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Semifinal Round Quotes

MARYLAND TERRAPINS

COACH BRENDA FRESE: Well, obviously, we are disappointed in the outcome, but I'm extremely proud of our team in the fact that we never quit and especially, you know, in a tough situation when you only score 11 points at half time, that's a lot of adversity to face. But I'm extremely proud how we came out and continued to battle the entire game.

Duke, gives us, just obviously a lot of problems in terms of their size and they're extremely talented. You look, go down the roster, they have so much size. And even when they bring their players off the bench, they just give them a lot of great energy.

But, again, you know, we're excited by the fact that we have more basketball to play. And, you know, we'll look forward to keep getting better with this team.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Brenda, have you been involved in a first half like that when you only got three baskets?

COACH BRENDA FRESE: You know, I didn't think it could get much worse when we played Duke at home offensively but it did tonight. That's a credit to their defense and a credit to their size. It's a hard team to prepare for when you have 6,5 and 6,7 in the middle. And, you know, we adjust our shots around it, which really throws us off a lot.

But, you know, it's a frustrating game for us, obviously, offensively in terms of the way we shot the ball.

Q. Anesia, when the shots weren't falling were you guys getting frustrated with yourselves and did you sometimes get out of the offense that you wanted to run.

ANESIA SMITH: Absolutely. We were frustrated. We did our best to keep our composure and try to work through the tough time. There are days like this when you can't hit a basket. I think tonight was that night for us. But I think we'll be okay. We'll bounce back, and we'll come back to practice ready to go.

Q. Brenda, how does Bales compare in terms of her size to every player you ever seen in college basketball and also her impact in the lane on defense?

COACH BRENDA FRESE: Well, Alison, has improved so much from her freshman year to now. It's really hard to prepare for, obviously. You can't duplicate that in practice. And, you know, any time, you know, your guards go in and dribble and penetrate, we got to alter their shots. We've got to be able to pull up earlier. But she has such an impact obviously down inside with her size.

Q. This can be for Coach or Doron, it seemed like in the second half you guys were starting to pick up a second wind, then you got that fifth foul, how big was that momentum swing there?

SHAY DORON: I thought it was huge. But you can't control those things, and I got on the bench and the only thing left was to support my team. I really can't control those things.

Q. Shay, when you fouled out, what did you say to your teammates before you sat down.

SHAY DORON: I was just trying to hype them up and make sure that they stayed with the same intensity. I don't make the team and every person on the bench is equally as capable of playing defense and scoring. I just wanted them to know that I had confidence in them and just to play hard, just to keep playing hard and not to give up. That was the only message that I wanted to send them.

Q. Brenda, we've seen the progress you made with the program the last three years, what else do you need to add to get up to the level where Duke and Carolina are at?

COACH BRENDA FRESE: Obviously some size. It wouldn't hurt us if we had a 6,7 post player inside. And obviously some depth. You know, with the injury that we had with Laura Harper this season, we are still very small inside and it just puts a lot of heat on Crystal with the double teams and triple teams that she faces. So, like you said, we continue to keep working hard and improving, and I think getting some more size and some depth will definitely help us.

SHAY DORON: And we beat North Carolina, by the way just so you know, just so you remember.

Q. I remember. We will see where they are ranked and they are in the final again.

Just to follow up on that, does this loss at all affect you guys going into the tournament, or do you just put it behind you?

SHAY DORON: If anything it affects us positively. These are emotions you never want to feel. They just motivate you more to push hard in practice and not want to feel like this again, so you play even harder. So, if anything, I think this is going to help us not want to feel like this again and play a lot harder.

Q. When your shots weren't falling, and you had those turnovers did it seem like everything that could go wrong was going wrong for you guys and how did you guys get passed that to do that run in the second half?

ANESIA SMITH: Can you ask it again?

Q. Did it seem like everything that could go wrong went wrong to you guys?

ANESIA SMITH: Absolutely. I felt like everything that could have went wrong today went wrong. Basically we decided that we weren't going to quit regardless of what the score was, regardless of what the outcome of the game was going to be. We weren't going to quit. We did that. We didn't quit tonight. I felt like my team took huge steps forward as far as the heart and the character that we showed today and I think everybody who walked out of this stadium knows that this Maryland team won't quit regardless of who they are playing, regardless of what the score is and regardless of what's happening.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

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