



2008 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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DAY TWO QUOTES

BUCKNELL QUOTES

Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka

Opening Statement

"I'm really proud of our kids. I just told our kids in the locker room I'm really proud of what they've accomplished throughout the season getting to a championship. That can't be taken away from you. Earning that title of champions is big and it is certainly something we have done in our league. I think we came out against a very tough North Carolina team. They're very athletic, very long extremely quick. We got down 16-0 and at that timeout we really talked about competing and staying together is really important. I think we could have folded right there and I was really proud of what kids did over the next 10 to 20 minutes of the half playing pretty even till about the five minute mark of the first half and then having some turnover late in that half to kind of stretch it but we are just proud of how our kids competed up to the final buzzer and really represented our university and our league and proud of our five seniors who have had a huge part of our success over the last four years putting Bucknell back at the forefront of the Patriot League in women's basketball."

On loss in first round

"I think it's competition. As a coach or as a player it's what you work for and strive for—competition. It hurts don't get me wrong. We came into this game and I loved the mindset of that our kids had. It's the one thing I wanted to make sure we had was the mindset that we weren't just a 16 seed showing up and doing our time and thinking we were done. I think our kids and our coaching staff believed that we could play well--we've got to have some things happen but if that does it's March. It's not bittersweet—I wouldn't say that at all. Again right now you're only thinking about this. The Patriot League tournament and all of that behind us our focus has been on this NCAA Tournament today and I think as time goes on we'll reflect and draw positives from this

experience and this game and this season. I think all of that will still be in place exactly where it was despite this outcome.”

On seniors

“I spent a lot of time in our locker room just now talking about them. We won a championship in 2002, so we have five seniors from that now that. After that 2002 championship we won we had a let down for a year or two and we came back strong with this group. They were special. They were the core group. They were kind of taking over the court and I think that’s tremendous when you have a large group coming together and by that second year really making a mark and a name for themselves and through those last few years have really been battling for a top seed in the league. There’s a lot to be said for doing that. This year with winning that championship they were able to do that through some adversity staying together. The mark is going to be in the 2009-10 season when this team is not going to drop. Those young kids have gotten to see some good leadership and to be able to come out now and be able to maintain I think that is the mark they have made.”

Kesha Champion, senior, guard

On coming home to play in Tournament

“It’s been a great experience. My school is about seven hours from here so a lot of the people who got to see me play in high school don’t really get a chance to come up and see me play. I think we’ve only played one or two games down here, so it’s a great feeling to be able to come home before I graduate and have my family see me play.”

On playing UNC

“It feels good to be able to play a team that will probably be in the women’s championship game. It’s inspiring for the younger kids and for the seniors it’s great to know we were able to play with one of the top teams in the nation.”

Lauren Schober, junior, forward

On starting the game down by 16 points

“We had those wide open looks and I don’t think everyone was really expecting to get such wide open looks like Kesha said there was a cap on the rim but working together and seeing that open person I think that’s when our baskets really started falling.”

“I feel like if we had given up at that point the score would have been a lot more of a deficit so I think that part of our team to bring us around and get the next option.”

On competing shot-for-shot with UNC

“I knew we could play with them and it was just showing that we could. I also think we provided our group of freshmen with that outlook that this is capable and we should be able to do this for years to come and be able to play with teams like UNC and compete and not just fold.”