

**Penn State Basketball  
Student-Athlete Postgame Press Conference  
vs. Minnesota - February 17, 2022**

Jalen Pickett | G | Sr.

***Q: Jalen, can you talk about some of the isolation stuff that you were able to get done, it looks like at one point Coach [Shrewsberry] was actually yelling to Jevonnie [Scott], "Get out, get out, get out" so you can do your thing.***

A: Coach has tremendous trust in all of us and we do a lot of scouting, so he knows who's a good defender, who's a bad defender and we feel like we got a mismatch. We got a lot of people who can create off isolation: me, Sam [Sessoms], Seth [Lundy], Myles [Dread] can. So we just have a lot of people who can take advantage of it, and I had the mismatch most of the time in this game.

***Q: How do you go from losing five days ago to winning tonight by 20-plus points? What was the biggest change from Saturday to today?***

A: Definitely just the buy in. We knew what we had to do when we came in and after a great game vs Michigan State we didn't want to have any let down and wanted to come in here and handle business and I think we did that well tonight.

***Q: Did you guys feel like this was your most complete performance of the season so far on both ends of the court?***

A: Yeah, this is probably our best game of the year. Just with the way we guarded, we held them like 20 points under from the last game, so I think we did a great job [on] the defensive end.

***Q: Both you guys drew Jamison Battle at different times tonight, and he had more production that he did last week, but can you talk about how your rotations, and everything went tonight on him?***

A: Yeah, we definitely had to pick it up, me and Myles, because Seth wasn't in as long so we knew we were just gonna throw a lot of bodies at him and just try and wear him down as much as possible. That was one of the adjustments we made from the first game.

Myles Dread | G | Sr.

***Q: How do you go from losing five days ago to winning tonight by 20 plus points? What was the biggest change from Saturday to today?***

A: This is a battle of mental fortitude. In the same time period, we played a game in between then. We got a lot of preparation, watched a lot of film, and we just had a bad taste in our mouth. We don't want to go away with any regrets and that one at Minnesota, that hurt, we didn't play our best basketball.

***Q: Did you guys feel like this was your most complete performance of the season so far on both ends of the court?***

A: I think it was one of the--if not the most complete-- it was definitely one of them for sure.

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A: He's a great player, he can shoot the ball, drive it. He's big and strong. You know, we just have to do our best job to make things difficult for him. And like I said he's a great player, he's

going to make tough shots. As long as we keep making it a tough for him and just try to be physical with him as much as possible I think the results will be good.

***Q: How did you guys feel like you matched up physically? [Minnesota] Coach [Ben] Johnson was just in here saying that he felt like it was clear from the beginning that his guys didn't really have legs. Do you guys identify that and try to attack more, or I guess just kind of looking for your appraisal on the physical differences between you guys?***

A: We kind of focused on us and the way we wanted to play, which was our brand of basketball. Coach talked about it, we want to play our brand of basketball harder and a lot better. Just pick it up a notch.