



2016 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round · South Dakota State 74, Miami 71

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POSTGAME PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES – MIAMI

Katie Meier, Miami Head Coach:

"I cannot be disappointed with our effort. If you take our shooting percentage of four of our starters, it was a rough night for us. To be honest, for us to overcome that, and keep this game as competitive as it was, is a real compliment to my bench, which I thought was amazing and to just our hustle and our effort."

"Right when I saw the brackets, I know that [South Dakota State] is usually better than their seed. And they will not be intimidated or wilt. And coming out here, we tried to get out here as early as we could to make sure we were fresh, but the start of that second half was just a real flat performance for us. And credit them. They were a lot sharper, they had more bounce in their step. Halftime just kind of reminded us that we were tired maybe and we needed to pick it up. We did respond, and so the effort was there."

"And I have one senior, but she's the only female from the University of Miami to go to four NCAA's. She's so special to me – Michelle Woods. And so I'm going to miss her like I can't even tell you. But she's just heart and soul and the most unselfish kid. [...] We're only losing one, but she counts for about five. Otherwise, I think we will learn from this and be a heck of a lot better given the next opportunity that we get."

"They were stronger at the rim. When their guards drove, the ball went in or they drew a foul. And we had a lot of wimpy little lay-ups at the rim and it really hurt us. I was trying to get through the mentality of my players throughout the game. The pull-ups were there, and it was just a little bit of immaturity. They're not just a team that stretches the floor and shoots the three. They did a great job of downhill attacks, limited at dribbles, and finished or drew contact with the foul."

"I'm not sitting here regretting a ton or feeling like 'Goodness gracious, we didn't perform well.' We didn't hit our shots that we need to hit to win, but dang, if you watched that game, you have to love my team, you have to love their team, period. You've got to love both teams and both coaches, and just love that the start of that game was so high-level. Just two contrasting styles, and they did what they needed to do."

Adrienne Motley, Miami Guard:

“I just think two more minutes and we would have come out with a different result. We really started to get them sped up and turning the ball over a lot, which is what we needed to do a little earlier. We waited a little too long to play that up in their face. But I think two to three minutes more on the clock, and it definitely would have been a different outcome. We were having a lot of momentum and it just so happened that time wasn’t on our side.”

“We knew coming in that they could stretch the floor. And their four’s and five’s can shoot the three. Just knowing that they all can shoot the ball really well – we had to run around, we had to chase once we closed out on somebody, we had to worry about them kicking it out to another shooter. They’re versatile – they can do some much. Their post players aren’t just ‘back to the basket’ post players – they can take you off the dribble. So the post players set apart the two teams.”

Laura Cornelius, Miami Guard:

“We started off a little flat in the third quarter. In the first four minutes, they outhustled us. We did respond though, but it was a little too late. We have to be sharper in those first four minutes because they’re so important especially in these kind of games.”

POSTGAME LOCKER ROOM QUOTES – MIAMI

Emese Hof, Miami Forward/Center:

“I think in the end, they made shots and we didn’t. They came out really well and we kept falling behind. We had some good runs but couldn’t shut the door.”

“Definitely not [underestimate them]. We knew their entire team was capable of hitting shots, from far, too. We had that in our scouting report. In crucial moments, we let them do it anyway.”

“We had a great season and were really looking forward to this. It’s a tough one to swallow. We’ll be back next year.”