



90

POSTGAME QUOTES

Indiana vs. Washington
Jan. 4, 2026

80



INDIANA HEAD COACH DARIAN DEVRIES

Q. On Lamar Wilkerson and Tayton Conerway each having 20-plus-point performance...

DeVRIES: I thought they were both vital to us winning. Tayton getting us off to a great start there in the first half with them in a little bit of a triangle and two, he goes 4-for-4 from three. Conor hit a couple in there, as well.

In the second half I thought a combination of Lamar and Trent [Sisley] really carried us there in the second half as things got a little tight. I thought they were the ones that both individually gave us a nice little burst to get it back up there again.

Q. On finding the right lineup...

DeVRIES: I think the hard part is you got a little bit of a feel from practices and stuff, but to your point, how are they going to respond when it's two minutes left and we need a possession or you're getting fouled late? We have all the analytics from where they were before. Those are the type of things you just learn every time you go out there.

I thought the guys did a really good job of managing the game down the stretch there. I don't think we had any turnovers in those last three or four minutes. For the most part we stepped up, knocked down our free throws. If I had one complaint, we put them at the free-throw line a little too much there, in the second half especially.

Q. On finding offense outside of top scorers...

DeVRIES: Yeah, I thought the guys did a nice job of getting into actions and using Lamar and Tucker at times as sort of decoys, but using the attention they were getting to take advantage of some other things.

I thought that's where Trent, Nick [Dorn] even had a couple opportunities there as well. I thought Reed [Bailey] and Sam [Alexis] had some nice cleanup things there that were good for us. I just thought our movement was pretty good for most of the night. There's always some spots in there that maybe we weren't quite as clean. Overall, offensively I was really pleased with how the game went.

Q. On Conor Enright's involvement...

DeVRIES: He just understands what we're trying to do. Part of it [is] from being with us before. But the things he does they lead just to winning.

There's a spot, Lamar [Wilkerson] just hit a three. Maybe a couple possessions later Conor [Enright] has the ball in transition. He finds him. He just knows how to hunt those guys down so that they can stay in the zone and find those shooters. He just has such a great feel and understanding of the game. All he cares about is winning. That's what makes him so special.

Q. On how Enright brings energy to the team...

DeVRIES: Yeah, Conor, he brings it every day. He plays the game with great enthusiasm, great energy, great passion. I love that about him. Your team needs a guy like that. Obviously, fans love having a guy like that as well.

It's what he does every day, every day in practice as well. He's a guy that hardly ever gets to sit out. He's always giving that max effort defensively. [It] Doesn't matter how many days in a row we practice, he's going to bring it. That just raises the standard for everybody else to try to match.

Q. How much do you trust Trent as a freshman right now?

DeVRIES: Yeah, I got great faith in Trent. He continues to get better and better. Some nights there's going to be more opportunities than other nights. I thought tonight he gave us a huge lift. We rode him for as long as we could there, until I think he got a little gassed. We had to give him a little rest. That's great for him. I think that says a lot about him too. He's continued to stay confident throughout it. He's put in the work too.

During the break and stuff he spent extra time in the gym. A lot of the guys did, getting some of their player development, their shooting and things like that. I thought the guys overall really handled this break well, came back, they were ready to go. To come back and have a pretty good performance, I was pretty pleased because sometimes after those long layoffs, you never know what might happen.



90

POSTGAME QUOTES

Indiana vs. Washington
Jan. 4, 2026

80



INDIANA HEAD COACH DARIAN DEVRIES

Q. On offensive rebounds...

DeVRIES: Yeah, I was really pleased. I mean, we spent a lot of time on it during this break in our practices of increasing our physicality and doing a better job there, just more of getting that mindset.

They're big. They play around the rim a lot with their fours and fives or their guards. Sometimes it's easier when someone takes a three to go hit a guy because he's out in space. When it's just all under there, it's a lot of bodies and stuff, somebody's got to come out with the ball. I thought our guys did a good job of staying with it, pursuing the ball.

We gave up a few, but that's going to happen. For us to give up eight, for us to get 11, I think it says a lot about the job the guys did on the glass tonight.

Q. On preparedness for remaining Big Ten slate...

DeVRIES: Yeah, I think the guys prepared well. I mean, every night's going to be a different game, a different night, different opportunity. You just focus on that next one. Now our focus is on Maryland. Get some rest tonight, get a good two days of practice together, get ready to go on the road.

Every night, it's a rock fight. We know that. We have to be ready for that. I think our guys understand that. The non-conference season I think has gotten us ready. The few conference games we've had have gotten us ready. Now it's about going out and doing it.

INDIANA PLAYERS: CONOR ENRIGHT AND TRENT SISLEY

Q. On how the team can find scoring from other multiple players...

ENRIGHT: It shows how much gravity Tucker [Devries] and Lamar [Wilkerson] have and how great they are in practice. We're a deep team. I think it was great for our confidence to show we got other guys that can step up. If [other teams] want to play like that, we're going to have other guys step up every night.

Q. On what Enright takes more pride in offensively...

ENRIGHT: I definitely take more pride in assists because two people are happy from that. I love sharing the ball. The way [Washington] guarded me and [Tayton Conerway], they kind of helped us start the game. They did similar with Trent [Sisley]. We were able to step up with confidence and knock down those shots.

Q. On Trent Sisley's scoring burst in the second half...

ENRIGHT: It was awesome. We were all loving it in the locker room after the game. Being a freshman, having that impact in a Big Ten game this early in the season is really cool. I'm proud of him.

Q. On being a facilitator for the offense...

ENRIGHT: I got guys like Trent [Sisley] make some shots for me. Lamar [Wilkerson], Tucker [Devries], Tayton [Conerway]. So big guys. It is pretty easy for me. I just got to go down there, read the floor, and these guys make those shots look really easy, so it helps me out.

Q. On his mentality coming off the bench...

SISLEY: Yeah, just stay ready at all times. I know I come in, got good players around me like Tucker [Devries], Lamar [Wilkerson], a lot of gravity. Just try to get them open, do what I do when I can. Just stay ready at all times.

Q. On how he handled the long break between games...

ENRIGHT: Yeah, we got to go home for Christmas so we got the good break there. I thought we came really prepared in practice every day. We had some time where we could clean stuff up and we weren't focusing on preparing for necessarily a team right away. Then we got some days to prepare for Washington. I think we've been having a great approach. If we keep that, it will help us throughout.

Q. On the growth of Trent Sisley...

ENRIGHT: Yeah, I think personally he's probably our best cutter on the team. He's kind of that lob threat, he can get off some of those finishes. Just his confidence. As a freshman you don't know where you fit in in this new system. I've seen him really grow into his role. He makes a big impact on both ends of the floor for us.

FastScripts Transcript by ASAP Sports



90

POSTGAME QUOTES

Indiana vs. Washington
Jan. 4, 2026

80



INDIANA PLAYERS: CONOR ENRIGHT AND TRENT SISLEY

Q. On having the last two weeks off...

SISLEY: It was good. Obviously we got some good time home, then came back. Like Conor [Enright] said, we got some time to ourselves, work on ourselves, then got ready for Washington. I think last year kind of helped me being away from home, the grind of the season. It hasn't been too bad.

Q. On embracing certain roles within the game...

SISLEY: That was a huge emphasis for us going into the game, the bigs doing our jobs, trying to drive our guy out. I think the guards did a good job rebounding down tonight. That was a big thing we focused on and I think we executed it pretty well tonight.

WASHINGTON HEAD COACH DANNY SPRINKLE

Q. Opening Statement...

SPRINKLE: I thought Indiana shot the mess out of it early. We wanted to make sure we took [Lamar] Wilkerson and [Tucker] Devries early. We didn't want them to get into a rhythm. We were hoping them coming off of a long layoff with their last game being on the 22nd that they would come out a little rusty, and they didn't. We knew how good [Conor Enright] and [Tayton Conerway] were, but we didn't want Wilkerson or Devries to get shots early, and they made us pay. I thought those two got the flood gates open early shooting the mess out of it, and they went 10-10 from the free throws in the first half. Even though we were scoring and making shots, eventually we needed to get some stops to get back into the game. Thank god in the second half we we didn't let them get some opportunities on rebounds, got some deflections and 50/50 balls that got us back into it. We cut [the lead] to six, and we had a three-on-two fast break and we didn't pitch the ball ahead. We didn't score and then Wilkerson hit a three and instead of it being four, it went right to nine. That was kind of the game. Give [Indiana] credit. I thought five and six on their team in the first half really got them off to a great start. [Trent Sisley] played tremendously in the second half. Made some really big threes when the game was still in the balance.