



OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH SHERRI COALE

Opening statement:

"Great opening game, love playing at the Lloyd Noble Center. I think this team gave our fans something to get excited about. We were able to overcome our difficulty at the 3-point line. Scoring 80 points must mean that you are doing something else right. I think everyone who came into the game contributed in some way and this team is really fun to coach."

On scoring 32 bench points and the depth of the team:

"I thought it was great. It was great for Nancy [Mulkey] and Chelsea [Dungee] to play into their strengths as true freshman. I thought LaNesia [Williams] had a couple of really great attacks at the rim. Gielysa [Penzo] did a great job distributing the basketball and finding a way to get everyone else involved. Although we don't have a great rhythm with five certain guys right now because it is so early, what we do have is a bunch of guys who are completely comfortable playing with one another. So when you are able to substitute and go in and out without having chemistry issues than that's a huge bonus."

On holding the Southern Illinois to only two points in the third quarter and halftime adjustments:

"Communication, that is where it starts and stops. We had to switch on all of those screens away from the ball. In order to do that you have to talk. They hit you so quick, you have to be on your toes and connected. We weren't super connected in the first half but that comes with opening games and getting caught up in the emotion. I thought in the third quarter we were very present in the possession that we were in and the results speak for themselves."

On Vionise Pierre- Louis' play:

"I thought she was incredibly efficient. If you look at her line, that all happened in 16 minutes. I am most pleased with the pace in which she played those 16 minutes and we probably could've pushed that even more except the guys behind her are still developing and need time in situations like this. This is just the tip of the iceberg. She collided at the high post and sized everyone up, then decided to take it to the rim and score. When that becomes a part of her game, that's a whole other dimension."

JUNIOR CENTER VIONISE PIERRE-LOUIS

On her role when out on the court:

"I think coming in, I had to establish a position in the inside, so that my team could feel comfortable going inside and do what they can on the perimeter. I think the first thing is establishing my base in the beginning of the game on the inside."

SENIOR GUARD GIOYA CARTER

On building the lead in the third quarter:

"Like Coach (Sherri) Coale said it was coming in and talking, communicating, on the defensive end. I think that gave us our energy to get steals and make easy baskets, so I think the energy on defense is what helped it."

On what she was trying to get going with her offense today:

"Our emphasis for the game was to attack, so I had that in mind and was just attacking, getting to the free throw line and getting easy buckets."