



**March 20 2010 Iowa Press Conference Quotes**  
**Iowa Head Coach Lisa Bluder**

*General Statement...*

“We’re extremely happy. That was one excited locker room. This is a team that has come through so much this year and I continue to be amazed by them and I continue to be so proud of their effort. There were a couple of points tonight where we could have hung it up and said ‘hey we had a great year’ and we just didn’t do that. We got our composure, we got it back, and once again we had incredibly balanced scoring. We had five people in double figures and that’s been our calling card all year. We’re undefeated when we have four or more people in double figures and that holds true again tonight. I’m probably most proud of our rebounding. For us to outrebound Rutgers by 10, I think is significant when you think about 10 more opportunities to have the ball in your hands.”

**Junior Guard Kachine Alexander**

*On the young Iowa team playing like upper classmen and “growing up”...*

“I think it really showed tonight. Definitely. When we were going through that time with Rutgers really on a run we had to stick together and stay together. Usually with a young team they might just crumble, especially in NCAA Tournament, but we really stuck it out and kept our composure the whole time and kept playing very well.”

**Freshman Center Morgan Johnson**

*On her first NCAA Tournament experience:*

“It was everything and more [than what I thought it would be]. I was really excited to come and play in the tournament but getting to play Rutgers was really exciting. I am really proud of how all the freshman and sophomores stepped up and played like we were upperclassmen.”

**Sophomore Guard Kamille Wahlin**

*On a sequence of points scored by Iowa to turn the momentum in favor of the Hawkeyes:*

“I was a little disappointed in my play in the first half but I just pitched in and came back out in the second half and tried to get on a roll. We needed to start getting things going and I just felt like we were able to do that. Like Kach[in]e said we stuck together and we kept looking for each other and we kept playing within ourselves.”



**March 20, 2010 Rutgers Press Conference**  
**Coach C. Vivian Stringer**

*On the game...*

"It's always tough this time of year, especially when you get bounced early on. Honestly, if we had to lose to somebody, there's no other team I'd rather lose to than the Iowa Hawkeyes. We played hard, but Iowa is just better. The categories that we knew we needed to control, we didn't. We just weren't quick enough. But I am proud of this team. We really should not have been here. They were an eight seed, and they deserved to have been higher seed. They played better and I see now why they buried so many teams at the beginning. We were exchanging two's and they were exchanging three's... I think that Coach Bluder did a great job. I really am excited for Coach Bluder and the Iowa Hawkeyes."

*On Rutgers' pressure...*

"I thought that we sped them up for whatever reason. I started seeing things I had never seen before. I thought it was interesting that Iowa took a chance and sent out two guards and sent everyone else down. They got away with it for a while, but I couldn't understand why we wouldn't come up. We always do. We tended to be safe, and I don't understand that. I thought the press was effective when we did move. The press was terrible when we didn't, because you get caught behind."

*On leaving in the first round...*

"We struggled so much. We got rolled because we never knew who was going to do what. I tried to do what I had done the past five or six games and call no plays. But [in the first five minutes], the only thing we saw was ourselves. That has sometimes to do with just being nervous and trusting yourself as opposed to trusting everyone else. It didn't matter if we were the 16<sup>th</sup> seed, playing the number one seed or the number two seed. The greater the challenge, the better I personally like it, and the better I think our team likes it."

**Senior Brittany Ray**

*On Iowa withstanding Rutgers' defense...*

"When we went up by three at 37-40, I think they combated with their own run. It's tough when you're putting so much pressure on a team and then they come back with their own run. I think they did a great job of handling our pressure and coming back with their own runs."

*On Iowa's rebound advantage...*

"I think we let them out hussle us. Our guards, we didn't box out. We let [Kachine] Alexander get eight rebounds, and that's something we tried not to do. We didn't push her back. We didn't get a body on her to box her out, and I think that's what killed us."



*On the past season and her career at Rutgers...*

"I would have to say the season was a little bit of a roller coaster, but towards the end I think we showed up. We bought into the system. Being a team, you want to go out, definitely, and advance as far as you can in the NCAAs. Unfortunately we lost our first game. It was just a blessing that I was able to come here and get a scholarship and play for Coach Stringer. Just add on to the tradition of the Scarlet Knights. I've had a wonderful time here."

**Sophomore Guard Khadijah Rushdan**

*On Iowa's toughness...*

"They're such a good shooting team. They were able to spread us out, and because they spread us out, it was kind of tough to cover help because we knew as soon as we covered help they would just kick it out and shoot it."

**Senior Forward Myia McCurdy**

*On Rutgers' press...*

"I think we when actually picked up the press, we actually did a good job. There were a lot of times that we would get the steals and then we wouldn't convert. We would do something crazy. What we needed to do was convert after every play, and that would have helped us more."