

**ACC Women's Basketball Championship  
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**First Round Quotes**

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MIKE PETERSEN: I'm just so happy for my players, we played that exact game. It's our sixth one against really good teams in this league, and the first five didn't turn out the way we wanted them to.

I told someone the other day I felt like I was Bill Murray in the movie Ground Hog, go to the gym, we play the same game and it ends the same way every day.

But it was nice to have one in with us, going there and celebrate. I thought it was a great effort. Half time we talked a lot about the team that competed the hardest was probably going to end up winning the game. And the sign of how we were competing would be how we rebounded the ball. And they had 10 offensive rebounds at half time, and they ended the game with 14. So, I think, my team did a really, really good job of competing on the glass. It's been kind of our problem all year long, had been rebounding the ball. I thought we stepped up in the second half. They didn't get second shots to score on. The first half, they scored on second shots. The second half they didn't get second shots, that's a tribute to how hard our kids played.

MODERATOR: Questions.

Q. Mike, for you or the players, when you go through that stretch during the first half, you went eight minutes without scoring a point, what were you thinking?

MIKE PETERSEN: Well, there were two media time-outs there. We talked about it twice. We had a good long discussion about it. I just remember the media time-out saying, hey, you guys are guarding your brains out, stay with it and eventually we'll score. I thought our biggest problem in that stretch, and the players can speak to it better than I can, I thought we were over amped. I just thought we all needed a deep cleansing breath, just calm down and catch the ball and shoot it. In fact, one of the time-outs, one of my salient coaching points was see ball, catch ball, shoot ball. That's some high level stuff right there.

Q. Liz, do you want to comment on just that stretch?

LIZ STRUNK: I think that we were all taking really open shots within our offense. They were just rattling out. In that situation, you've got to keep shooting. You can't lose confidence in something you've done all year. So we were just going to stick to our offense. The Coach kept telling us the shots are going to fall, just keep picking good ones.

Q. Liz, this is the sixth time you have been in this situation, this is the only time you won it, what do you think was different.

LIZ STRUNK: Well, it's about time. I felt like we were real going in the game to play a full 40 minutes. I think the second half of a lot of games we slacked off at half time. But we came out really focused and we've learned from those losses. Let just say that. So we wanted to make a difference this time.

Q. Porsche, can you talk about playing Duke tomorrow and your feelings about that?

PORSCHÉ JONES: Well, the first time we played them at home we played hard, we good them a good run, but we couldn't pull it out at the end. Right now, our focus is taking one thing at a time. We won this game and now we are looking forward to Duke. We don't have any really high expectations other than just to beat Duke. We just want to beat Duke and then go to the next game.

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