

**ACC Women's Basketball Championship  
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#2 Maryland, #7 Boston College**

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**BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES**

COACH CATHY INGLESE: Obviously I'm disappointed with the loss. You know, I give our team credit. They really felt that they were capable of beating Maryland, and we came out here and the enthusiasm and attitude of the team was outstanding. We're certainly disappointed for them in the loss, but I cannot be any happier how this team battled, and how they came after it, Maryland by 20 and they just never gave up. They were passing well coming out. And they were excited about doing things. In fact they were telling me what to do with their timeouts. But you look at these stats and, you know, shooting 56% in the field, and 80% from the foul line, and 13 turn-overs for us. And I say we would have beaten a lot of teams in the country with those stats. I certainly gave Maryland credit that their inside game, their overall game was phenomenal. We got in foul trouble with Carolyn and Stephanie, and I think it became a little tentative. And we certainly didn't have the answer, and we had a small line up in there for their bigs. But overall I'm pleased with our efforts and how hard we played and never giving up. I'm certainly very proud of Mickel next to me with her shooting performance tonight. And she has a capability of doing it and shooting 7, 3's which is an ACC Tournament record. So I'm very, very pleased with Mickel and her efforts.

Q Cathy, obviously they are very talented inside, but was more the problem allowing them to get the passes inside as opposed to what they did once they hit it?

CATHY INGLESE: I think it was a combination of both. It was both. We needed to play a little more pressure. Once they got inside they just are so strong and they putting the ball to the floor nicely, they weren't getting the ball and turn around jumpers, they were putting the ball on the floor, and we weren't digging down. It was more the first half, the second half we were doing a better job really dinging down a little bit and having a little bit to fumble for the ball. We really needed to do that sooner. Maryland has so many weapons it's hard to stop them with so many. We played them three times and the first time I think we did a decent job, and the second time we closed the inside game and hit tons of 3's, and they have so many people that can score and it's very, very difficult to try to can on just one or two things.

Q Coach, in the first half you were within 6 or 7 points and then there were a series of unforced turn-overs by your team. How much of that contributed to kind of the team

lagging behind and how long did you get them to snap back into focus in the second half and lend themselves to only 3 turn-overs in that half?

CATHY INGLESE: Yeah I think we started off a little bit slow and we caught up, and made some subs a little bit because of some foul trouble. This is a team that really doesn't give up. We have had other games where that has happened and we have come back and gone on a roll and got ourselves back in the game. We try to make it a little simpler, and we try to give them more concepts to driving and dishing a little bit and trying to get our post to relax. And saying it all doesn't have to come from you. We ran some plays, a shot off of 3 and we were driving the dish. So I think making things a little bit simpler and giving them concepts. I have to give them credit. They have the energy and when the going got tough, and they got down they got a little more out of it and a little more aggressive and they knew they had to do something about it. I want to give them a lot of credit too for not giving up.

Q For Mickel, just talk about your night. I mean if there was a clinic out there that kids should look at how to shoot jump shots, tonight was obviously the night to watch you out there. Let's talk about your game and how it felt.

MICKEL PICCO: Um actually I didn't really feel like I was doing anything. It just kind of came to me, which a lot of my teammates and the coaching staff said, you know I did a good job of letting it come. I didn't feel like I was forcing anything or doing out of rhythm. It felt good.

CATHY INGLESE: She works hard. She is one of those kids that comes in and takes the extra shots and does what is necessary and asks a lot of questions. She relaxed out there, and just got into her rhythm and sometimes our negative for this team, is a good negative to have is that we try to hard sometimes. When things are not going well, we get frustrated with ourselves. And especially being young, we try harder. And it happened with Carolina at half time. But I think in today's game Mickel is getting more confidence, she is letting the game come to her, and taking some smart shots, and I think that is what is happened in tonight's game she just let it flow. It's the off court practice stuff that she does really contributed to why she had so many points today.

Q Coach, you most likely have some kind of post-season play coming down the road. I assume you will accept WNIT or a NCAA. Can we talk about the future next year. This team was incredibly young. All five starters are either freshmen or sophomore, and what do you see for the future of this team and what in particular do they need to do to kind of reach the next level of the ACC?

CATHY INGLESE: I feel really good about this team, and about progress and the future, and especially we have Murph getting rookie of the year and Carolyn making the rookie team and Mickel out there. The chemistry is good and we have to continue. This group has to realize they can't just come next year and walk in. We have to as coaches have to continually give them things they need to work on and grow on. And they are open to that. I think they are a hungry group. They want to get better they have a taste of what success is about, and especially playing Maryland so well this season. You know the off season for us as far as the post working on being a little more physical, and the guards working on ball handling a little bit versus pressure. They know they have done well, and they also know they have got to work on things to get better. And that is what they are setting their sights on. We as coaches need to have them set their sights on that, but give them the skills and the ingredients they need to better.