



2010 NCAA® Women's Tournament • First Round Game  
Saturday, March 20, 2010 • Thompson-Boling Arena, Knoxville, Tenn.



Final Score: No. 1 Tennessee 75, No. 16 Austin Peay 42

**NO. 16 SEED AUSTIN PEAY LADY GOVS POST-GAME QUOTES**

**Head Coach Carrie Daniels**

***Opening Statement:***

"Obviously we got off to a really slow start and we couldn't get the ball down and that's kind of been throughout this season when the games have started this way, it's been a rough go for our team. When we get going and a quick basket we've been a little more to our step. When you have a couple players that step up and score for you and other players who have a rough night shooting it makes for a long night and that's kind of the way it went for us today."

***We talked about how huge they were, after a while what were you telling the players about just battling [Kelley] Cain and all that size?***

"One that we weren't going to quit fighting until that final buzzer and we had to keep attacking and taking it at them, that was the main thing. I was pretty disappointed that at half time we were down only one rebound and in the second half we only get eight rebounds, you know that was pretty disappointing but that was the main thing that we had to keep fighting we couldn't hang our heads and get disappointed in ourselves that we had to keep fighting."

***To follow up on Cain, do you play anyone like her at any other time and when you watch film when you're preparing for Tennessee what do you do?***

"Well we played a pretty tough non-conference schedule. We played Xavier and Pittsburgh which have pretty similar size players at that height. I'll be quite honest with you, prior to this game we got out some broomsticks and made the players shoot over those to simulate because obviously we don't have any players on our roster of that height. We had to get a little creative and put some things out there for them to shoot over, but we felt like with our non-conference schedule that would help prepare us with some of the players we went up against."

***We talked yesterday about how Ashley [Herring] has finally got it, and she certainly got it today with 21 points she left it all on the floor:***

"That's been her this season, the talents always been there with Ashley for two years, her freshman and sophomore years I have harped on her and harped on her to step up and be the player I knew she could be and this season she has finally done that for us and she has kind of brought us here. She has kind of put the team on her back. I mean we have had other players step up, Jasmine and Nicole, but Ashley has been the one that when the game has been on the line she wanted the ball she's just really stepped up for this team and I had no doubts she would do the same thing today."

***There are a lot of people who will come into this post game afterwards upset, your players and you still smile, is there a sense of pride for how you guys played out there today?***

"Well, there are things that I was disappointed with, the way we handled the ball and some of the turnovers we had. We knew that Tennessee was going to come after us with the pressure and they were going to force some turnovers, but I think we had some turnovers that were unforced and we kind of lost our head, so there were things that I was obviously disappointed with in ourselves. But it's a great experience and what I told my team in the locker room is we have to draw from this experience, we have one senior and we have a lot of players on our team that this is their second experience being here in the NCAA tournament, and I expect them to be here next year. With our non-conference schedule we didn't do our part this year in competing in the non conference schedule, and I expect them next year to come back hungry and ready to compete in our non conference schedule to where we are not a 16 seed, and that's my goal. You know all season long we have tried to look for little things, and look at the positives, I'm not one that tries to look at the negatives. We have done that all season long, I'm proud of this team for overcoming a lot. They said we were only the 8<sup>th</sup> team with a losing record to make the NCAA tournament, I think that speaks volumes for my team, to overcome what they did to make this tournament field. They are competitors who did it with heart guts and determination, and I am very proud of them for even being here."



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**Junior Guard/Forward Ashley Herring**

***On the intimidation factor of playing Tennessee on its home court:***

"Tennessee is a great team, but at the same time, we went in there with the mindset that 'this is going to be a competition.' I don't think it was intimidating. They outsized us, but at the same time we were able to get points in the paint. I don't think it was so much intimidation as it was we didn't really play our game tonight."

***On her scoring six straight points in the first half:***

"I remember crashing the boards. I got some easy points from crashing the boards and attacking. That's a lot of our team's game, taking whatever opportunities we could to score, taking advantage of it."

***On their shots not falling early:***

"Anytime your shots aren't falling, it's a little frustrating. You lose focus. You're off to a slow start and they're scoring, but you're not hitting shots. It's very frustrating. When we did start to score it put a lot more people at ease. (We thought) Now we're in a rhythm, let's do this and try and make some runs. When the shots aren't falling, what can you do?"

***On being able to keep the first-half rebounding margin close:***

"I think that's a great accomplishment. They're huge, they outsized us, but we do always fight really hard on the boards and it wasn't going to be any different for any team we were going to play."

***On being able to get to the rim:***

"That's my game. I like to get to the rim. I did take into question that they're really tall and I might have to pull up. When I saw openings, that's a part of my game I like to do. I was able to do it, and that gave more people the motivation to do it."

**Sophomore Forward/Center Jasmine Rayner**

***On playing hard:***

"You have to play your hardest and give it your all. It's all or nothing. We had nothing to lose so we went out there and played."

***On her size disadvantage vs. UT's Kelley Cain:***

"She's huge, and because I was playing someone as tall as she is, I had to find other ways try and score. I couldn't stay strictly in the paint and try to shoot over her because she can just block my shot. I had to try to do other things, like getting rebounds. (On defense) I had to fight to work with her, to get around her. I couldn't let her pin me as low as she did, but she did a few times. I had to fight to get around her. I knew if I was going to get pinned low, she would just turn around and shoot over me."

***On their shots not falling early:***

"When your shots aren't falling, you just have to get back on defense and do what you could do. There's nothing we can do about it if we're putting up shots and they're not going in."