



2016 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Second Round · Notre Dame vs. Indiana
Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center · Notre Dame, Indiana
Monday, March 21

POSTGAME QUOTES – Notre Dame

Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame Head Coach:

Opening Statement...

"I thought we really did a great job on Buss [Tyra Buss]. She is really a terrific player. We were trying to keep her off the free throw line, that was our goal for the game. We had a lot of different people on her in order to wear her down and I thought we were able to do that. I was particularly pleased that we didn't give up a 3 in the second half until the last shot at the buzzer. I thought defensively we really stepped up. Lindsay Allen took over the offense in the first half and then Bri [Brianna Turner] and Maddie [Madison Cable] finished it up in the second half. Just great teamwork."

On when the momentum shifted to the Irish...

"I thought the foul [on Madison Cable by Karlee McBride] was key. When Maddie got fouled, the crowd really got into it. I thought she got a little chip on her shoulder and from that point on she really wanted the ball. She hit back to back 3s shortly after that and I thought that was the game."

On what allowed Indiana to stay in the game...

"We had a couple of turnovers and a couple of poor shots that lead to a breakaway for them and they got free a couple of times. In the first half I think the three-point line really hurt us and in the second half I thought they drove the ball a little more. I think overall it's a game of runs, they are going to make them, we are going to make them. Hopefully we are going to make the last one."

On Brianna Turner's performance in the first half versus the second half...

"I think that she puts a lot of pressure on herself and she wants to play well every possession. I think after that first shot it threw her a little bit because she was just a little bit off in the first half. I think she relaxed a little bit in the second half after watching Lindsay [Allen] and Madison

[Cable] get some points, she realized that she didn't have to do it all by herself. Even though we were calling her number very frequently. You think she had a bad game but she scored 18 points, 10 rebounds, three blocks, three assists and one turnover. Not a bad day at the office."

On the game being competitive into the third quarter...

"It's important for us to play in a close game, we haven't had a lot of them. We've had plenty of ACC games where we were down in the second half. At Duke we were down five in the fourth quarter. We've had the chance to be able to come back and we know what that's like. We need to work a little bit more on late-game situations. I think the league really prepared us for having close games."

Lindsay Allen, Notre Dame (Guard):

On being able to take over a game...

"I think it was just the way defense was playing us today. We really worked on getting that free throw line jumper and attacking the basket and making sure we're attacking that transition. So it was just taking over what the defense gave us and just reading them."

On hitting the last five shots of the first half...

"We just noticed that we were getting the same shots, and we were pretty successful at it. So, we were doing the same plays until they stopped it, and that's what happened. We kept getting the same shots — either the free throw line jumper, a lay up for me and a lay up for [Brianna Turner]. It was just reading the defense and taking what they gave us."

On the key to turning the game around...

"I think we really locked in on defense. We weren't really getting lay ups or boxing out on the defensive end, but we really locked in and got some stops and got some steals. Then we got going into transition, which is the best part of our team."

Madison Cable, Notre Dame (Guard):

On the key to IU making runs...

"They're a good team, and I think they were playing really hard. They came into the game, and they weren't really afraid. They made a couple runs, but I think that we finally ended that and went on a run and never looked back."

On the crowd's reaction to the foul she took from McBride...

"I mean, it was just a basketball play. I just got a steal, and [McBride] went in to try and get the ball. I don't really know what happened, but it's just a competitive game."

Marina Mabrey (Guard):

On getting half of the points Notre Dame had in the beginning and how she's adjusted to the tournament...

"I really just try to come off the bench, give our team a spark, and just try to keep up the energy. I just come in there and do my best."