

Penn State Basketball
Micah Shrewsberry Postgame Press Conference
vs. Nebraska – February 27, 2022

Opening Statement:

I don't really have much of an opening statement, besides the fact that I didn't do a good job of getting our team ready to play tonight. It was a high factor. You prepare for what someone is capable of doing and if you're not ready to go, this is what they're capable of doing. Anyone that looks at Nebraska, they haven't laid down, died, or quit at any point in time, they play really hard. We didn't have it tonight and that's on me, I did a terrible job of getting these guys prepared tonight.

Q: They scored on 12 of their first 19 possessions, but also had five offensive rebounds. Those are two things that have really been your hallmark. Did you get a sense for what wasn't clicking there and how damaging is that when those two things don't work out?

A: We hung our hat on that the entire season and we were just a step behind the entire time. They were playing a faster pace than we were defensively and when you start a possession like that, you get behind and then anything could happen, and it snowballs.

Q: You were about as loud as we heard you tonight then you got to a point where you were quiet. Can you tell us what was going through your head there and the message you were sending to your team?

A: At some point in time, what is there to say? I mean, we're getting our butts kicked if I was yelling or if I was quiet. We also have leaders on the team that sometimes they have to say something for you. I did a poor job tonight. We got our butts kicked because of me.

Q: We saw John get emotional during the game and then towards the end of the game. How does that compound things with a loss like that and how do you feel for him?

A: I'm just disappointed that we didn't play the right way for him. It's his last opportunity to play here and that hurts worse than the loss and the way that we lost. For a guy that puts everything he has into it and cares so much and for this to be his last game here, that's why I'm hurting. That's what sad, he's given his all for five years and this is how he got rewarded.