

# **Head Coach and General Manager James Wade Postgame Media Availability July 26, 2020**



## **On how he feels after today's game**

"We have a lot of things to work on. We saw where we were weak. I think we fouled a little too much. We were just undisciplined in schemes. It's a lot of stuff that we have to do. It's good to get a win but we have a lot of holes to plug. We have to fix a lot of things so I'm happy with the win, but I'm not happy with how we got there."

## **On the team's pace**

"OK with it. I just don't want to be a downhill team where the downhill team means you[re] only going fast one way. I want to be an even keel team where we get back as fast as we push the pace on offense. I'm OK with that we just have to get back and be ready to be in the stance and play basketball and be ready to defend. And that was one of the issues that I think we had throughout the entire game where we weren't getting back with the consistency that we needed to."

## **On Diamond DeShields**

"She was a plus four for the game which is good. This is a compacted season. She had some knee issue in the preseason and we just want to take our time with her. She's going to get back, but we don't want to use her up and abuse her body when it's not ready. We'll be fine. We'll be fine-she gave us some good minutes. We won the game by two but her minutes, she was plus four. And that's what we needed so once she gets back you'll see a lot of Diamond it's just that we want we want to respect where she is and not put her in a situation where it's harmful to her body and harmful to her health."

## **On the irony of how the game ended**

"The pain from last year's playoff loss is going to still be there. So this doesn't do anything for me. I mean, I'm happy we won. That says something that's indescribable. Like how it feels, and how it's just inside you. So, I mean it's good to get this win. And it's good to beat the team but I wouldn't have cared who played tonight I just wanted to win."

## **On Allie Quigley's winner**

"Well, we had [a] screen. We knew we're going to run in some misdirection. The importance of it is screening and timing, We had to have a good timing and had to have a good screening. And one thing about Quigley is she's very good at setting up screens. She executed it, team executed well so we were pretty pleased with it."

## **On the timeout late in the first half**

"They're [Las Vegas] a good team. They have good players. And when you come out of halftime, you have to be really really focused. The victim goes to the aggressor. Just to put it like that. They were aggressive and they were victorious early but we just had to master energy and master our effort and I think we did that tonight."

## **On Azurá Stevens**

“It’s a process with her. I think a lot of it is attention to detail. So once you miss that much time, then the natural things like putting the ball in the basket is probably the easiest thing that you can do. I think paying attention to detail, not standing up in your stance or fouling when you’re tired-I think those are the detail points that you don’t have after you’re out for a year. Or getting beat back door again or getting beat for an offensive rebound because you don’t have the same kind of movements if you’re not playing. I think she did well tonight. She helped us, and we just have to keep it going with her as far as being on the floor and practice and film work. But we were pleased with what she gave us tonight because we needed every single point, every single rebound, every single stop.”



half and two in the second. So it says a lot about us paying attention to that detail. Now we just have to clean up the fouling and that’s it.”

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### **On the team’s hustle**

“I thought we could have done better. I thought we could’ve been better in the first half. And so we challenged them in the first half, at halftime to actually box out and dab on the floor and get balls. We did a better job with that in the second half. I think they had nine offensive rebounds in the first