

Asheville Championship

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Asheville, North Carolina, USA

Princeton Tigers

Harrah's Cherokee Center

Coach Mitch Henderson

Tosan Evbuomwan

Jaelin Llewellyn

Press Conference

Minnesota - 87, Princeton - 80

MITCH HENDERSON: You know, first, let me just say that this is just a terrific tournament. Thanks to Coach Odom and the staff. We felt very welcomed here in Asheville. Most of us, I don't think anybody has ever really been here. Really cool town. Appreciate the hospitality of everybody.

It was a double-overtime game. We're disappointed, but I think Minnesota was better. They're tough. They had us all the time. They just -- we never could answer. We had -- I'm proud of the guys for coming back, but it wasn't our night on some levels, and we really want to pride ourselves on the defensive end and thought that these two guys had nice games offensively, but defensively we couldn't get stopped. That's really what needs to be our calling card for the season.

We're disappointed, but congratulations to Minnesota.

THE MODERATOR: Thanks, Coach. Any questions for Jaelin or Tosan?

Q. Jaelin, can you just talk about the plays you made to send first the game into overtime and then the second overtime?

Jaelin Llewellyn: I just have to be aggressive, and I know we needed a couple of buckets, and I just had to attack the rim and hope to get in there and get fouled maybe and attack the basket.

Q. Jaelin, again, you know, your battle with Payton Willis the whole night. You guys were going back and forth. Especially in the overtime, he was tough to guard.

Jaelin Llewellyn: Yeah, me personally and us as a



team, we all have to do a better job of getting tougher on defense. It was a good battle. Yeah, we just need to do a better job of working together on defense and getting stops.

Q. Can you just talk about once Eric Curry fouled out, it seemed like -- or he was in foul trouble, it seemed like you guys really tried to get the ball inside and score in the paint.

THE MODERATOR: Question for Tosan.

Tosan Evbuomwan: We just tried to stick with our game and do what we do and got left inside. We just kind of adjusted as we did. We always stick to what we do and what we do best. That's kind of what we did, yeah.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you both so much for your time. We appreciate it.

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