

**ACC Women's Basketball Championship
Greensboro, NC
#2 Maryland 63 , #3 Duke 74**

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COACH BRENDA FRESE: You know obviously I thought the physical, aggressive play you know, from our end it's disappointing because we weren't able to match it. And I thought it's disappointing because we knew the style of play I thought Duke did a tremendous job being aggressive with an attack mentality on the defensive end as well as the offensive end. I thought we got real tentative with it. But, you know I'm proud of the fact that we continued to battle throughout the game. This one hurts for our seniors. And for the team because you know, I felt like we were in a great place coming into this tournament, but from our end we can get better and that is the lesson to learn here. And the things we can control. You know, it's our defense and our rebounding that is things we can always control within a gauge, and we will continue to do that. I know that with these winners that we have in the locker room we'll be inspired and motivated by this game through our practices which will prepare us for the NCAA Tournament.

Q Brenda, what was the most disappointing about your defense today?

COACH BRENDA FRESE: I thought they got a lot of dribble penetration on us. They were very aggressive attacking to the rim. And just they were able to make a lot of plays attacking off the dribble penetration.

Q What was different today as opposed to the first matches?

COACH BRENDA FRESE: I think obviously. The amount of turn-overs that we had. Duke was able to exploit. I thought they did a tremendous job converting from the defensive end being to go to the offensive end. I thought they also did a great job getting on the glass. In spite of the adversity when Chante got in early foul trouble they had other players step up and play big for them. Wanisha Smith hit a lot of great shots and Joy Cheek and a lot of other players stepped up and made plays.

Q Crystal, you picked up your 2nd foul like midway through the first half and it seemed like it affected you in a way you weren't able to play defense as intensely as you wanted the rest of the first half. Did that seem like that to you?

CRYSTAL LANGHORNE: I could have worked a little harder even if I had 2 fouls. I was still very important because I think even with the crucial baskets in the first half.

Q Brenda, 20 3-point attempts. Was it something that Duke was doing to force you guys to take that many shots and not go inside or were you playing tentative and not getting the ball to Crystal and Laura?

COACH BRENDA FRESE: I thought they did a great job in terms of taking away our inside game. A lot of times we did get tentative in terms of turning the corner trying to get to the rim and trying to pull up a little earlier from the perimeter. Obviously a lot of those shots came down the stretch when we were trying to get back into the game.

Q You guys have said that seeding is a number in front of your name, but do you realistically think now you have a shot at a No. 1 seed.

LAURA HARPER: No, we don't.

Q If you don't, what does that do for you guys going forward?

LAURA HARPER: I mean we know what it feels like to get a No. 2 seed. It doesn't matter we can get a No. 3 seed we're going to come ready to play in the NCAA Tournament.

But obviously losing this early in the tournament doesn't help us get the No. 1 seed.

Q I just wanted to ask the players whether this may be a creative loss for you looking forward to the NCAA?

CRYSTAL LANGHORNE: Excuse me?

Q What I mean by creative is something that you have learned from this game that you can take forward. I know Crystal was talking about maybe working harder on the floor. If there is something you can take from this game that will motivate you to perform in the NCAA?

CRYSTAL LANGHORNE: Of course boxed out a little better and when we're in tough situations don't hang our heads because we really did that tonight. That is important.

LAURA HARPER: Well, of course, any loss helps motivate you for the next game. And the next game for us will be the NCAA Tournament. And for us seniors, Crystal and I, I think this tournament hurt really bad just knowing that, you know, this is our last time in Greensboro. And we're really looking forward to getting back on the floor and turning things around.