

**Penn State Women's Basketball**  
**Head Coach Coquese Washington Postgame Press Conference**  
**vs. Stony Brook – November 25, 2018**

***Q: What was the difference between the first half and the second half, regarding scoring the ball?***

A: I thought that our defense was better in the second half, and that created some more opportunities with the flow of things for us then we did in the first half. We were able to generate some momentum in that way. I was just extremely disappointed in our focus and effort defensively in the first half. We have to come with just a little bit more attention to detail in the first half. We need to really put four quarters together. Over the short season so far we have stretches where we look really good defensively and we have stretches where we look really bad defensively. The task for us right now is to find a way to put four quarters of good defense together, and when we can do that I think we will be in good shape.

***Q: With Amari Carter going down a minute into the game, how does your team adjust to that? How did you try and make those adjustments to play without someone who really plays almost every minute of the game?***

A: Amari is certainly a big key for us on both ends of the floor. She is a very good communicator and she can cover up a lot of mistakes that may be happening out there. She is really good with the ball and getting the ball to the right people at the right time. You go from a senior to a freshman so there is a big gap there. I thought that Karisma Ortiz did a lot of good things but at this point she just doesn't have the game experience that Amari has in order to run the team in that fashion. It was a little disconcerting and we were a little out of sorts but I thought that we figured it out in the second half. I thought that Teniya Page tried to take over offensively for us in the second half but I think that we have enough offensive weapons that she shouldn't have to do that. Again we have to pay attention to the details and honker down a little more to be more effective on both ends of the floor.

***Q: With Teniya Page being the go-to option for you guys offensively, how do you try and balance when she has a night where she is forcing it in the sense where she needs to get the buckets but still trying to get everyone involved in the offense?***

A: She said it perfectly: We need to be a little bit more patient to do what we practice. Sometimes in the game situations we start rushing, getting impatient to go through our reads and the progressions, and waiting for our reads to open up. I think that some of the game day stuff we need to be more patient with and be more cognizant of executing.