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### **Tory Verdi – Eastern Michigan University’s Head Coach**

#### *Opening Statement*

“Obviously really disappointed with the outcome. Hate it for the kids, hate it for our players. We got to give Ohio credit. I thought the second half they did a really nice job defensively. I thought that our lack of offensive production hurt us. For whatever reason, we just couldn’t get it going tonight. And then obviously it kind of snowballed from there. Regardless of the outcome of the game today, so proud of our players and everything that they’d accomplished the last month and a half. It’s been quite the ride; a rollercoaster full of emotions. And I’m just thankful that I get the opportunity to be their coach.”

#### *On what will stick with him most over everything that’s happened the last six weeks...*

“The growth, the development, the want to, and the pride. Just our kids being resilient and fighters. When you go through something as tragic as we went through, you can either quit or you can fight. We fought and we fought every single day. I’m just so proud of our kids and they believed. Not only that, but the part of us becoming a family. The cohesiveness of this group. A lot of times, I know I addressed this the past couple days, you talk about family type atmosphere. I see these players more than I see my own kids. So when you loose one, it’s hard. But the fact that I have 15 more and I have a great coaching staff and we’re able to come together as a family and support one another, it’s something special.”

### **Janay Morton– Sophomore Guard**

#### *On how hard it was playing five games...*

“It was hard and everything but the motivation and the purpose behind what we were doing pushed us through a lot. Unfortunately, today we just couldn’t get the job done.”

#### *On how Ohio was locked in on defense and you kind of had tired legs towards the end of the week...*

“It definitely effected us, I mean assuming how many games we played and everything. But they just played a good defense and it was what it was.”

#### *On emotions in the locker room...*

“We were probably a lot more hurt, that we would have been had we not had all the ups and downs throughout the year. But we’re definitely hurt. A lot of us wanted this, the seniors and everything.”