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Head Coach Brandon Schneider

Opening Statement
“I thought defensively in the third quarter is what we’re most proud of. I liked the fact that we had 22 assists, 33 made shots, everybody who played scored and Tina and Nani both had double-doubles. Aniya was in foul trouble but was efficient offensively when she was in there.”

On the team’s 22 assists...
“Part of it is we did a better job getting out of transition today. We saw a mixture of soft press defense to a zone defense we saw some man press into man-to-man. We saw different looks defensively. More effort to get quicker outlet and get out in transitions and running harder.”

On the team’s shooting opportunities...
“I thought we finished at a good rate, almost 56 percent. Disappointed with the turnovers, we had 13 in the first half and we’re too careless and too casual with the ball. We need to take pride in every possession.”

On having players with multiple assists
“I like their assist numbers to, we got to look at the film and address the nine turnovers. We saw different types of defenses; we need to work on recognizing those defenses.”

On everyone who entered the game scoring
“I think that right now we have a rotation of eight. With all of the injuries, we only have ten in uniform right now. It’s nice to see when we can get everyone in the game, that they can have some success.”

Mariane De Carvalho, Senior, Forward

On getting her first career double-double...
“As a player, I have a difficulty to get rebounds, so I’ve been working a lot with rebounds this week. Where to go, where to make contact and if I need to go with two hands or one. I think that helped a lot.”

On her performance on the defense end...
“I think that we worked a lot of defense, just a couple of weeks ago we were having 6 a.m. practices just to work on kick-step and positioning. So I think that coach helped me a lot with that.”

On having a career-best game...
“I feel great, it was mostly effort and I think that I can keep up.”

Aniya Thomas, Sophomore, Guard

On stepping up to help the team...
“I had to step up because they’re our top scorers as well. They were struggling and I had to go out there and make a couple shots as well. To keep us in the game.”

UMass Lowell Head Coach Tom Garrick

On today’s game...
“Well, it was a lesson. We’re a young inexperienced team and we got taught a lesson today on how to play hard, how to play under control, how to stay disciplined, how to stick to a game plan. Kansas is a good team. they’re big, they have really good guard play, and they have shooters so they play every phase of the game. They defended really well and took us out of what we wanted to do. So hopefully it’s a learning experience and growth opportunity for our younger players. I like how we started the third quarter, but we couldn’t sustain it so we’re gonna have to work on getting better in every phase of the game.”

On challenges and positives taken from the game..
“Well, we’re always gonna struggle with size. We try to alleviate that by mixing defenses and disguising what we do, but we’re always gonna struggle because we don’t have very many big players on our team right now. But, again we can overcome that by hustle and communication. Communication is one of our sore points right now, we have to continue to work on that every day. But we’re just gonna try to get better and more disciplined on a day to day basis, practice to practice, not just game to game. At some point, we’ll see a change and an elevation in our preparation.”