



2016 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round · Georgia vs. Indiana
Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center · Notre Dame, Indiana
Friday, March 18

PRACTICE DAY 1 QUOTES – Indiana

Teri Moren, Indiana Head Coach:

On the week leading up to the game...

“Well it’s been a week of preparation. It’s an incredible challenge to prepare for Georgia, so we’ve just focused on trying to prepare our kids for that challenge. We’ve had some pretty energetic practices throughout the week. It was kind of nice to just get back into a routine. It was nice to get back into our regular routine of prepping for one team. I know the kids are excited. I feel like this is a tremendous opportunity for us. We are really grateful for the opportunity to be here.”

On Georgia...

“I think (Amanda Cahill) hit it right on the head. They’re great in transition. It’s an athletic conference. They have a tremendous point guard in (Marjorie) Butler. This is a veteran basketball team. They have a fantastic high-low game, and it’s going to put a ton of pressure on us defensively. It’s going to be an incredible challenge for us, but as Tyra (Buss) mentioned we’ve had a lot of challenges this year, especially in the Big Ten, and I know our group really feels prepared for the moment.”

On Indiana’s first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2002...

“It’s special for us. This is what we want to do year in and year out. And it has to start, although this isn’t the first time Indiana has ever been in the NCAA Tournament. But this is something that we want to have happen at the end of every Big Ten season, where we’re waiting on Monday night for the selection show waiting to see our seed. You’ve got to get a taste of it first before you know what it’s all about.”

On Amanda Cahill...

"I think she's undervalued from a lot of people on the outside. I know Tyra was First Team All-Big Ten, unanimous, I think it was coaches and media. (Cahill) was left off by the media in the Big Ten, which was disappointing. But the coaches I know in the Big Ten value a kid like Amanda Cahill, who just can do so many things. She's kind of a throwback type of player because she's not the most athletic, she doesn't jump the highest, and she doesn't run the fastest. But she has terrific footwork, she has a terrific feel for the game, she's really a special passer. Then she has the ability to step out and knock down threes, she can play with her back to the basket. She's kind of the whole package but nothing that she does is going to wow you. At the end of the night when you look at the stat sheet, she fills it up in different categories."

On Tyra Buss' growth from last year to this year...

"She's grown a lot off the floor. She's gotten stronger. Obviously, her body has changed from a year ago. She hit campus at 115 and got into the weight room and really dedicated herself to changing her body, because this is a kid that likes to attack the rim and get to the free-throw line. She saw the value in trying to play through contact. She got more consistent with her outside shot, and she's shooting at a higher percent than a year ago. Where she's made the most strides though is that her priorities changed over the summer in terms of what was important to her. She really honed in on what was important to her."

Tyra Buss, Indiana (guard):

On the mood in practice...

"We're excited to get out there and finally get to play a game. I think our coaches have done a good job of getting us ready and we've kind of gotten refreshed. We've had a couple days off here and there so we're refreshed and ready to go. We have done a lot of scrimmaging during practices against our practice squad so I think that's really helped us. We're really excited to be in the NCAA Tournament. We're not just satisfied getting here, we want to advance and win."

On being able to play in the NCAA Tournament...

"I don't think it feels weird. We're happy that we are actually preparing and getting ready for another game late in the season because that's always our goal is to make the NCAA Tournament. We're not just satisfied getting to the NCAA Tournament. It hasn't been done in a long time at Indiana University. We want to just win and advance."

On her teammate Amanda Cahill...

"Amanda is a really special player. I feel like I've been playing with Amanda for a long time. It's only been two years. We need her on the floor, she's just really easy to play with. We know each other really well. We have good chemistry on the floor. Amanda has just really grown throughout this year. She's gotten a lot stronger, her post moves are a lot better. She's just really good with her foot movement."

On actions Amanda has taken to get Indiana where they are at now...

"I think just her leadership and how she's taken that role being a leader on the floor, helping us get better as a team and her communication with everyone."

On playing a program like Georgia...

"It really does mean a lot. I think everyone comes into this tournament wanting to keep winning and not be one and done. Georgia plays in a really good conference, we give a lot of respect to the SEC. They play a lot of good teams so they'll be prepared too. I have to give credit to our conference as well. We play in a great conference and playing in the Big Ten has really prepared us to play a team like Georgia."

Amanda Cahill, Indiana (forward):

On preparation after playing one game in the month of March...

"Our coaches have done a really good job of preparing us throughout all of our practices and given us a good amount of rest, but also a good amount of scrimmaging in practice and doing different drills and things that will prepare us for the game coming up. I think they've done a great job of keeping us ready."

On the difference to not be one and done...

"One thing we really emphasize is making sure we've got a lot of energy and coming out ready to play. That has to do with defense, rebounding, and executing on offense. Having time in practice to go over those things and tighten up things we thought we needed to work on will help us be successful."

On the difference between playing NCAA Tournament teams earlier in the season and now playing Georgia in the NCAA Tournament...

"I definitely think our pre-conference games prepared us well for not only Big Ten, but also for what's ahead of us. Georgia is a different team than teams we have faced. That extra time we've had throughout this whole week has been helpful and we've got to really go into depth into not only their plays but their personnel. That will help us on the floor and that's just maybe a difference than earlier this season, where we were playing games and had two nights of prep or one night sometimes with different tournaments. I think that's something that's been helpful."

On things the team has been focused on after studying Georgia...

"They're really good in transition, so we've really been working on our transition defense. They really like looking to the post, so the past couple of days we've been paying special attention to our post defense and looking at different strategies that will help us defend that."