

**ACC Women's Basketball Championship  
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#3 Virginia, #6 NC State**

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**#3 VIRGINIA CAVALIERS**

Amy Yakola: I'm pleased to be joined up here on the desk by University of Virginia Head Coach Debbie Ryan and Paulisha Kellum, Ariana Moorer and we'll soon to be joined by Monica Wright. We'll start with the Coach's opening statement.

Debbie Ryan: First of all, all of the credit goes to NC State. They played very well today. I thought we had a good start. And we substituted and we didn't get enough from other players on the team. Monica Wright obviously had what we needed from her. Her foul trouble hurt us a little bit in the first half. I felt we didn't get it from all of the players that needed to step up and give us a little more and we didn't get enough of the players which would have made a difference in the game. But all credit goes to NC State they played fabulous today.

Amy Yakola: Questions?

Q A question for Monica. What changes after the game to slow you down and what changed the game to pick it back up in the second half?

Monica Wright: Probably getting in foul trouble early and that kind of put us in -- trying to get myself in the second half and kind of helped me out a little bit and trying to get to the free-throw line and whatnot. They played a great defense and they packed it in on us a little bit but we basically stopped ourselves.

Q Monica, down on the floor the free throw on the top of the circle it went halfway down, how difficult is that as a momentum deal. What is it like to keep playing after that?

Monica Wright: It's training. I probably should have taken a 2 on it at that point. But I saw an opening and, you know, I definitely wanted to put it closer than what we were. It's difficult to get -- from my team to play another 30 seconds of defense after that. And, you know, I think that we definitely had a good come back, but it wasn't the will. And I had games like this prior to that we just dig ourselves a hole and we usually get out of it, but this time we just the hole was too deep to work our way out of, especially with the time we can't do that.

Q Monica, can you talk about playing with foul troubles and how were you able to keep yourself from getting out in foul trouble and holding back not to get in trouble.  
Monica Wright: I was holding back the whole game and a foul is a foul, and I was trying to layoff whoever I am guarding, and maybe not putting any contact on them. You know, it was that type of game today. And, you know, I had to rely on my teammates a lot to be of a help. So that if I do, I could let them pass me, I could help them from not getting a wide open lay up. I can't believe I put myself in that position as a senior.

Q Debbie, you had seen over the course of your career a lot of remarkable things by a lot of special players, would you kind of put that in perspective what we watched Monica do tonight?

Debbie Ryan: You know when the rest of the team was really not up to par, she tried to will this team to win. And she does this all the time. Usually one or two come with her. Tonight I didn't feel like very many were really on their games and it made it very difficult for her to try to pull people through. Getting the foul trouble, like I said, in the first half hurts a little bit because she was out for a period of time. And we can only have her out for minutes at a time. That wasn't the difference in the game. It was a missed assignment here not getting a rebound there and we just did not. The other players on this team did not do the job that they needed to do. And Monica tried to make up for that. And unfortunately one person can't make up for all of the problems that we had.

Q Paulisha, is there any distraction when the No. 2 seed goes down in the first game [inaudible] we have one playing instead of 2, did you see that game?

Paulisha Kellum: We watched a little bit of the game and we got a little early. That is not a distraction to us. Coming into the tournament we can only worry about ourselves. And that is our focus going into today's game.

Amy Yakola: Do we have any further questions for Virginia? Great thank you very much.