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**ASSOCIATE COACH ANDREW CALDER
BRITTANY ROUNTREE
DIAMOND DeSHIELDS**

ASSOCIATE COACH ANDREW CALDER: Thank you. Again, I want to thank Coach Hatchell, as I always do, for her help. The ACC tournament is always so special. Like I've said before, Greensboro Coliseum, city of Greensboro and the ACC does a tremendous job with this tournament.

To Wake Forest, they're well, well coached. They have two outstanding players. The one thing I like about what they do, they don't run an offense, they attack you when you make a mistake. They did a really good job with that.

However, in the second half our team picked up the intensity defensively. And we mixed up a couple of traps in there with our man to man defense. I thought the defense that Brittany did on Douglas in the second half, Brittany Rountree was outstanding. And also Diamond DeShields, basically whoever she guarded in the second half. Xylina McDaniel on Hamby some in the second half too, I thought she did a good job of denying her the basketball.

Q. You scored the first 14 points at second half. What was so special at halftime that you changed things around?

ASSOCIATE COACH ANDREW CALDER: Well, we're champions and I think the players, they closed the door before I could get in there to them and kind of took care of business themselves. I may have raised my voice just once, maybe, at them. But they responded. And they're champions and they worked extremely hard and we're very proud of them.

When the lights went out, I said Super Bowl, didn't the 49ers come back, but they didn't win, did they. We said it's just like the Super Bowl, we said that to the TV people, but I don't know if they said that on TV or not.

Q. Diamond, you grind out a win, without many people having a shooting night, what did you have to do well to make up for that?

DIAMOND DeSHIELDS: We just had to take care of the basketball the second half. The first half we were being careless. We need to trust each other to make big shots and just find the open gap in their defense. We did a good job of slashing, Coach made an adjustment and I was put in high post. I didn't do as well as I wanted to, but I think that frustrated their defense a little bit, because they were focused on me.

And Brittany was on the perimeter shooting the big 3. We had to be able to make adjustments on the fly. We didn't want to lose. We didn't want to go home. And I think that was just the main focus.

Q. Diamond, were you looking for shots the last few minutes, because you seemed to be a little more aggressive down the stretch?

DIAMOND DeSHIELDS: Yes, I definitely was looking for shots. I like the big moment. And I've said this before, I want to take the big shot. I got confidence in myself and I believe my teammates have confidence in me to take that shot and make that shot. That was the shot that we needed. I had to knock it down. I had to.

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**COACH JEN HOOVER
CHELSEA DOUGLAS
DEARICA HAMBY**

COACH JEN HOOVER: Just really proud of our team and the growth we made this year. And could stand up here all day and talk about each individual player, and especially starting with these two right beside me. But, you know, just such a gutsy team, and showed so much character and passion, I can't say enough about them. It's a hard day for us. I told them in the locker room I wasn't ready for the speech. I had a victory speech prepared, ready to go.

Q. Coach, you played good, confident basketball for the first half and then Carolina kind of hit you with a barrage. Was that due to fatigue or did they just make the right adjustments?

COACH JEN HOOVER: I think they just played a lot more aggressive and physical. And the game was allowed to be that way. I think we got rattled a little bit from it and didn't step up and be strong enough.

You've got to give them a lot of credit. We knew they weren't going away. We know they're an extraordinary basketball team with a lot of talented basketball players on that team. We knew they were going to keep coming. We were confident we could handle it and we were going to take the best punches, but we fell short.

Q. Did you have to change a little bit how you were playing after the third foul? Things were going so smoothly earlier.

DEARICA HAMBY: Usually I start the first half less aggressive and second half I usually pick it up when I don't have any fouls. But definitely changed the way I played and rebound and be more aggressive and go for steals and stuff like that.

Q. What changed over halftime that they were able to get the jump on you the second half?

COACH JEN HOOVER: I don't know exactly what changed. Again, you're looking at a team with a lot of tradition. They were obviously I thought we played some of our best basketball in the first half. And they just came out in the second half and were really aggressive with us, and right off the bat we missed a few shots early in the second half, I know we missed a layup. I think we were 0 for 4 and they got momentum out of it.

It was one of the things we talked about, we had to get stops and keep them from running their transition games. We didn't want to give them points off turnovers.

Once they started to kind of come that way and saw success, it was something that they fed off of.

Q. For any of you, what did the effect of the power outage situation have? Looked like it maybe helped them, some of Carolina's momentum at the time.

CHELSEA DOUGLAS: I don't think it really played any effect. We were just trying to stay warm.
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