



## 2016 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round · Princeton vs. Buffalo

St. John Arena · Columbus, Ohio

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### PRINCETON QUOTES

#### **Courtney Banghart, Princeton head coach**

##### *Opening statement*

"Hopefully people got a chance to see with their own eyes what Princeton basketball is all about – a bunch of winners, a bunch of fighters, a bunch of workers, a bunch of dreamers, a bunch of teammates and a bunch of warriors."

##### *On her senior class and its accomplishments*

"To say I'm proud of these particular student-athletes and this program is an understatement. I don't lose well, but I lose with my head held high today."

##### *On West Virginia's Bria Holmes*

"She's a tremendous player and she played well when the lights were on. We expected her to play well. If you had showed me the stat sheet before the game, I would have been thrilled she'd have to play that well [to win]. It's just a bummer she did."

#### **Alex Wheatley, senior forward**

##### *On the turning point in the second half*

"They went on more run than we did. No. 5 [Tynice Martin] got hot and she started making some 3's. They're a fast team. They stepped up the defensive pressure and made shots when they needed to."

##### *On the game plan and Princeton basketball*

"The two words that best describe Princeton students and Princeton basketball is smart and hard-working. We knew we had to execute our game plan and outwork them. We tried to set the tone from the start."

#### **Annie Tarakhchian, senior guard/forward**

##### *On her fourth-quarter 3s to keep Princeton in the game*

"I knew I had to make some shots to keep us in the game, so coach said to keep shooting. I think it served as a spark. I think we really proved that we can keep up in this environment."

##### *On the Tigers' game plan*

"We've learned in the past – our preseason and league schedule has gotten so good – that if we don't throw the first punch we're out of it. Our game plan was to stay to our principles, make plays when we could and play a five vs. five game."

## **WEST VIRGINIA QUOTES**

### **West Virginia Head Coach Mike Carey**

#### *Opening Statement*

"It's tournament time so you're just trying to survive, and that's what we did this game. I give Princeton a lot of credit. They have a lot of seniors and they played hard. We were able to hit some shots, especially in the second half, so we were able to stretch out lead out a couple times."

#### *On his team's sluggish start*

"We thought we were going the other way, a couple of our players. I don't think we were focused to start the game. Hopefully Sunday we'll know which way we're going."

#### *On what he told his team at halftime*

"We were settling for threes. We shot 20-something percent in the first half, but it's not like they were bad shots, we just weren't hitting them. We had to start driving a little bit. Look at Bria Holmes; she ended up with 26 points but she had eight assists, which was big for us because she was driving the ball and not settling for threes."

#### *On freshman guard Tynice Martin*

"She wasn't hitting her shots in the first half and I kept telling her 'if you're not going to shoot I'm going to take you out' because she's one of our scorers. But she hit a couple shots and got some confidence going."

### **Senior guard Bria Holmes**

#### *On trying to contain Princeton's offense*

"We had to come out and be more aggressive in the second half. In the first half we weren't shooting well and I don't think we were communicating well either. We had to regroup at halftime, which I think we did. We had a much better second half than first half and I think that's how we got the win."

#### *On West Virginia's shooting*

"The shots were there, they just weren't falling. I just think the second half we shot better overall. We got the ball up more and we were making better passes to set up our shooters. In the first half we were really forcing a lot of shots."

### **Sophomore guard Chania Ray**

#### *On going into halftime with a lead despite shooting woes*

"In the first quarter our threes weren't falling and our outside shots weren't falling, so we started attacking more. Coming out for the second half we realized we should keep doing that and it ended up working out for us."

#### *On the defensive adjustments the team made after halftime*

"We had to adjust on defense because they move the ball really well. We had to make sure we were always on our feet, being ready to help, talking. I think communication helped us a lot."

### **Freshman guard Tynice Martin**

#### *On going into halftime with a lead despite shooting woes*

"It gave us a little bit of a boost, but at the same time we knew we needed to play a lot better in the second half if we wanted to advance."