

NCAA Men's Basketball Championship: First Round - Mount St. Mary's vs Duke

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Lenovo Center

Mount St. Mary's Mountaineers

Dola Adebayo

Dallas Hobbs

Xavier Lipscomb

Media Conference

THE MODERATOR: We're going to get started with the Mount St. Mary's student-athletes.

Dola, if you could just start and recap the travel Odyssey you've had in the last 24 hours.

DOLA ADEBAYO: After the game, we had to head back to the hotel right away, had about like 15 minutes to get our stuff that we previously packed, then had like a 30-minute ride to the airport. Then we waited at the airport for like two hours because it was a thunderstorm, so we had to wait for that.

Once we finally got on the plane, probably waited another two hours until we finally took off, and that took like an hour 30. So we got to the hotel about 3:00 a.m. and woke up -- like we had breakfast at 11:30. It's been a tough night.

Q. Dallas, could you talk about the challenge of being mentally and physically prepared tomorrow.

DALLAS HOBBS: Obviously it's a challenge with the travel and whatnot, but it's just a blessing to still be playing. So I can't complain too much.

Q. Xavier, can you tell us what you know about Duke at this point? Have you guys had a chance to do any sort of scouting report?

XAVIER LIPSCOMB: Not yet. The coaches have taken us through a little bit, but we haven't done our full preparation yet. We have full confidence that the hours that the coaches put in to give us the right game plan.



Q. Just to follow up, Xavier, how does it feel being a 16 and a 1 and all that? Do you feel like you guys can go out there with confidence?

XAVIER LIPSCOMB: Like I said in the previous press conference, this is postseason basketball, so everyone is 0-0 at this point. We're actually 1-0, so we're going into it with some sort of advantage because we already played a game. So we're going to lean into that.

Q. Dola, there's sort of a theory, obviously you guys are going to have to battle fatigue, but at the same time, you've played a game now. You've gone through the jitters. Are you getting more comfortable with the idea of getting in the tournament? Do you think that's a plus for you guys?

DOLA ADEBAYO: I would say that definitely helps. Sitting a couple days resting, it could play to your advantage or could play to your disadvantage. Like I said, me and my guys come into this pretty confident. We feel good.

THE MODERATOR: Gentlemen, you're excused. Thank you very much and good luck.

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