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Postgame Quotes

#15/14 Maryland 97, Mount St. Mary's 47

Head Coach Brenda Frese

Opening Statement:

"Obviously it was nice to get back home and play in the comforts here at Xfinity Center. I thought we set the tone early, especially in the first quarter. We came out with a really high level of intensity and energy. It was nice to be able to get everyone to play and contribute something positive for our team. We had a season low in turnovers today. Some really positive things for us to build upon heading into Friday's game.

On importance of starting well:

"Our starts have been really good lately when you talk about Akron and here so we love that mentality of setting the tone where we are dictating. It's a great thing and we're just trying to sustain that for 40 minutes."

On all players who got minutes getting points on the board:

"We talk a lot about playing the game the right way and I thought in the first quarter you really saw that unselfishness and display of how we were moving the ball. We didn't take tough shots and we were really clicking on all cylinders. So that play is going to be important. I love seeing five players in double figures because I think it makes you really hard to guard and defend."

On finding minutes for the whole roster:

"It provides a lot of input. Sometimes when you want to get more minutes and then you receive them what you do with those minutes is healthy for players to understand. When you talk about the amount of time we've had on the road to be able to come back and have this game is great."

On the versatility of the team:

"The great thing is that we're very versatile and what Ieshia [Small] is able to do for us has been huge for us. That's something we really like that she's been able to provide. I can't say enough when you look at Ieshia's stat line tonight and I thought it was near perfection. Just how she's letting the game come to her whenever we need her. We keep saying that when someone goes down or something happens it's just next man up. She did a really good job with that."

Sophomore Forward Stephanie Jones

On how the expanded role this year has felt:

"We are such a versatile team and even without Bri [Fraser] we are all able to contribute in a way that makes up for her absence. Especially tonight, I think we all did a great job crashing the boards and going for rebounds. We were moving the ball and creating plays for each other."

Redshirt Senior Guard Ieshia Small

On how important the defensive pressure was tonight:

"I think our defense brings our energy. To start the game we were able to get right in our full court press after a bucket. Tonight set our standard of how we have to play every night. We just have to keep the game moving and play Maryland Basketball."

On the biggest difference this year in how effective she has been at scoring the ball:

"I would say my growth as a player and a person. I am understanding the game more. My basketball I.Q. is way better than last year and my teammates do a great job helping me through these games. The points don't matter, what matters is if we win."

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