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**#2 RUTGERS vs. #6 GEORGE WASHINGTON**

**RUTGERS STUDENT-ATHLETE QUOTES**  
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**SENIOR FORWARD ESSENCE CARSON**

*On the 20-2 run in the first half*

"It was just playing time. We were just playing together a little bit. We were letting everything go through. We were executing our plans, transition, just swinging the ball. Kia was giving up a great post, so she was presenting strong, taking a lot of attention off the perimeter. We were really crashing the boards at that time and then everything just worked out."

*On why coach thought Rutgers didn't play well...*

"We were still focused. We got into a situation where the offense wasn't flowing really well. It became really stagnant and we weren't doing a great job of countering that. And at that time, we were really getting beat on the boards if you break it down into segments. But once we began to rebound again, get our offense back, it just seemed like it started flowing again."

*On having a career high...*

"I was taking the shots that were there. I started to recognize things a lot better. Like when the post player would come out on the baseline, I thought I should have attacked. It just seemed to work and that's it, just staying with the offense."

*On her play down the stretch when the game was close*

"My teammates were doing a great job in getting me the ball in a position where I could be effective, and I had the mindset just to continue to attack and not to take or to settle for a lot of long range shots but to get them in middle area if I couldn't get all the way to the basket."

*On poor free throwing shooting...*

"I don't know. I guess they just weren't falling. I guess we started thinking about the last shot. If it was a miss, we started thinking about the ones that we missed. But I think that we will hit them when it counts."

*On GW pulling within 3 after 2 timeouts with your coach...*

"I remember that time where they were getting a lot of second chance shots. The initial shot would be stopped but then it was the second shot that was hurting us. Once that happened we didn't really execute and so they just kept scoring on the other end and we weren't really countering that at all."

*(FOLLOW-UP) Is that what coach said in the timeout?*

"Yes. She told us we had to get to the boards. We had to stop that. We had to stop the offensive rebounding, and make it one and done."

*On playing UCONN a third time...*

"We are looking forward to having another forty minutes, whether it is against UConn or anyone else. We know the next game is going to be extremely tough, they are a great team and it is going to be a hard fought battle on both parts."

*On does playing UConn in the tournament increase the rivalry up a little bit.....*

"We just want to come out and play extremely hard. It's an important game, whether it is UConn or anyone else. We are going to go out there and give it our all because we know the next step after that is the Final Four. But we do have to take care of business first, and that is that next game."

*On looking dejected after a win*

"We understand that we didn't play our best basketball today. So even though we came out with a win, we had expectations for ourselves. If anyone doesn't have those expectations, we need to have those for ourselves because we understand what it takes to play and win at the championship level."

### **SOPHOMORE GUARD EPIPHANNY PRINCE**

*On what did you do defensively today...*

"I think that we communicated well on defense and we were moving our feet. We played help defense and we tried to take out their main two scorers."

*On how tough is it going to be to regroup for Tuesday...*

"It is going to be tough when you have to come out and try to play the No. 1 team in the country. But we just got to be focused and listen to everything that Coach says. She can prepare us for anything, so we just got to pay attention."

*On does playing UConn in the tournament increase the rivalry up a little bit...*

"I don't think it makes any difference. We just want to go out and play hard. We always want to come out and play hard."