

**Penn State Basketball**  
**Andrew Funk Postgame Press Conference**  
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***Q: Andrew, in three games playing with Jalen Pickett, what has it been like to play with someone like him? What was your reaction to him getting a triple-double?***

A: Yeah, he walked into the locker room, I didn't really believe him at first because I was like, 'Wow,' but he's incredible. It's fun to play with him. He's a fun guy to play with. [He] makes my job a lot a lot easier and I got a couple more shots for him to make him look good. I think he probably could have had a couple more assists honestly if I would have made some shots or made some layups. But, like I said, he makes my job a lot easier and he's a really good teammate. Really fun to play with.

***Q: Andrew, you guys obviously had a lot of open looks the first two games. How much more difficult Butler made it for you guys?***

A: It changes a little bit. They're a very sound defensive team. They're very physical and athletic, which made our lives a little bit more difficult. But when you look at Pickett's stat line, you look at the way that Camren Wynter comes off a ball screen, and the way that we all space the floor, the shots are going to come. Because if you know they're taking away those ones, then they're getting the looks down low or Caleb Dorsey and Kebba Njie are getting dump offs. So, I think it was just more a matter of being patient and I think we took a lot of good ones, which was a testament to our kind of shot selection. So, I think you have to recognize that looks are coming, especially against a good defensive team like that.

***Q: Can you speak about the Bryce Jordan Center crowd and how it helped you guys go on a run in the second half?***

A: When Myles [Dread] hit that last three to extend the lead to 14, I kind of just looked around and I soaked it in for a moment. The energy that it gives us, you know, you can't really even explain it because that momentum is what carries us. So, playing in the packed BJC like that with all the students and fans makes a world of difference for us and makes our job a lot easier.