



2015 MAC TOURNAMENT – Championships - Women’s Basketball, Game 11
No. 1 Ohio 60, No. 6 Eastern Michigan 44

Bob Boldon - Ohio Head Coach

Opening Statement

“Obviously it’s exciting. I know you hear the same clichés this time of year. I think it’s just because it’s hard to put this experience in words. I couldn’t be happier for these ladies sitting next to me and the ones who are in the locker room celebrating right now. It’s a combination of a lot of work. I think hard work really defines who they are. I’m just very proud of them.”

On Kiyanna Black’s mental toughness

“We’ve got a lot of tough kids on our team, but I don’t know if there’s anyone else who wants to win a basketball game more than “KB.” That’s just what she is. She’s emotional. It comes out in different ways, but it’s only because she cares. She puts everything she has into this basketball game and into this team and tries to be a leader. She knows that she’s got a role to follow and to do. She’s got to be a leader on this team.”

Mariah Byard – Senior Guard

On the team’s ball distribution

“I’m always looking for the best shot possible, whether that be me taking it or someone else taking it.”

On her appreciation for Eastern Michigan

“They have fought for their fifth game in sixth days. That, in itself, is amazing – to make it to the championship game. Losing a player, losing a teammate, I cannot imagine going through that. I just can’t imagine doing that. You could really tell that they were playing for her. That was great to see.”

Kiyanna Black – Junior Guard

On her second half performance

"I just kept on shooting. The difference from the first half and the second half was that they decided to go in. Once the first one went in, I just kept on shooting, and they just kept on going in. That's the best feeling."

On Coach Boldon's program philosophy

"I think he has high expectations. He has a lot of confidence in his players. When he first got here, his first words were, 'MAC Championship.' I was just sitting here like, 'We've got to win a few games first.' At first, it felt so far away. We just get working and kept grinding and believed in him and his staff and we're here."