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OPEN DAY PRACTICE QUOTES – GREENSBORO REGIONAL
#6 GEORGE WASHINGTON



HEAD COACH JOE McKEOWN

Opening Remarks:

"We are excited to be at the Regionals again. We were here last year. Coming off of the final 16 with a lot of players back, obviously the goal is to first get to the tournament and then try to do the best you can. We have a great match-up with Rutgers on Sunday. They are a terrific team. Obviously, they are one of the best teams in the country. It should be fun because it's a team I think we are really excited for."

On how both teams are different from the first match-up in November...

"I think both are battle-tested. Rutgers, who has beaten Connecticut, has had some great wins along the way. In some respects the game against Tennessee, you could almost chalk that up as a win. They (Rutgers) are playing really well. Naturally, they play great in this tournament. Coming off of those two games in California really gives us some momentum and some confidence, and we're starting to get healthy. I think both teams are hitting their strides at the right time."

On having three girls that have played together for four years...

"I'm sure Vivian would say it too, you can't replace that kind of experience - the big game experience."

On Rutgers' depth and success under pressure...

"Obviously what makes them so dangerous is their balance, how they can hurt you in so many ways. If you have to double Kia Vaughn, you're leaving someone else open. They remind me of an NBA team in how they get shots off in the last five or six seconds of the shot clock. They're very patient and any number of people on that team can make the shot."

On George Washington's NCAA experience...

"The margin of error really narrows when you get to this round. Last year, it was North Carolina for us. When you make a mistake, sometimes in the regular season you can (get away with it). When you make a mistake against North Carolina, it snowballs. We preached all year that when you get into the tournament, everyone's good. There's no one playing right now that isn't good. We have to play better, too, and step our game up. Last year against Carolina, we could never get on track. (This year), it's about taking care of our business."

On Antelia Parrish's growth into Division I basketball...

"She's a big part of what we do right now. She's somebody who can play a lot of different positions. She can rebound, she can shoot, she can jump inside when you need her, and she is also a terrific passer. She's just an all-around player."

On the problems of the first game with Rutgers...

"It just snowballed. We got off to a bad start and Rutgers played really well. We couldn't get on track. It was just one of those things."