

McCaffery, Barta issue statements following ejection

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Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery and Iowa athletics director Gary Barta both released statements Monday morning following McCaffery's ejection from the 22nd-ranked Hawkeyes' 75-71 loss at No. 4 Wisconsin on Sunday. McCaffery received two technical fouls for arguing with officials at the 11:52 mark of the second half (the under-12 timeout). Iowa was ahead 41-39 at the time and Wisconsin's Ben Brust hit four consecutive free throws to give the Badgers a lead they wouldn't relinquish the rest of the way.

Below are the following statements:

McCaffery: *"I want to apologize for my emotional reaction during Sunday night's game at Wisconsin. I have great passion and respect for the game of basketball and everyone involved in it. I regret that my actions put our program and the University of Iowa in a negative light. I look forward to working with my staff and my players to move forward and compete for a championship."*

Barta: *"I've met with Coach McCaffery regarding last night's ejection from the game in Madison. He knows he crossed a line of acceptable behavior and accepts responsibility for his actions. All staff at the University of Iowa fully support the Big Ten Conference's sportsmanship policy's fundamental efforts, including civility and respect toward opponents and game officials. Fran has my full support moving forward."*