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Final Round Quotes

DUKE BLUE DEVILS

COACH GAIL GOESTENKORS: Just congratulations to Carolina. They, I this, played their best game of the season. You know, they made big, big plays all night long, you know. I thought in the first half we had weathered the storm, but it got much worse in the second half, or better for them.

It was a very difficult for us. Their defense was outstanding. And they really put it together offensively as well tonight. I thought Camille Little, this, I thought was her best game of the season. And she had it at the right time.

La'Tangela had not hit a basket in this tournament, so for her to hit two 3's, we weren't counting on that either. They did a great job on the boards. We couldn't get them off the glass. They just played with great heart and great desire and obviously they deserve to win the championship.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Gail, at some point this was going to end, I guess, what's your feeling after your great run here for five straight years?

COACH GAIL GOESTENKORS: Just really disappointed for the players. You know, I felt like we were ready to play and, you know, I wanted the freshman to have the experience that everybody else has had here. Obviously, we love playing here. But, you know, I'm just really disappointed for the players. I thought the third time was going to be the charm for us against Carolina.

Q. Gail and Monique, there was a stretch you guys went five or six minutes without taking a shot, was that on purpose. Did you guys notice that, was it something they were doing defensively?

COACH GAIL GOESTENKORS: I don't think they changed their defense at all. I just think Mo was sharing the ball which is something that we did, very, very well. We were averaging 21 assists here and we talked before the game about creating shots for one another. I think Mo was trying to get her teammates involved at that point in time.

Q. Is that pretty much what was happening?

MONIQUE CURRIE: I was just taking over in shots, so I guess during that time, I wasn't open or somebody else was open that had a better shot. We were just trying to get the best shot that we could get.

Q. Coach, it looked like you were getting frustrated with the sportsmanship of Carolina the last couple minutes, is that an accurate statement?

COACH GAIL GOESTENKORS: I was frustrated, I think, for a lot of reasons, I think, at the end of the game.

Q. Gail, you mentioned you thought the third time might be your charm? After the way this game turned out do you think at this point obviously Carolina was better than you guys, maybe they have stuff that you don't have at this point?

COACH GAIL GOESTENKORS: I mean I guess they won three games against us in a row. So at this point they are the better team.

Q. For either player, what was it like out there going against their defense? You have seen it this year, they are long, athletic, they seem to make every pass kind of tough?

JESSICA FOLEY: I actually thought we did a better job today breaking their traps and their full court presses. I think our main trouble today was containing them on defense. What did they score 88 points? That's a lot to contain.

Q. Monique talked about forgetting to use it as motivation, maybe this is a little motivation in the next week or 10 days before you start playing the tournament?

MONIQUE CURRIE: I guess it is motivation. You can't dwell on it. We have to move on. No, I have learned in the grand scheme of things what happens during the regular season. It doesn't say much. I swept Carolina for the past three years and we still haven't won a National Championship so I'm looking forward for the tournament to start and hopefully things will get better for us.

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