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## Selection Monday Quotes

### Head Coach Brenda Frese

*On Maryland not being announced until the end of the show:*

“We’ve been fortunate that in years past we’ve been in the first two brackets announced, so this year they made us wait to see where we were going. I finally got to see the entire show.”

*On what she knows about Princeton:*

“We’ve played Princeton in the past. I know they’ve graduated a lot of people but the head coach is phenomenal. They’re a well-coached team. They’ll play hard and it’ll be a tough first round matchup for us.”

*On the challenges of going on the road early in the tournament:*

“You’d love stay home and host in front of our great fans but I love the fact that our fans can get to this site and we’ve been equally good at home and on the road.”

*On if getting the five seed confirms her belief that the team has a small margin for error:*

“We talked about and still own up to the idea that you control your own destiny. We knew that this year we had some tough blows, and obviously after Blair Watson went down, we had a lot of changes before us. This group has been resilient and you saw that against Ohio State in the Big Ten Championship game. I think all of this prepares us for what’s out there ahead.”

*On returning to an ACC arena and potentially an old ACC foe:*

“NC State is a really familiar opponent with a former player, Kiara Leslie, so there will be a lot of common things that everyone will be looking forward to. I know I’m looking forward to some of the restaurants we’re going to eat at because I’ve really missed the food down in that area.”

### Senior Guard Kristen Confroy

*On starting out the tournament on the road:*

"I don't think anything's going to change. Anywhere you go is so exciting and it's fun to play in the tournament and the atmosphere around it. Obviously, I would have loved to play a couple more games here at Xfinity Center, but I'm excited because I think it forces you to come together and that's when we're at our best."

*On the excitement of seeing your name chosen:*

"It's about perspective. There are teams fighting for their lives every game of the season just to see their name up there and we know that the standard we've built is that it's an expectation. It's an exciting testament to our team and we know that it's March Madness so the number doesn't mean as much. We'll play our best basketball regardless of the number in front of our name or our opponents name."

## **Senior Guard leisha Small**

*On what it's like to be in the tournament:*

"I'm excited about the opportunity. Not everybody gets this opportunity. We will take this tournament one game at a time and I'm excited to be dancing."

*On how this team has responded to adversity this season:*

"I think I am the proudest of how we have stayed together. It has been a lot this season and we have stayed together as a team and we still treat each other as sisters. I am just excited to see how far we can go as a team."

*On if the seeding matters to post season play:*

"I'm kind of excited to go on the road. It's not a big deal. Any given night it can be anybody's game, whether that's at home or on the road. It doesn't where you play as long as you come to play."

## **Sophomore Guard Kaila Charles**

*On what to expect from Princeton:*

"We know they're a very disciplined team, very consistent. We're just going to have to go down there and stick to our principles and play Maryland basketball. We're ready to play our game."

*On how the team is playing heading into the tournament:*

"I think they're definitely has been improvement during the post-season. The last few games definitely helped us in terms of learning new lessons that we have learned to implement. We need to be consistent and our last week of practice has shown a lot of focus and intensity. We will be good."

*On what it is like to see your name announced for the tournament:*

"It's very exciting. Who doesn't want to be in the tournament playing in March? Its exciting and I'm blessed to be a part of this team and have that opportunity."