



2012 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FIRST/SECOND ROUNDS

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY, HOST



SECOND ROUND PRESS CONFERENCE STANFORD

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OPENING STATEMENT:

First of all I thought that was a really tough game for us and I am glad of how our team stepped up. It was a great team win and we are really proud to be able to go to Fresno. West Virginia can be really proud of their great young team and they were a great opponent.

ON CHINEY'S KNEE:

She isn't used to having it iced, but she played well and her free throws were big for us. A few extra days will be good for her.

ESTABLISHING THE LEAD:

The first play set the tone of the game when Nnemkadi (Ogwumike) exploded with the athleticism. Amber (Orange) had a fabulous game, and they were an excellent defensive team. Six turnovers against them is phenomenal and our team handled the pressure and worked well on both ends of the court.

ON AMBER'S PLAY:

Amber (Orange) played like a senior tonight, forget the term if there is such a thing as playing as a freshman. She was under control, with 5 assists and no turnovers against a good defense. She had some big pull-up shots and some steals and she is just a great player.

DID YOU SLOW IT DOWN A LITTLE IN THE SECOND HALF:

We ran on them and West Virginia had some people back to prevent the easy shot. We wanted to work things and be patient and you saw us try to work that back door pass later on. Sarah Boothe was big for us tonight, but you know, it just felt really

comfortable out there and it was very exciting because West Virginia is an excellent team.

PLAYER QUOTES

FRESHMAN GUARD - Amber Orrange

OFFENSIVE AGGRESIVENESS FROM THE GET GO:

I think it was to read the defense and take what they gave you. Coming off a pick and roll sometimes you just have to take the shot.

PHYSICALITY OF WVU:

We knew coming in that West Virginia was going to be physical. We just wanted to throw that first punch.

SENIOR FORWARD Nnemkadi Ogwumike

ON AMBER'S PLAY:

I was happier to see Amber (Orrange) just smiling and having fun. You know she scored 18 points out there and I call her my little knife because she slices and dices.

TAKING THE WIND OUT OF OPPONENTS:

First off we took the game four minutes at a time, and we try to win four-minute mini games. In the beginning we talked about Susan and how she conditioned us and as you continue to build and progress the work from the season prepares you for the big dance. We did a great job playing tag-team and the bench played well.

SIGNS THAT WEST VIRGINIA WAS LOSING CONFIDENCE:

We look at each other. We instill fire in ourselves when that happens. We make a 17-0 run and I think what makes the great teams great is to have poise. It was a little stagnant for us at times, but we did a good job in maintaining the gaps between scores.