

**Penn State Basketball**  
**Shay Hagans Postgame Press Conference**  
**vs. Michigan State - January 27, 2022**

Shay Hagans | G | Jr.

***Q: You're referred to as the defensive captain; How do you keep your team together in a game like that on defense?***

A: Just talk to them. Whenever chance I can just huddle them. It just wasn't there today.

***Q: What does it mean for the team to have Niya Beverley make her return to the court?***

A: It's great, just like Coach Kieger said, we welcome her back. Let her go "full go." And we're excited, so when she gets to "full go," everything's going to be back.

***Q: Did you guys see anything in the first half that you particularly liked about your defense? I know it was kind of a rough second half, but at the end of the first half, it seemed like you guys were kind of getting something together there. Did you say anything specifically, you guys could talk about?***

A: Pressure. Pressure the ball, and I think details, on [our] two-three [zone defense]. I think there's a lot of discipline plays that started deflections, and we were able to create energy off that.

***Q: You guys were out rebounded. How, moving forward in Big Ten play, can that change and what will you be doing differently?***

A: It starts in practice. Skill work and defense often starts with practice. Everything starts in practice.