



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



Final Score: No. 8 Dayton 67, No. 9 TCU 66

NO. 8 SEED DAYTON FLYERS POST-GAME QUOTES

Head Coach Jim Jabir

Opening Statement:

"We feel very fortunate to be sitting up here with a win. TCU is a very well-coached team, and we dug ourselves a pretty big hole. Our coaches did a great job with our prep for this game and then making adjustments throughout the game. I thought when we went zone it really helped. Hats off to TCU and their team. They have some great players and a great coaching staff. We have a lot of character to be down 18 and come back like that. I am very, very proud of our kids."

What was it that TCU was doing to build that lead?

"We knew their defense was very, very aggressive. Their length bothered us. They pushed us away from where we wanted to be. They forced passes we didn't want to throw. We settled for jump shots in the first half. We did a poor job on their offensive boards on boxing them out. They had quite a few at the end of first half. I kind of felt like they wanted it a little bit more. Maybe we were a little hesitant, a little nervous, tentative. In the second, we switched to our zone and that stymied them a little bit. We were able to rebound pretty well out of it. We had a couple of break-outs. We tried to put an emphasis on trying to attack the rim and attack their aggressiveness on the perimeter. Brittany Wilson on the block is only 5'11", maybe, but she is so strong. She is hard to stop when she gets deep. So, we wanted to go back at her again. She did a good job of taking advantage of the position she got. Our kids have a lot of heart. Mostly, we knew Tennessee's assistants were there watching the game, and we wanted to kind of lull them into a false sense of security."

You gave Kendel (Ross) a big hug during the comeback. You don't usually see that during a game. She is your only senior and what does it mean to have her to keep playing?

"When Kendel decided to come to Dayton, we were coming off a 12-win season. She had offers from New Mexico, Michigan and some other big people. Her whole reason for coming other, than my personality, was to go to the NCAA Tournament. She came over to me and said to run Magic that Kayla (Moses) can get off that screen and get fouled. I am not the best coach in the world so I listen to any advice I can get. So, we ran the play, Kayla got in the lane, and had a three-point play. So, I have to give credit where credit was due."

Talk about the significance of this win not only for the program but the University of Dayton?

"As I was walking into the arena today, I turned to our athletic director Tim Walber and thanked him for giving me the opportunity seven years ago to be the head coach here at Dayton. Every time we put on a uniform now it seems like it is a first. We are breaking ground, we are creating a legacy, and we are building a program. For that, I am very proud. It is significant because we brought a bunch of kids together from all over the place. When they all can mesh and chase one dream then be successful, that is powerful. I feel a great sense of satisfaction and also relief. We preach to our kids that if you work hard and listen to what we are saying, we will be successful. Now we are being successful. I am happy for them. I am happy for our coaches, and I am happy for our administration that gave me the chance."

Senior Guard/Forward Kendel Ross

When did you know that you had a chance to come back and win this game?

"Our coaches, in timeouts, were always saying don't hang your heads, we have lots of time to come back on them. It didn't hurt when me and Kari (Daugherty) hit back-to-back threes. We just kind of got on a roll then and didn't stop."

As the only senior on Dayton's roster, what does it mean to have your season extended another game?

"It means a lot. I love these girls and I love this team. I'd love to put a uniform on and play for them again."

Is this the best win you guys have had as a team?

"It's our first time in the NCAA Tournament. To get a win in the NCAA Tournament is amazing and really great. To come back after being down 18 is exciting in any game, but since it's the NCAA Tournament it makes it that much better."



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Junior Guard Kristin Daugherty

When did you know that you had a chance to come back and win this game?

"There was a timeout that Coach Jabir called and said we've been in this situation – maybe not that far down – and we knew there was a ton of time left and knew it was possible. We just kept fighting and plugging away."

Freshman Forward Brittany Wilson

When did you know that you had a chance to come back and win this game?

"Our coaches instructed us to never give up because we had nothing to lose. With it being our first time in the NCAA Tournament, we had nothing to lose so we tried to give it all that we could."

On the last shot, what was going through your head in the closing seconds?

"It's funny because it happened similar to our Purdue game when Kristin got the shot and I went up for the rebound. Unfortunately, I did not get the rebound but it was a long rebound and Patrice Lalor grabbed it. I just tried to let her know that I was open. I tried to go up strong with the ball because I really wanted it."

Is this the best win you guys have had as a team?

"I think it is with it being the NCAA Tournament and now we have another 40 minutes to play. So I'm really thankful for that."