

Penn State Basketball
Anna Camden and Leilani Kapinus Postgame Press Conference
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Anna Camden | F | Jr.

Q: Early on in the game, the team, overall, I was not firing all cylinders. What was said during that first media time out before the 10-0 run?

A: Yeah, we've been working on it as a team a lot. For our starts of games, we have to come out stronger and hit first. We talk a lot about hitting first so when we didn't hit first it then turned to hit back. And that for us is running hard, getting those boards and playing fast, which is how we like to play our best basketball. So we really focused on that and picking up our juice and the rest followed.

Q: Anna, you had a double-double today and it seemed like you were making it happen on all ends of the court. What was going right for you today and what, you know, coach just talked about going from eight rebounds and now 10 tonight, what has it been like kind of expanding into this new role?

A: Yeah, um, well, first, I'd say it's easy to fire on all cylinders when your teammates have your back the way they did for me tonight. Whether that was finding me the ball or taking care of their individual box outs the ball just happened to fall to me, so I got it and I get the stats tonight. But I really felt like we all played together and everyone took care of their job. I've definitely been focusing on rebounding because that's something that over the past two years of my career, my stats need to go up there in order for us to win and I'm just focusing on that and it's paying off.

Q: Overall, the majority of your points for from assist tonight. How much do you think having a good bond between players is important during games?

A: It makes the world of a difference. We talk about having bond and having chemistry. When you know each other's game in and out, you know where you want to catch it. You know how you like to catch it. You know where you're going to be most successful and most comfortable on the court that sets each other up to be successful. And that's what I think we saw tonight. I know I'm guessing majority of my points were assists from [Makenna Marisa]. They usually are because she knows my game like literally no one else.

Q: Overall just looking at the communication so far this season, how would you how would you both judge it so far?

A: Communication is something that's going to always have room for growth. I think that's true for literally all of humanity. We talk about battlefield communication a lot which is early, loud, and continuous. And also we say name, command, volume. We're always going to have a pulse on that. If we're not talking enough things break down, Youngstown State is a great team, they know how to move the ball, they know how to set screens, they hit their shots, so we had to really communicate through that defensively. And then offensively it's directing and getting our team set. So it's always going to be a focus for us. There's always going to be room for growth, but I thought we did a good job tonight.

Leilani Kapinus | G | R-Fr.

Q: Overall just looking at the communication so far this season, how would you how would you both judge it so far?

A: I think Anna hit it right on the nose, but just also communicating like in the first quarter we were down and just communicate with each other letting each other know what we needed to do to pick it up. And how we did it was just by talking through everything.

Q: Leilani, you had a career high tonight, seemed like you're firing on all cylinders throughout the course of the game. What was going through your head today and what went right?

A: Yeah, I was just trying to run hard. My teammates were finding me so it was really all them and I was just trying to play the game for them, score for them, and make the best play I could.