



2010 NCAA® Women's Tournament • Second Round Game  
Monday, March 22, 2010 • Thompson-Boling Arena, Knoxville, Tenn.



Final Score: No. 1 Tennessee 92, No. 8 Dayton 64

**NO. 8 SEED DAYTON FLYERS POST-GAME QUOTES**

**Head Coach Jim Jabir**

***Opening statement:***

"The first thing I'd like to say is congratulations to Tennessee. They're a great team and that's what we aspire to be in every aspect of the game – their physicalness, their size, their skill and their defensive intensity. As we grow our program, this is a great lesson to learn from. The only thing I am disappointed in today is that Tennessee and the country didn't get to see us play the way we play. I felt that the stage got pretty big out there today. We played uncharacteristically poor defense and didn't execute the way we execute on offense. I understand Tennessee had something to do with that, but a lot of their points were self-inflicted. We broke down and did things I had never seen before. My hat's off to Tennessee. I absolutely love my team and am very, very proud of our season. I told them in the locker room that this game does not, in any way, tarnish the year we had. We're looking forward to building bigger and better things. We're going to miss Kendel Ross an awful lot."

***On Tennessee's 17-2 run early in the first half:***

"I felt offensively that we looked nervous. Justine [Raterman] doesn't shoot a lot of airballs; neither does Kendel [Ross]. I think both of those guys had rim bypasses a couple of times. What troubled the coaches more than anything was the missed defensive assignments. I think they threw the ball off our backs twice for lay-ups on inbound plays. That doesn't happen. I think they made their run on mental mistakes that we made, initially. When I was at Providence, we'd play UConn. You could hang with them for a while but then at some point they were going to have a spurt. You have to play near-perfect to keep it close. When you have mental errors and you give them lay-ups and jump shots and put-backs, that's tough. To be honest, they shot the ball very, very well today. It was one of those days, but they're [Tennessee] so good. We have to play much, much better for longer stretches to stay in a game like that."

***On the play of Tennessee's Alicia Manning and Taber Spani:***

"We knew we had to take away their inside game, so we were hoping that those two didn't go crazy on us, and they went crazy on us. If we had to pick our poison – and we did – that was the result. We tried doubling down, but they were prepared for it. They attacked us on the kick-out and were very, very successful. There were a couple of shots where the shot clock was at 1 and we're up in their face and they're hitting 3s fading away. I don't know if they do that usually. If they do, then you should raise the ticket prices because that's some really good basketball. Maybe that was just our luck today or maybe it was our poor defense. I'm not sure; we'll have to go watch."

**Senior Guard/Forward Kendel Ross**

***On playing against a team with the size that Tennessee has:***

"They are a big team, no doubt about it. We've played big guards and big posts before. We played Xavier three times, twice in the regular season and once in our conference tournament and they're pretty big inside, too. We were prepared for that."

***On if the atmosphere affected your play:***

"It's always different when you have a bunch of fans screaming at you when you make a bad play or when they make a good play. That's where I like to be, in front of a lot of people. It brings up the energy and it's a lot more fun to play in front of a crowd like that."

**Sophomore Forward Justine Raterman**

***On what it was like to play against a team with the size that Tennessee has:***

"They're really big but we've played a lot of big teams before and we have a lot of length on the perimeter so we were ready."

***On if the atmosphere affected your play:***

"It's a lot of fun to go out there and play in front of a crowd like this. Sure, you can hear them cheer when they make a great pass or score but you also can silence the crowd with your play."