



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. 1 SEED TENNESSEE LADY VOLS POST-GAME QUOTES

Head Coach Pat Summitt

Opening Statement:

"I thought we came ready to play. We started out really strong then kind of gave in to fatigue and that is when you have to start coaching a little bit more. Kelley (Cain) has done a great job. Today, she really worked for the ball, and we were able to get the ball inside. You have to give our guards a lot of credit for getting her touches. Lyssi (Brewer) did some good things, but she can be so much better. We will challenge her for the next game, and I think she will respond to that. Shekinna Stricklen pushed tempo. She has really elevated her intensity both offensively and defensively. Pushing tempo for us is something she does better than anyone right now. What can you say about Angie Bjorklund? She is going to hunt shots, and she is going to knock down shots for us. It takes a lot of pressure off of our defense. A good win, and we will try to get a little bit better before our next game."

What is the difference in the atmosphere and the attitude of the players from last year to this year?

"Last year we struggled at times, and we did not always play together. We did not always play hard. It was like a wait and see in every game we played. It was very frustrating for the coaching staff. This program has high expectations. They thought they would just come here, put on the orange uniform and win. It doesn't happen like that. After we came back and started to work, they were confused as to why we would go back and go right back to practice. They thought it was punishment, but I said it was an opportunity for this basketball team to get better between now and the opening of our next season. Their investment was tremendous. I give Heather Mason [Assistant Athletics Director for Strength and Conditioning] a lot of credit for being very creative off the court. Our workouts were hard for me to watch sometimes. They were that tough. But it brought out the toughness in each and every one of players."

What did you say during halftime about being only being up by one rebound?

"I was not happy. Our rebounding has got to be there every night. The rebounds can separate us out. Our defense and our board play are critical for us all the time. That is why we put a place of emphasis on it. We had roll call, and they responded. Brewer was picking and choosing when she was going to play hard. I had no idea what Glory Johnson was going to do or Kamiko Williams. Those are three players that are difference makers for us. Hopefully tomorrow after I watch film with all three of them and we get back on the court, they will be a little bit better."

What effect does the first game have on the rest of the tournament?

"It sets the tone. When you come out and you are ready to play, it is a feel-good for our coaching staff, our team, our fans, our administration that we are ready to play and take it up to the highest level. That why I was not happy at halftime. It is my job to make sure I am holding everyone accountable including myself. I do think this team plays very well together. They are unselfish. They understand playing from the inside out. They are committed defensively. We have to get every player in that circle to understand what you have to bring every night."

Junior Guard Angie Bjorklund

On the difference in playing the first round at home this year as opposed to being on the road last year:

"Like I always say, anywhere we go, our fan support is going to be great. When you have your regular routine down and the fan support, it's great. We didn't know what to expect, but when we ran out there, it was all orange. We were really excited. Like Coach says, we need to give the fans something to cheer about and that's what we did."

Sophomore Center Kelley Cain

On Tennessee's effectiveness at scoring in the paint:

"Every time we get in the paint, we make sure we don't post up with our hands, we post up with our upper body. We try to show big targets for the guards so they can get it into us."

On Tennessee winning the rebound battle 47-28:

"We know that rebounds win championships and that's one thing we really try to do is rebound it. If we can't do anything else – if your shots aren't falling, you should be rebounding on both ends. It's just something the coaches stress with us."