



# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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## OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH SHERRI COALE:

### Opening statement:

"I first of all want to thank the fans for participating in the Teddy Bear challenge. I heard there were over 500 teddy bears hitting the floor. I love that our fans are so coachable, you ask them to do something and they up and do it. We appreciate their participation so much. Also want to thank Tulsa for the way they competed. They just don't go away; they fight hard until the final buzzer. (Tulsa head coach) Matilda (Mossman) does a great job getting her guys to buy into a game plan. Her guys are young and they are going to be really good. I thought they challenged us and gave us a great opportunity today."

### On Chelsea Dungee's performance:

"I love Chelsea's fearlessness. She just plays free and does not think too much. One of the benefits of being a freshman is not knowing what you don't know. She just goes and is very physical. I thought her awareness tonight was terrific. She had a basket cut in the second half just beautifully timed. She saw a crevice in the floor and said 'I am going to go.' That stems from a hunger to score. She wants to score and that has been a great addition for us. She is going to be very critical for us in Big 12 play. It has been awesome that we have had the opportunity to test her as much as we have in the pre-conference play."

### On Tulsa's three-point shots:

"I give Tulsa credit. I think in the first half three of their three-point shots came from us not rebounding. They were second shot attempts and it gave me Iowa State flashbacks because that is how they will get you. But they made some shots. If you are there two steps off of the three-point line with your hands up and she pulls back, takes it, and makes it, just go. I thought the fact that we didn't totally come undone was great."

### On the depth of the bench:

"It is a great opportunity for a coach to be able to situationally substitute. To look on the bench and say this is what we need, offensive or defensive. Last game my first substitution was Gilly (Gileysa Penzo) because she is really good at attacking the zone. So to have the freedom to do that is a real luxury as a coach."

## REDSHIRT SENIOR GUARD MADDIE MANNING

### On achieving her career high in points:

"It felt really good. It was good because I felt like our whole team was immersed in the game. Everybody came in and contributed in some way. Just getting that momentum going into the break and into the tournament is huge for us."

### On setting the offensive tone with Peyton Little:

"I think what it does for our team is let everybody calm down and take on that demeanor too. When we're aggressive and knocking down some shots, everybody starts doing that as well."

## REDSHIRT SENIOR GUARD PEYTON LITTLE

### On setting the offensive tone with Maddie Manning:

"It's just both of us having an aggressive mentality and finding our teammates. I also think we both read each other well. When we're having that aggressive mentality, it helps the offense flow well together."

### On relying on inside players:

"I think we have some of the best bigs in the country. I think they will continue to play strong."

## TULSA HEAD COACH MATILDA MOSSMAN

### On her team's lack of aggression:

"I just didn't think that we attacked well enough, and that is evident by our seven trips to the free throw line. I thought they attacked incredibly well, which is tribute to the 24 free throws that they shot, and they were legit. We were spending too much time, especially in the first half. We shot no free throws in the first half. We were just sitting there on the prairie and not attacking, and they were just trying to jam it down our throats. We felt like they were going to do that. We told our freshmen that this is what is going to happen tonight, and we have not been good all year about guarding the ball and we weren't very good today about stopping the ball."

### On shooting 52 percent from three and Ebony Parker's ability to shoot the three:

"That's why we recruited Ebony (Parker) was to shoot the three. She shot it really well and fairly deep several times. It is fun to just watch her."

### On what she thought her team did well today:

"I like the way that offensively we got into a little routine where we had a couple of good handoffs and ball screens, and we started to looking better in that spot. Obviously, Ebony's (Parker) play off the bench was really good."

### On the guards and Ebony Parker's performance today:

"We really tried to get more of our guards to look to shoot it off kicks, and Ebony just has such a quick release and she knows that she is a shooter. When she is asking for the ball it's to get a shot, so I wish we had a better mentality with some of our other guards as far as them wanting to catch and shoot it. I don't think that Ebony took GAME 9 TULSA thought that every three she took was a good shoot. She even had the floater in the middle of the fourth quarter, I hadn't seen that from her before but @OUWBALL that's a good counter to her arsenal."