had me playing at the four a little bit to show a different look. We did a good job of knowing each other strengths."

Sophomore Forward Stephanie Jones

On the difference in the third quarter to get things going:

"I think that at halftime coach challenged us as post players to be able to go out and defend and play hard and play with energy like the rest of the team. So I think that's what we did, we came out with a lot more energy."

Sophomore Guard Kaila Charles

On how the team was able to shoot 80 percent in the third quarter:

"We were moving the ball and taking good shots. And just being patient on offense and finding the open man when they were open and giving each other confidence"

On how having five players in double figures helps them:

"It just shows us that we need everybody to be a part of the team win. For us to be successful, we need everyone to be ready when their number is called. It was a good team win."

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