

**ACC Women's Basketball Championship
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First Round Quotes

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

BETH DUNKENBERGER: Obviously, this is one of the worst shooting nights that we've had in a long time. We have been scoring pretty well lately. You got to give credit to Wake Forest's defense. They are a very, very good team. I thought they played very well as a team tonight. I thought we struggled a little bit offensively. And unfortunately we weren't able to come out on top.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Coach, you seem to be in fairly decent shape early in the second half, you're around a five point lead and it looked like you might be in a position to be able to gain a little bit of control when Bond-Young made the three threes in a very short time. Did that have a big impact on the game?

BETH DUNKENBERGER: I thought that gave them some confidence there. It was a nice run by them. She got some open looks and tough looks and she knocked down shots. I thought when that point came around we continued to not be patient on offense. The telling stat for me is assists. They had 16 and we had 6. And that to me is a sign of us not action patient on offense and not setting each other up and playing as a team.

Q. Beth, looking back on it now, they went eight minutes without a point in the first half, and you guys couldn't pull away, do you think that was a key part of the game?

BETH DUNKENBERGER: As well, we started off a little jittery. I think that was due to nerves. It's a big tournament. We were in a situation where we really felt like we needed to win this game. Again when we are patient, and we run our offense together; using screens, getting the ball to the open person, we're a good team and we get opportunities for second shots.

Q. Coach, do you feel like this team has done enough to deserve an NCAA bid?

BETH DUNKENBERGER: Well, we play in the toughest league in the United States. That's a consensus across the nation. Wake Forest is a very good basketball team and they have played a whole lot of teams close, especially here down the stretch, they played some very good teams close. It was another close game, and we didn't come out on top. But I would like to think that us playing one of the top toughest schedules in the nation, us playing pretty competitive down the stretch, will help us. Unfortunately we're in a situation where we got to sit and wait. A lot will be determined how other leagues turn out, and do favorite teams win, or do you have teams that

wouldn't be going to the dance. Surprising people and winning the tournaments, that would hurt us down the stretch.

Q. Dawn, you have been scoring quite a bit lately. Did they do anything to take you out of your rhythm in this, or is it like the Coach said, you guys were impatient on offense.

DAWN CHRISS: I think we were all impatient on offense. We missed shots in the beginning. That kind of got us a little discouraged then. Rather than making better passes, I think we just started taking bad shots and that kind of took us out of our game.

Q. Erin, what was Liz doing to, she had 10 straight points midway through the second half, what is it that makes her a tough match up and how she was able to put them ahead?

ERIN GIBSON: Well, she is capable of faking out, taking out the dribble. She is a great 3-point shooter. She is just a real versatile player. She led her team down the stretch. I think that, you know, it shows great leadership on her part.

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