

**ACC Women's Basketball Championship
Greensboro, NC
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First Round Quotes

CLEMSON TIGERS

COACH JIM DAVIS: I swear it seems like this season is just getting under way and yet it's been a long, long time since October the 16th. And I have done a horrible job in managing this season and bringing this team from a young, young basketball team to this point.

We are better than what our record indicates. We are better than what we played tonight. I've done a horrible job in nurturing this team and bringing it along. I wish I could start all over again, but they don't give do-overs in the ACC, I don't think.

Congratulations to Maryland. We thought at the beginning of the game that we didn't have an answer for Shay Doron. We put the chaser on her. And we probably didn't have an answer for Crystal Langhorne. We didn't do a very good job in keeping the ball out of her hands, obviously.

And were so bad offensively, it's kind of like a football team, if your offense is so bad it keeps your defense on the field all night. Your defense eventually wears out. It's kind of like that with us. We have to defend so much because we're so bad on the offensive end.

I can't remember, ever, coaching a basketball team where we only have 5 assists. That's not very good team play and that's what I was talking about when I was talking about managing a season. I haven't done a very good job bringing this team a long and getting them to play as a team.

So that's a long opening statement, and I apologize, it's getting late, we got to go home and milk the cows.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Jim, as you look back on the season, what is your biggest regret?

COACH JIM DAVIS: I probably gave up on our man-to-man defense far too early. I really haven't taught us to defend the Clemson way. We started playing stupid zones early on. That's a copout in my book of basketball. Plus, ones again, I don't think our team play is very good. I made the decision early on to play a passing game and to give them the opportunity to make decisions and screen and read screens. This team was too young to do that. We probably should have had some set continuity, but from the get-go, and we tried to catch up on that later on and it's too late.

So I would change a lot of things. And I probably played too many players early on. We could have one maybe three or four more basketball games. But I played a freshman early on, you know, they weren't quite ready then. And they still aren't ready.

Q. Amanda, can you comment on Langhorne's game, what she is like underneath?

AMANDA WHITE: All of the post players in this league are real aggressive and all want the ball. I thought she did a really good job. Her teammates did a good job finding her. As a post player, you have to defend on people to get you the ball at the right time. So I commend her teammates a whole lot for just getting her the ball in the right spot but she did a good job finishing.

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