

**Penn State Basketball**  
**Head Coach Micah Shrewsberry - Postgame Press Conference**  
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***Opening Statement***

It'd be easy to really talk about the end. And, you know, we didn't perform well at the end. I think we'll be better. I think that's because that is us not playing together. Let's get a little bit loose at the end, and as for stretches, I thought we played really well. I thought we really guarded. I thought we got them into the shots we wanted them to take. We kept our defense, we kept our shell intact, but we didn't have to over rotate too much, which keeps us in great blackout position. So, you know, for the third game in a row, we will rebound somebody. And those are things you talk about, right? When you have a small team, your base defense has to be really solid. If we were gambling for steals or running through steals now and you have nobody at the rim and they're just getting layups—we're not giving people layups, we're making them take the shots we want them to take, they're going to make some, and they're going to miss some too. When they do, we're in the right position to rebound that. I thought our guys did what they needed to do. They really knuckled up on guard. On the other hand, we played off our defense a little bit, instead of playing off of our offense. Though when we played off of our defense, we got stopped. At that point we got the crowd going. Then we made some shots when we needed to finish the job.

***Q: Where do you feel like Caleb Dorsey is with his confidence with three games into the season?***

A: He's really young. As for games played, he's a second semester freshman. The minutes that he has given us and he's never played in clutch before and he's never started games. He's just battling. Before he walked out into the game we noticed he's been jumpy two games early. Today, he stayed down. So, each game, each day he's going to be improving. On the other hand, he's going to make a three, he's going to be open for those threes. If he can do just enough to open the floor up, to give our guys those layups—Jalen—and opportunities for players to get those layups then he's doing his job.

***Q: What are some of the intangibles that Jalen does; what's the nuance of Jalen Pickett's game level?***

A: He rebounds at a high level. That's where some of those numbers start to creep up on you, that you don't realize are there. We've made an emphasis for the team that rebounds are what we have to be successful in. It doesn't just fall on Caleb [Dorsey] or Kebba. They have to do a good job of guarding the post and boxing their guy out and if they don't get it, they don't get it. They are all doing a good job. As for the assists, he just sees the floor now. He starts to do things as he starts to play in the post or off picks. He's adjusting as the game goes. There may be things he misses early on in the game, but he makes the switch pretty quickly after learning about it. He's also really good at seeing the defense and trying to take advantage of the opportunity.