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POSTGAME QUOTES: St. John's vs. Creighton
St. John's Battles to 72-65 Overtime Win Against Creighton
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St. John's Head Coach Joe Tartamella...

Opening Statement:

"Well it certainly feels a lot more fun to be on this side after a stretch of a lot of difficult games. I'm really proud of our players; I mean we certainly had some adversity in the last week and a half in how we've played and some injuries. You go from elation to possibly losing the game to elation and then being able to convert and execute in a way that we unfortunately hadn't been able to do or just haven't had the ball bouncing our way in some games. Playing a team who I think is one of the hottest in the country and who is going to be good all the way through and to be able to do what we did tonight in the way that we played, I was just really proud of their effort. I'm just happy for them more than anything because we've been so close and we've shown the ability to do the things we did tonight against great teams. Our biggest thing is it's one game, but we talked about how it takes one game to really turn things around so hopefully we can build some momentum and we're going to get ready. We've got a really quick turnaround as we get on the road here. I'm just really happy for them and happy for our team, for the way that they played."

On Alisha Kebbe's performance:

"I gave her a big hug. Her and I have a pretty strong relationship and very honest relationship in how she does. I gave her a pat on the head and it was great to see her play that way and successful with Akina [Wellere] being out. Watching these young kids do great things and make mistakes, Alisha is almost a veteran compared to some of these players we have out there as guards."

On the rebound performance:

"We were able to get stops, we were able to close the gaps and not allow people to go over our backs. We fought and we battled harder tonight and harder than I've seen us battle in the last few games and that was excited to see. To outrebound them by 17 and have 18 offensive rebounds, especially one enormous one at the end of the game where Maya [Singleton] gets us that extra shot to tie the game, it's incredible. For them to have gone through what they have been through, it's only one game, but I hope we can look back at this game and look at it as a pivotal moment."

On Imani Littleton's strong game:

"Imani has been an enigma to me for years, but I have said this for a long time. She's probably one of the most loyal kids we have had and I have said that throughout her career for what she has done. She has struggled mightily that last few games, so to watch her do what she did and play Faber [of Creighton] it was shades of watching Aaliyah Lewis guard Fanning [of Creighton] the last couple of years and was pleased to see that. She gave us everything she had and played all but two minutes, so just unbelievable."

St. John's Guard Tiana England...

On her clutch layup to tie the game:

"I'm thinking not another L [loss]. I had the ball, I see Maya set a great screen so you know I go (off the screen) and got the lucky layup."

Tonight's performance:

"That definitely fueled us; it fueled us for our defense. Creighton is a great shooting team and we are able to shut them down. We started out from the beginning with energy. We played with heart and pride, very intense so that was the difference between winning in overtime this game and in our past games."

St. John's Guard Alisha Kebbe...

On building on the victory:

"I think we are a very good team, this can fuel us, help us and give energy to us for the next few games that we have. I definitely think these last four games we learned a lot from them. Winning this game tonight was big for us."

On the defensive performance:

"I think we just had to talk and let each other know what was going on, we were all in sync today."