

2008 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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#2 RUTGERS vs. #6 GEORGE WASHINGTON
GEORGE WASHINGTON COACH QUOTES
GREENSBORO REGIONAL



HEAD COACH JOE McKEOWN

Opening Remarks:

"Number one, I just want to thank my seniors who have had an incredible career here at George Washington; Kim and Sarah-Jo here and Lora Mitchell and Whitney Allen, who are not up here. They've won over 100 games in four years, four-straight NCAA Tournaments, and two Sweet 16s. I told them after the game that you will remember those things much more than you will remember today's game. They are all tremendous student-athletes whom we are very proud of and have really represented GW in a first-class manor.

It was a very tough, physical, and hard-nosed game, just like we expected. When we got it down to four (points) with the ball, I thought we had our chances, but that just didn't happen. We missed a couple shots, they made a couple plays at the end. Just a tough hard-nosed game, that's basically it. I was really proud of our team - the way we fought back in the second half especially."

On his senior class:

"You have to be around them everyday to see them grow. Sarah Jo is an Academic All-American, double-major. Whitney has already graduated. Lora is an unbelievable student-athlete and Beck, when it is all said and done, has shattered records at a great program. Kim Beck will go down as one of the great players in our program, as well as from our league."

On Rutgers first half run

"I think with the way Rutgers plays in general, I think we had a great plan defensively. Obviously they did too. When you play them, the window of opportunity narrows. You have to make the extra pass and all of the little things you have to do get the right shot. That's where we struggled in that stretch. They made some shots and Essence Carson was phenomenal today. But in that stretch, we just couldn't score. It doesn't matter how hard you play on defense. You get deflated when you don't score for that long."

On whether Rutgers playing poorly contributed

"I think we took them out of most of the things that they wanted to do on offense. I thought our players did a tremendous job defensively. I would like to think that Rutgers did the same thing to us. We're sitting there in a four-point game with four minutes to go, you have to make shots. I would disagree with that statement, I think."

On closing the gap after halftime

"When you are playing them, you have to match the intensity. You can't miss block outs. And I said, "let's just go have fun, Run up and down the floor and shoot the basketball." I thought we did a much better job in the second half and had so many good chances when it was a three, four, five-point game and it just wasn't our night. But we said at halftime that we know we are a better team than that."