



# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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## OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH SHERRI COALE

### Opening Statement:

"It was a lot of fun. We had a lot of fun tonight. We had a lot of people contributing, great energy and great connection. I know a lot of people were probably at home with one eye on the Cubs, and maybe one eye on our basketball game as well, but the people that were here who got to watch it I think had a great time and will come back for more."

### On Chelsea Dungee and Nancy Mulkey's performance:

"Well, I've long felt that both of them could be impactful in their freshman seasons, and you can see why. I was a bit nervous for Chelsea because she's been committed to Oklahoma for so long and I was thinking about all of the time she's been in this arena, and she finally got to put that jersey on. Before the game, I just was hoping that she could relax and play, and she was fine. There was no reason for me to worry about her because she was terrific. I thought Nancy was very relaxed too, and did some great things. One of my favorite plays of the game was her block that turned into a layup where she sprinted down to the other end. They're just going to continue to get better."

### On Nancy Mulkey possibly playing her way into a big role:

"Certainly. For me, it has been the way that she learns, from a coach's standpoint, and the way she absorbs information. What she does on the court is she makes it very difficult to get to the rim – she's a rim protector. She was very effective against the press tonight and very calm and poised. The fact that she can keep people from getting to the rim adds a different dimension. She can really run, she can really move and she closes space quickly."

### On Vionise Pierre-Louis' potential:

"I don't know the answer to that, because I wouldn't ever want to put a lid on her, but what I see is sureness, which wasn't there in the past. Even as efficient as she was as the sixth-man of the league last year, there wasn't that element of 'bam-bam', when she caught the ball. What I saw tonight was total conviction. She did what she wanted, and past up a number of opportunities where I know she could've scored, but she kicked it to the weak side for a three or reversed the ball. She was really understanding of how to play. That's the greatest jump from last year to this year, is her comprehension of how it all fits together and the 'why' behind what we ask her to do."

## FRESHMAN GUARD CHELSEA DUNGEE

### On her role in tonight's game:

"From the beginning, the flow of the game from the bench got me excited and when I came in I think I just kept that going. I really just focused on having a good time and I think everything else comes with that."

## FRESHMAN CENTER NANCY MULKEY

### On her performance tonight:

"I was really excited. I didn't come into this game nervous, I think I got my nervousness out at the scrimmage. I was just ready to play and ready to do what I do and just ready to go to war with my teammates."

### On her emotions during on the play where she turned a block into a layup:

"So I got the rebound and then passed it to the point guard and as I was running the floor, I remember Coach telling me yesterday in practice, run the floor run the floor and that's all that was in my head; running the floor. It was there when I ran the floor and turned (into a layup)"

## SENIOR GUARD GIOYA CARTER

### On being more free playing team this year than they were last:

"I think we have a new sense of believing in each other. Last year, we of course believed in each other, but this year I think it's to a whole new level. I think the new ball stride stuff is really playing a factor into that as well. I think the connection and the chemistry made us feel a lot more free."

## JUNIOR CENTER VIONISE PIERRE-LOUIS

### On her new role this year:

"Coach and I talked about it. and she explained to me that I need to be more dominate and I need to believe in myself more. I have been taking it on and I wasn't nervous going into the game, thinking that I was a starter now. I just played the way that I would normally play in practice or any other game."

## MIDWESTERN STATE HEAD COACH NOEL JOHNSON

### On the game:

"You come into a high-tradition program like this because we want to play the best to be the best. They've got a great team, they do a great job of executing, their guards are a lot more athletic this year. It was a challenge for our guards, at times, to get the ball in and obviously make the proper passes with what we want to do, execution-wise. But we're young at guard and we're five short on our roster right now so depth really hurt us today, as well in the post area. I'm proud of the kids they played hard. Kudos to OU, they're a great team and they will contend for the Big 12 and host and be in the top five, for sure. They're a good team and we appreciate them having us."

### On the experience her team can take away from this game:

"You want to see your kids in those disadvantages situations with height, length, or speed to see how they respond to adversity. Obviously, with 35 turnovers, we did not respond very well. We've got a lot to work on and go back to the drawing board with. Like I said, my guards are so young and it was such a big stage for them. I want them to get used to that so we'll peak at the right time during our season and they're ready."