



# 2017 NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME #6 • MARCH 18, 2017 PURDUE LOCKER ROOM QUOTES

## **Guard P.J. Thompson, Junior:**

*On his clutch free throws...*

"We just wanted to finish the game, after the Big Ten tournament I went back and worked out and got a lot of free throws up."

*On his team's performance...*

"I'm feeling pretty good right now, it was an amazing game and I thought we were really special tonight. There were moments where we were really clutch when we needed to be."

*On withstanding the Iowa State run...*

"We knew that they were a really good team and that they were going to make a run. They have a really good point guard who can control the tempo and he's surrounded by a lot of guys who can make plays. We hit first and we made our run, and basketball is a game of runs, so it was about withstanding their run and bouncing back from it."

*On the team's experience in late-game situations...*

"The older you get, the more relaxed and calm you are, you've been there before and there's been games where we had to hit clutch free throws down the stretch to win games. We've been through a lot of different situations that you're probably going to see in the tournament and we did what we had to do to withstand their run and finish the game."

## **Guard Dakota Mathias, Junior:**

*On whether it's intimidating to potentially be playing a No. 1 seed ...*

"No, not at all. We're not here to just win one game or just get to the Sweet 16. We have the pieces and character in this room to make a deep run and we're going to be ready for whoever we play."

*On Iowa State's second half run...*

"They switched it up a little bit defensively and got us a little more stagnant than we wanted, so give them a lot of credit."

*On when Iowa State took the lead...*

"We were all pretty calm at that point. We expected it. They're a great team. They have a lot of wins and a great point guard. We expected a run at some point. They got the lead, [but] we were fine. We just executed."

*On the mood in the locker room following the win...*

"Business as usual."