

2010-11 Notre Dame Women's Basketball
WBCA Classic
Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center – Notre Dame, Ind.
November 26, 2010
Notre Dame 95, IUPUI 29

Notre Dame Head Coach Muffet McGraw

On the team's defensive play:

"I thought that defensively we played well in spurts. I was disappointed with the defense initially. I thought that we could have really gotten out in the passing lanes a little bit more than we did, but we did force a lot of turnovers [...] In the second half I thought we came out with a little more energy to start the half, and I was pleased with that. We started the game okay, and then we had a lull, I think from the first time out to the second time out, I don't think we had any steals and they didn't have any turnovers in that four minute segment. I thought we really just relaxed a little bit too much."

On the performance of Skylar Diggins:

"Well, seven assists and two turnovers (for Skylar Diggins) is the number I'm looking at right now, and I think that that is a great job for her. She can do a lot of different things, but she doesn't have to lead us in every category every night. It was good that she was able to play good defense and just get some assists."

On the play coming from the Notre Dame bench:

"I just thought we needed more energy, and when we went to the bench we got more energy. I thought that the bench played well. They came and gave us just a little more hustle. We were really close on rebounds, I think it was 20-18 or something, it was close at one point. We needed to do a better job on the boards, and I thought that the bench came in and did that, [Erica Solomon] in particular."

On Brittany Mallory's return:

"We're not sure when she'll be back. It's kind of game to game. We're hoping to have her back by December."

Devereaux Peters – Sr. - F

On the mental toughness she showed in today's game:

"I've had a rough couple of games the last few so I was just trying to get back into the flow of things and stop getting so frustrated with myself. I really tried to make an impact and contribute today and get back to the fundamentals. I think as a team everyone is trying to do that. Especially with these last couple of losses we need to get back to playing good defense and doing the little things right."

Erica Solomon – Jr. - F

On how she took advantage of her game today:

"Well Devereaux [Peters] really took the words out of my mouth. We're a bigger team so we tried to use that to our advantage today of course, try to look more to the post. We just tried to out rebound, we had to out rebound them; that is one of the things that's going to get us by. And just like any other team we don't like losing."

On how she is different on the court:

"I think that it is pretty easy to tell. I'm just hustling more, running the floor a lot better. I just want to beat my defender down the floor. That's just one thing I try to focus on and get the easy lay-up in transition. I try to beat them back on defense. I just try not to be out-hustled."