



2016 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round · Notre Dame vs. North Carolina A&T
Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center · Notre Dame, Indiana
Saturday, March 19

POSTGAME QUOTES – Notre Dame

Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame Head Coach:

Opening Statement...

"I thought we played a great three quarters — 20 assists and six turnovers at halftime. I thought we really came out well. I thought the starters were really well-prepared and we shot the ball really well. I was happy with our zone offense. Really happy with everything in the first three quarters."

On the Irish slowing down in the fourth quarter...

"I think it was a couple of things. One, Lindsay Allen was on the bench, and I thought we were just lackadaisical. I didn't think that we were aggressive coming to the ball, I don't think we were finding the open player. We had some nice spurts where we were able to get it to the middle and the three-point line. But we just got careless. I thought it was really careless. Sloppy and careless."

On the game plan going in...

"We were trying to guard [Dana] Brown because she is a really good three-point shooter. And she did end up shooting 50 percent from the three-point line. I think she got a few of those in the second half when we went zone. We were trying to keep the ball out of the [Aprill] McRae's hands and Brown's hands and we did a decent job on McRae. I thought [Brianna Turner] did a pretty good job on her. Brown got loose for some good looks and that was a little bit disappointing. But overall I thought we did a pretty good job."

Brianna Turner, Notre Dame (Forward):

On the success of the team...

"I think we just did a great job scoring inside, [Lindsay Allen] made some great passes along with the other guards, attacking the basket as well."

On the key to winning this game...

"I think just getting the ball in the right spot. [Lindsay Allen] just got me right up in the open layups and I just had to finish it."

Madison Cable, Notre Dame (Guard):

On the key to getting started...

"We haven't played for a while so it was really important for us to come out, stick to the game plan, be focused and take the game seriously. I think we did that so it was a good start for us."

On the goal defensively...

"We just stuck to the scouting report. We knew who the shooters were and who weren't so we knew we could lay off a little bit more. They had some big kids that we were focused on keeping out."

On moving on in the tournament...

"We're excited to play in the second round game. We will come in tomorrow and see what the coaches have planned for us."