

Penn State Basketball
Student-Athlete Postgame Press Conference
vs. St. Francis Brooklyn – November 18, 2021

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Q: Generally, what did you think of your efficiency on offense tonight? You guys were over 50 percent as a team for the first time in a while.

A: I think we just knew the scout. We knew they were going to pressure us. We can clean up those turnovers at the end, it's just fake pressure. But you see when we execute and know that they're going to pressure us, they're giving us a layup. So, I think that's where the efficiency comes from.

Q: Jalanni White got in the starting lineup tonight. What did you see from him and how is he going to provide being in this starting position tonight?

A: Jalanni is out there stealing my offensive rebounds, so I think it's hard for other teams to keep it off the glass when we go big, and I think that's how we got our first couple points.

Q: You guys have an upcoming trip to Florida next week. How important are those bonding trips with the team?

A: I've been on a college basketball team for like four years now and I think Thanksgiving break and Christmas break are the best times with your team. You have all day to spend together, go to the movies, go bowling. So, it's fun to get out and all of that stuff translates on the court.

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Q: Jalanni White got in the starting lineup tonight. What did you see from him and how is he going to provide being in this starting position tonight?

A: I think Jalanni did a good job for the role he was given. He did a lot of things that don't show up on a stat sheet. I don't know his wingspan, but it's ridiculous. He had a lot of good rebounds, quick outlets to transition, but I think he, along with the other guys, always step up and do a good job.

Q: I think you had 16 of the final 21 points in the first half. Was that something where you felt like you had an opportunity to take over or what were you kind of feeling going into that stretch there?

A: I was just reading the defense. They were in the passing lanes, my man was too aggressive. I felt like I could beat him, but you can't do it every time. As I got my first shot, got the second shot, then Coach Shrewsbury was kind of telling me to do it. The first two times was just me off my instincts, then we kind of went to it in our playbook.