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Charlotte 49ers Tomekia Reed Alexis Andrews

Postgame Press Conference

Temple - 65, Charlotte - 34

THE MODERATOR: We'll go ahead and get started with an opening statement from Coach and then take questions for the student-athletes.

TOMEKIA REED: I am truly excited to be here, to have this opportunity to coach Charlotte women's basketball. Getting to this point that we've got to, it hasn't been easy, but our players never quit. We knew we had a tall task before us in terms of our players being fatigued and being able to play through that fatigue, but nevertheless I thought we gave all that we had up until this point. I told my players to hold their heads up. We're extremely proud of them and they represented for Charlotte.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. Alexis, I know it's moments after the game, but what did you learn about yourself throughout this season?

ALEXIS ANDREWS: I learned a lot. I actually learned, you know, how resilient I am as a person and how I endure what's going on around me and work through that and just make the best I can and make the best out of what I'm given because at the end of the day, I can't question what's God's plan for me, so I just got to keep going and give it my best shot, and that's what I did this year.

Q. Also, obviously, this wasn't the result we wanted today, but kind of how fun have the last few days been being around this run that the team's been on?

ALEXIS ANDREWS: The last few days have felt amazing. I mean, this is somewhere we haven't been all year, so just



taking it day by day and enjoying each outcome, each win, and being with each other. So we enjoyed it.

Q. What did you see from Temple today? What did they do well and what were they able to take advantage of?

TOMEKIA REED: Well, Temple has a great coach and I thought that they were ready for this game. They brought great energy and they knew that they had to have energy against us in order to have a chance to win this game. I thought that they attacked the rim a lot. They attacked us on the inside. We knew that they were going to try to play on our fatigue and really get us even more tired by pushing the ball, attacking the rim. They did a heck of a job in rebounding the ball. They really got after it.

But nevertheless, you know, I have an amazing team. I'm super proud of them. I'm proud of my coaches and what they have been able to do for the program and we gave it our best shot. We can't walk away and be angry. We can't walk away and be upset. We did the best we could.

Q. In this run you guys have made in this tournament, what did you learn about your team over these last few days?

TOMEKIA REED: My team is resilient. They are mentally tough. This team is very loving. The last few days we've showed a great deal of having a family environment. This team is a team that responds under pressure. This is a team that they understood, just play hard, be happy, have fun, play together. And that's all we wanted them to do. This is a team that was really hungry. I told 'em, I said, Y'all, if we're going over here to the tournament, we got to go play basketball. If you don't want to play basketball, tell me now, and I'll go recruiting. And they all looked at me and said, Coach we're going to play basketball. And they did, they did. So I am just really proud of this team. It hasn't been easy, but I'm really proud of how we just stayed together, dug deep and got deeper as we got into the tournament. And so, yeah, I got a really good, resilient, mentally tough team.



THE MODERATOR: All right. Thank you.

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