

**Penn State Women's Basketball  
Head Coach Coquese Washington Postgame Press Conference  
vs. Ohio State – January 17, 2019**

***Opening Statement***

"I thought the second half was a tale of two quarters. The third quarter we had a really good defensive effort and put ourselves in position to finish the game strong and in the fourth quarter, defensively we just kind of had some miscommunications and that led to them getting some open shots. Credit to them that they knocked them down when they needed to. We just need to have a better close defensively in the fourth quarter and that's what we'll get back in the gym and work on tomorrow as we get ready for Maryland on Sunday."

***Q: Coach, it took Teniya [Page] a little while to get going tonight what does that say about the depth of your team?***

A: Well I think we have a lot of players who are capable of being productive for us, you're looking at two of them right here [Karisma Ortiz and Jaida Travascio-Green]. I thought we had a number of people step up early in the game, Amari Carter, Jaida came off the bench and hit some big shots for us and played some good defense for us and Karisma had a good night, might have been a career-night from a scoring standpoint. We've got some players who are able to be productive and step up for us when needed.

***Q: Coach, I was just wondering what your mindset is going into this Maryland game on Sunday, if you have a specific game plan or what your thoughts are?***

A: Well, I haven't spent much time thinking about Maryland right now, spent the week thinking about Ohio State. But, obviously Maryland is a really good team and tough in their building. One of things we've got to do, is we've got to make sure we have a better defensive effort than we did today. You've got to score points when you play against Maryland because they are capable of putting up a lot of points. We'll flush out the game plan for them tomorrow and Saturday.

***Q: Coach, it seemed like you were trying to find Alisia Smith there, but it just wasn't getting there with the entry passes weren't working, was that something you guys were trying to focus on for this game and it just didn't work or what was going on?***

A: Well we want to have a balanced attack. We were trying to get the ball into her, sometimes we were trying to get it into her at inopportune times. But we definitely wanted to have a balanced attack and had some opportunities where we could take advantage of that.

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**Jaida Travascio-Green | G | Jr./Jr.**

***Q: Jaida, you've been back for a few games now, and I was just wondering if you're feeling more comfortable on the court and if you feel like you've reached close to 100 percent, if not 100 percent?***

A: Yes, I've been back for a few games, and every game is something new. I think I'm less concerned with being 100 percent and just being the best that I can be right now because I don't know what 100 percent is for me, and what that ceiling is. I'm just working hard to be the best that I can and play the best that I can each game.

**Karisma Ortiz | G | Fr./Fr.**

***Q: Karisma, the three-ball looked really good tonight. Is that something that you've been practicing lately, or you just caught on fire and had yourself a night?***

A: Just been practicing lately. I think it had to do a little bit with confidence at first, so I stopped taking as many shots, but my teammates were finding me on the floor and that helped out a lot.