



OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

DEC. 8, 2016 • #19/20 OKLAHOMA 92, UTRGV 53 • POSTGAME QUOTES

OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH SHERRI COALE:

Opening statement:

"I was pleased with our second half. I thought the intensity and our ability to turn them over united our offense. We got lost in the joy of competing. The game is a lot easier when you do that. Our shooting percentages were obviously good in the second half and that helps a lot too. A lot of that was creating good looks at the basket because of our defense."

On the third quarter timeout that turned the team's attitude around:

"Sometimes guys will want to think too much, try too hard or think about they need to do more than run a certain play or their defensive assignment and that's a distraction. That became a silly distraction."

On Nancy Mulkey's performance:

"Defensively, she just affects the quality of the opponent's shot. She's willing to work hard enough to run to the other end and is often the recipient of her own good play on the defensive end because our guards do a good job at finding her. They love throwing the ball up to her because she's so dependable around the rim. When a big kid like her can go to the free throw line and have the consistency that she does, it makes her an even greater threat. I think Nancy is going to get better and better. I love the poise she plays with as a true freshman. I think it's truly special."

On bouncing back from the Oral Roberts loss:

"It was a step in the right direction. I don't know that we've conquered the demon yet, but we took a good swing at it tonight."

SENIOR GUARD T'ONA EDWARDS

On the speed of (Vionise) Pierre-Louis and (Nancy) Mulkey:

"I love when the centers are running behind me because I'm fast. It's the biggest accomplishment to pass to the post player because they are running hard. They know that I love to pass it so I try to give it to them to reward them for their speed."

On scoring a career-high 12 points:

"It felt great. I worked really hard in the offseason and in previous games it wasn't falling for me. I was just sticking with the process, and making sure I trusted myself helped it come natural today."

FRESHMAN CENTER NANCY MULKEY

On her performance in the second half:

"I just stayed poised through the whole thing. I didn't let anything affect me. I knew that we needed to break free from the single-digit lead and for me to start that, it gave me a lot of confidence."