

2008 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
Greensboro Coliseum • Greensboro, NC
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#1 CONNECTICUT vs. #5 OLD DOMINION
CONNECTICUT COACH QUOTES
GREENSBORO REGIONAL

HEAD COACH GENO AURIEMMA

Opening Remarks:

"We didn't expect anything less than what happened out there. Somebody made a comment that Old Dominion isn't going to be 40 points better than they were in November, I don't think we're going to be 40 points better either. It was a typical NCAA game where we had to come out in the second half and rely on the things that have gotten us here.

"We're just happy to be back in that situation, in the Final 8, where we were last year and the year before. So, everybody can start asking questions now about why we haven't been to the Final Four. These two guys can answer those. I'm not answering any questions about that. (joking)"

On the spark from Brittany Hunter at the end of each half...

"Well unfortunately for Brittany, it's been kind of a frustrating career for her. There just hasn't been any time when she has been 100% healthy. We had a glimpse a little bit where she could have been and what she still can do. She has a sense of purpose. She has grown up a lot and she has matured an awful lot. I think that showed today."

What is the status of Tina Charles and Renee Montgomery?

"Tina got hit in the shoulder. All of the signs point to that she will be able to play Tuesday night. Renee just twisted her knee a little bit and all the signs point that she will be able to play Tuesday night."

A physical game overall - is that what you were expecting coming in?

"I thought it was going to be extremely physical and I think the players thought the same thing. It was extremely physical. We went in at halftime and we had given up 33 points. Again, I didn't expect any less."

Would you stay for the second game?

"Yes, our normal procedure for something like this is we stay for the first half and we would do that regardless of who we may play. We are going to get the tape of the entire game right after the game, so we're not going to miss anything. I think some of the coaches are going to stay for the whole game.

"As far as having played Rutgers already twice, you know Rutgers is one of our teams in the Big East. Whether we have played them or not doesn't make much of a difference to us. The fact is that if they do win, one of the Big East teams will go to the Final Four. That's something that has been happening quite regularly for sometime now. I also think I am also rooting for Rutgers because I think they got short changed a little bit in this tournament with their seeding. So I hope to see them. I hope they play well and I hope they win today... and that's the last nice thing I will say about them (laughing)."

