

**ACC Women's Basketball Championship  
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#9 Maryland, #1 Duke**

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**#9 MARYLAND TERRAPINS**

Mike Finn: To my left is Coach Brenda Frese, Lynetta Kizer, Anjale Barrett, and Lori Bjork. With that I'll ask Coach Frese to have an opening statement, Coach?

Brenda Frese: I couldn't be more proud of this team. You know like I told them, I mean we battled, we competed for 40 minutes and we were right there. And then you talk about a play, a call, a possession, but we left everything out there. And I think that is the thing I am most proud of is to see this young team battle like they have in the last two days. We showed them we can play with anyone in the country and good things will happen for this team when we compete like we did today. You have to give credit to Duke. Their defense was tremendous. I thought it was again another physical game. I am just proud of our team in terms of how we came in and believed we could win this game.

Mike Finn: Questions for Maryland?

Q Brenda, you got shot 38% was that where your functioning shots were falling or was it Duke's defense or a combination of both?

Brenda Frese: I think a combination of both. I mean they are very athletic and scrappy and day two for us in logging a lot of minutes and I think it's a combination of both.

Q Coach, could you talk about that last sequence both defensively and offensively for your decision not to foul and what Jackie may have seen with shooting the final shot?

Brenda Frese: Yeah, we thought off the free throw it was going to be a possession in terms of being able to get a couple of quick possessions. And so we wanted to stay straight up and be active with our defense. And then I think, obviously, I thought that you know Jackie felt like in terms of the flow the offense she was going to be able to get to the rim. And I think she lost track of the time in terms of having a couple of more durables to be able to go to the rim. But I liked our chances obviously on the run and the flow to not to let their defense get set up.

Q Lori, when you made the two free throws can you talk about your mind-set and

what you had to do to close it out at that time?

Lori Bjork: Well we felt like we had been there before, twice before really against Duke with a couple of minutes to go. We were right there in the game. And I think everybody in our locker room believed we were going to win. And that makes it tough to take when you invest that much emotionally and think you have got it and believe you are going to do it and not being able to win, it's frustrating.

Q Until last year until your guys game with Wake Forest the 8 or 9 team has never been in the ballpark against No. 1. And the blow out you almost won that game and did you remember that and take any inspiration from that in facing No. 1 or did it matter?

Lori Bjork: I don't think we were worried about what seed we were. We know when we see Duke on the jersey we are ready to compete and we did a great job of competing in 40 minutes tonight.

Q Coach, your team struggled through the regular season, but all three games you played Duke toe-to-toe until the end was it match ups, efforts or what was the secret?

Brenda Frese: I think, I mean obviously, you know we have great confidence against Duke. I mean when you look at the history between the two teams, we have had some big wins against Duke. When you talk about the National Championship and the ACC tournament, you know, we know we can beat them. So it's always a tremendous rivalry. I think obviously our kids believe that we can compete with them.

Q Coach, it's a long way where do you think you guys stand and what you are guys going to do to take your mind off that and get better?

Brenda Frese: You know, I think obviously this year the committee is going to have a lot of tough decisions to make. We have always talked about you can control your own destiny throughout the course of the season. I do know that our conference prepares us, you know, in terms of getting us ready for post-season play. When you talk about a 14-game schedule permanent partners for us with Duke and top-ranked opponents and it's a difficult stretch. But I think obviously, now we'll have to wait, we'll practice for the week. And we know we're gonna play in some kind of post season. So we continue to practice to get better. That is what this team's motto has been all season long is to continue to keep working to get better.

Q Could you run us through the last couple of sequences there, I think it was under a minute you had a couple of shots, maybe under 30 seconds?

Lynetta Kizer: I mean just trying to be aggressive and trying to, you know, get to the basket, and just trying to score pretty much. And I don't know, trying to get a solid defensive end. I mean, it was just tough down the stretch. I mean we kept playing.

Q Oddly 15 points and 5% shooting it's a frustrating loss. Can you talk about battling to the wire did you take any consolation from that at all.

Anjale Barrett: Anytime we play we're always ready to play, any team we're ready to play. just battling for 40 minutes, I'm proud of my team and we just wanted to go out and compete. We knew that we had a lot of confidence going into this game that we can beat them.

Lynetta Kizer: We went out and battled and I'm proud of my team for doing that.

Mike Finn: Anymore questions for Maryland? Thanks, Coach.