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An interview with:



THE MODERATOR: We welcome University of Notre Dame student-athletes. Let's direct questions to University of Notre Dame student-athletes.

Q. Has it been difficult to focus on one game at a time and not be overwhelmed?

BECCA BRUSZEWSKI: It is one step at a time. You can't get to the Final Four or even think about that unless you win game on. That is where our focus has been, how we approach our game and that is what we were going to do to be successful.

Q. What changes have you seen in Skylar [Duggins] as this season has progressed?

BECCA BRUSZEWSKI: She has definitely matured this season and been a leader in the sense that, if we need a basket, she can take it to the lane and get inside. She has really been a playmaker for us, whether she is calling stuff that she knows will work or giving somebody a shot on the outside. I.Q.-wise, she knows what we need from her at what point in time.

Q. What are your thoughts on Utah?

BECCA BRUSZEWSKI: They definitely have good 3-point shooters. We have to keep them out of the the 3-point line and deny them. They are a great team and are at the peak of their season after winning their conference championship. It is going to be a great matchup.

SKYLAR DIGGINS: They have a great point guard, [Janita] Badon and [Michelle] Plouffe

really know how to take over a game and hit game-winning shots. We are just going to have to defend the ball well and push in transition.

Q. How has being a veteran and going through this season helped you get to this point?

SKYLAR DIGGINS: Last year definitely helped me a lot. I gained a lot of experience, learned a lot from last year and took a lot from that experience. I have learned to be more of a communicator. I watch a lot of film to look for things I need to work on.

Q. Can you talk about growing into the point guard position and your last 10 games?

SKYLAR DIGGINS: In the last 10 games, I was just playing tough and rising up to the occasion. I had some growing pains earlier in the season but my coaches did a really good job helping me adjust to that role. I watched a lot more film this year, probably three times as much as I did last year. I focused on fixing what I didn't like in practice.

Q. What is one area of being a point guard that you are most pleased with?

SKYLAR DIGGINS: I am pleased with my understanding of the plays and my understanding of my teammates like where they like to shoot, where they want the ball, what plays are best for them, and what plays are they most successful in scoring. One thing I need to do is make better and smarter decisions in transition.

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