



OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH SHERRI COALE

Opening statement:

"Good win against a quality opponent. I thought their gameplan was fantastic. They're long and they're physical and loaded the ball side to try to limit us getting anything in the paint. They collapsed around our post guys and I think our posts made good decisions and kicked it out and we took rhythm shots. We didn't shoot it very well in the first half but we got to the free throw line a bunch and stayed aggressive. That was important and I thought we had a really nice third quarter."

On the adjustment of the starting lineup:

"These kids are terrific. They're about the right things, winning basketball games and growing our team. They were able to adapt to that. It was certainly different not having Gioya (Carter) as a part of that rotation, but I thought people did a great job when they came in. LaNesia (Williams) did a great job when she was in and we got quality minutes from Chelsea (Dungee) from the start. Gabbi (Ortiz) handled it terrific too, coming off the bench and getting herself going. Probably played at the best pace she has played at so far."

On the third quarter surge:

"I think it was probably led by Maddie (Manning), truthfully. She was incredibly decisive and had a hardness to her, especially to her offensive game and we fed off that. We take on her identity a lot, whatever demeanor she has when she's on the floor kind of becomes our team demeanor. Hers was good in the third quarter so we were good."

On Chelsea Dungee's first start:

"While we loved her aggression as a high school player and that's probably what drew us to her, it's her edge that puts her in a category of her own. She's very competitive and loves the challenge. She seized the opportunity today and it was pretty evident."

REDSHIRT SENIOR GUARD MADDIE MANNING

On shots not initially falling:

"I was not too worried about it going into the second half because all of my shots felt good. I began to find my rhythm in different ways. I shot a lot more jump shots the second half and got to the rim more. I found my rhythm which got it going. ... That allows me to get my team more involved and that is what I like to do. I know I have to knock down a few to open up the lane for ViVi (Vionise Pierre-Louis)."

FRESHMAN GUARD CHELSEA DUNGEE

On first start:

"I played very comfortable. I was very excited for my first start and that transitioned over to the court."

COLORADO STATE HEAD COACH RYUN WILLIAMS

On the Rams' defensive effort:

"Our plan was a good plan. Our kids did a nice job executing that plan for the most part in that first half. We knew we were going to give up some perimeter shots, perimeter 3s. Oklahoma, they made some. The 3-ball wasn't going to get us beat tonight. It wasn't. Interior play, turnovers, transition points, o-glass, fouling, that was going to get us beat. We just gave them too many opportunities and possessions with those mistakes."

On ball movement in second quarter:

"Once we got engaged in the motion, we got really good shots. The possessions we played, we played with a poise and with a basketball toughness. We had good possessions, not that we scored the ball all the time, but that was good basketball. We had a number of possessions today where we weren't competitive enough. We weren't poised enough. We were timid. We were a little afraid. That's a concern. It was easy to see who really belonged in this game and who didn't."

On how Oklahoma used that against them and got to the free throw line:

"They're a smart team. They've got some really smart players. They can score off the bounce. They can get to the rim. They can draw contact. If you get back on your heels and you're not ready to dig back in and get a stop, they're going to make you pay."