

# MARYLAND



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## Postgame Quotes

*Purdue 75, #10/9 Maryland 65*

### Head Coach Brenda Frese

#### *Opening Statement:*

"Obviously we're disappointed in our play, it was an uncharacteristic night on our part. Credit to Purdue for making it difficult on us and it's just a team that will make us better for March as we play the top half of the league from here on out. You have to come ready to play for 40 minutes. We went man and they were beating us off the bounce. When we went zone they were hitting their threes. I thought they were tremendous with the energy that they came in with."

#### *On if there was a specific cause of this loss:*

"We never really got into any rhythm. You saw when we came out in the third quarter and I thought we had settled in and found our rhythm but then we went away from it. We forgot that it had gotten us that lead and it hurts when Kaila Charles gets in foul trouble and sits on the bench for us. That's a contributing factor. Also getting to the free throw line. We've been able to get to the line over 10 times per game and tonight we really struggled to get to the free throw line. So it was like plugging holes most of the night."

#### *On why the Terps lost the lead in the second half:*

"I don't know if we relaxed or if we got tired. I had echoed to this team that I knew Purdue would give us a 40-minute game. We've watched too much film to be able to see that they weren't ever going to quit. We were fully aware of that as a team and were prepared. So I don't know if it was fatigue that got in their way but there really isn't an excuse for it."

#### *On bouncing back against tough Big Ten foes:*

"We said this finish was going to tell a lot about us. Up to this point it has and it's not going to let up. This is conference play. The thing is what you take out of it. We want to be prepared for March and the mission for us is being prepared for March. Everybody has had to go through a grind this season and we're going through it. So we can give better effort in how we want to play."

### Senior Guard Kristen Confroy

#### *On how Purdue adjusted to stop her from scoring as much in the second half:*

"I think they just played hard and for a lot of our season it's been I have a big first half, Kaila has a big second half or whoever it may be. I think a lot of it is taking what the defense gives you and obviously I had a hot hand in the first half and I just couldn't capitalize as much in the second half, which normally I don't have to because really everyone else starts knocking down shots when the floor opens up. It just wasn't out night but keeps us humble."

#### *On what Purdue was doing to throw them off their offensive game:*

"You know they're a great defensive team and they have been year after year so I think we knew that coming in. Shots weren't really falling for us across the board for most of the night some uncharacteristic misses and I think that hurt us to be able to pick apart their zone which they had a lot of success in tonight."

### Purdue Head Coach Sharon Versyp

*Opening statement:*

“Obviously Maryland is one of the best basketball teams in the country. I have so much respect for Brenda [Frese] and what she does with her team. Tonight, we were able to control the rebounding, which is really important. We didn’t do that our last two games, so I thought that was a big key, being able to rebound and run. I felt we were able to get some high-low looks and then be able to exploit some things when they played zone.”

*On rattling Maryland:*

“It’s huge. We’ve always played defense at Purdue, it has kind of been our staple. We play a matchup zone and that matchup zone keeps getting better, so I felt like we were trying to rattle their shooters. We just didn’t want [Kristen] Confroy to really make a lot of shots. She was able to hit some in the corners and then Elenna [Christinaki], we didn’t want her to do that either. We were trying to control them and say if we can shut their threes down, then hopefully we can have a chance to be successful.”

*On Purdue staying confident:*

“We’ve shown some resilience through the whole year, being able to play on the road. Iowa was able to come back on us a little bit and then we were able to show some resilience. We’re very young and I like that quality about our team, that we don’t get rattled too easily, and today, we talked about that. We’ve been in this position before. We came back and now we have to stay poised and get some open shots and Dominique [Oden] was able to knock those two down.”

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