

**ACC Women's Basketball Championship
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#4 Georgia Tech, #1 Duke**

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#4 GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

Amy Yakola: Real quickly we would like to welcome to the desk Georgia Tech Head Coach MaChelle Joseph, and student athletes Sasha Goodlett and Alex Montgomery. And Coach, when you are ready.

MaChelle Joseph: First of all I just want to say how proud I am of our team and our effort. I thought we did some things defensively that caused Duke some problems. We were able to take Jasmine Thomas a little bit out of her game. She is a tremendous talent and great scorer and great leader. And I thought we were able to disrupt her offensive flow a little bit. We obviously we feel as though we are right there knocking on the door. We feel we are one player away from being a top ten team. We have to have one more score. And I think we saw the day the player Alex Montgomery, you know, that is the Alex Montgomery we have known for the last two years. She has battled back from her knee injury and obviously today was one of the best games I have ever seen her play at Georgia Tech. I'm pleased with her overall effort. I thought that, you know, for a young team we only have three upper classmen and one senior I thought that we were very poised and composed throughout the first three games and I was pleased with how we played this afternoon.

Q Sasha, yesterday it was Maryland-Duke made 7 steals in the last 5 minutes, and they did a lot of same today. What, if anything, different in their defensive approach that kept denying you in particular the last few minutes. Did Duke do anything defensively in the last minutes in denying you the ball?

Sasha Goodlett: The last couple of minutes of the game I give Duke a lot of credit. They came out with tough defensive plays. And I was talking about going at them, and trying to score and I feel like towards the end, they start full fronting a little more, which allowed me to push up the lane and try to pin. So, basically pulling for it towards the end of the game.

Q MaChelle, you had to burn your last time out with 4:30 left in the game. Tell me about why that happened and how much you needed that?

MaChelle Joseph: It was interesting because I had to use my time out leading up to that time out just to calm us down. They changed their defense a little bit so I was trying to

get us settled down and talk about it. They went to the full court press and we needed to make adjustments on how we were breaking that press. And that is one of the things, you know, with the a young team you come into the game and you say this is what is going to happen in the last five minutes. Because that is what they did to us the game 4. And one of the things we talked about is hitting the second cut about the first cut. And we continued to hit the first cut and get turnovers. And I had to burn those timeouts to get out of that situation because they were making that run and it was a 9-point game and I felt like at that point we needed that offensive possession. And I knew it was the last time out. It wasn't a situation where I didn't know, I knew. But I still felt like if we don't get a timeout and they scored and we are in double figures. We needed that possession and I thought we could score, and we were going to get a media time out. And I felt like I needed to take at that point the young team and try to settle them down. And try to settle them down and talk about our press offense and how we needed to attack it down the stretch.

Q Alex, can you describe how they seemed to follow the ball to the sidelines and do a pretty good job of trapping. Can you describe what it's like to try to work your way out of a trap?

Alex Montgomery: Duke they are a good defensive team, regular defensive team. And when they trap it's hard to get out. You have to get the ball to the court really quick and just throw it over the defense. They trap very well.

Amy Yakola: Great thank you.