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2006 Patriot League Women's Basketball Tournament
Post-Game Quotes: Quarterfinal Round
No. 1 Army 74, vs. No. 8 Lafayette 55
Thu., March 2, 2006 (West Point, N.Y.)

ARMY HEAD COACH MAGGIE DIXON

(re: Establishing an early lead against an underdog opponent)

"Once (Lafayette) gets on a roll, they are hard to stop. It was important for us to not allow them to convert easy baskets early on."

(re: Getting Cara Enright involved)

"I want everyone to be aggressive, offensively. I think our players settled into their own rhythm early and were able to find their shots. Cara was able to get a few easy baskets and that got her going."

(re: Versatility of Enright posting up or playing on the perimeter)

"One reason Cara was player of the year was because she can do a little of both. I give her credit because she has developed her game that way."

(re: Performance of young players on the team)

"That has been our strength and our weakness all year. But, they have played unlike freshmen and sophomores. They continue to improve and make plays each night."

"They are still young enough to just go out and play (regardless of seeding in the tournament). But, our older players haven't been in this position before either. So, they aren't taking anything for granted."

(re: Large Cadet crowd on hand)

"I've been in a lot of arenas around the country and there is nothing like a cadet crowd. It's not just the noise and how they get into the game. It's the camaraderie and the feeling that everybody is in this together. It's a family."

ARMY SOPHOMORE CARA ENRIGHT

(re: Importance of establishing homecourt advantage early)

"Establishing a big lead early was huge for us tonight. Coach told us that the first five minutes of the game was going to help us gain some confidence and get us going."

(re: Playoff atmosphere and large cadet crowd)

"They get us going every game. They were able to give us some energy tonight."

LAFAYETTE HEAD COACH TAMMY SMITH

(re: Play of Army's Cara Enright)

"Enright is a great player, and she is going to get her points. She is a tough assignment for anybody. Army is a very talented team, who deserves to be the No. 1 seed."

(re: Play of Kristin Doherty on Cara Enright)

"She did a good job. She made Cara shoot from the outside, and (Enright) came out on fire. She was 6-for-6 from the floor and 4-for-4 from behind the three-point line early on."

LAFAYETTE SENIOR KRISTIN DOHERTY

(re: Game plan for guarding Cara Enright)

"I tried to force her to take outside shots. Last time we played, (Cara) was able to post me up. I give her all the props. She is an incredible player."

(re: Affect the crowd had on the team)

"It's a little intimidating to see the entire bleachers behind both baskets covered in camouflage. But, this was a great environment in which to play. I feel blessed that I had an opportunity to play here tonight.

"Army is legit. They are the No. 1 seed for a reason."