

## **Washington State Head Coach Jen Greeny**

### **Opening Statement**

“First of all, Nebraska is a fantastic team, lots of weapons. They played especially well tonight. Serving especially, I think it was tough for us to get anything going offensively, which made us pretty predictable. They play great defense, have a great block. Tough to beat a very good team like Nebraska with not-great passing. A little disappointed in that, but overall, really, really proud of this team. “

### **On the season and making the NCAA Tournament...**

“Yeah we were actually just talking about that in the locker room. If you would have said before the season started, we had six players on the floor either in a new position or new to the team, and then three of our starters got hurt, if you would have said at that time, ‘Hey you’re going to go to the second round of the NCAA Tournament,’ I think we all would have said, ‘No way, yeah right.’ We fought through that adversity and I am just really proud of the way we made it through that and got to the second round.”

### **On blocking tonight...**

“They have so many weapons that its tough, especially with some of our rotations, now that we’ve had injuries, we are playing with a couple of different people in the front row than we normally have had, just serving wise, I thought Nebraska passed extremely well which makes them able to run a very diverse offense and hard to get our block going and set. I thought Claire Martin did do a nice job blocking and they are extremely smart, they stayed away from her quite a bit offensively. So besides that, it’s tough to get your block going when there’s so many weapons and they’re staying in system.”

## **Taylor Mims, Junior, Outside Hitter**

### **On play changing in the third set...**

“I think I was attacking the ball at a higher point than normal. I was looking at the block and just going for the high seam and focusing on hitting the hands and not avoiding the block. I think that worked better in the third set than the first two.”

### **On Nebraska’s serving...**

“I think when they do serve us, they are really tough at serving, and if we don’t get a good pass it’s pretty obvious where they are going to go to and they can set up faster and we are just very predictable when our pass isn’t on so they were able to set up quicker and get their defense behind there faster and be ready to go.”

## **Alexis Dirige, Sophomore, Libero**

### **On defensive play yesterday versus defensive play tonight...**

“I think our block was a lot more disciplined yesterday. With Nebraska’s faster sets, and universal [play], the block was held a lot of times, and its hard to dig behind that. Hard to defend overall.