



OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

JAN. 1, 2017 • #24/24 OKLAHOMA 87, TCU 72 • POSTGAME NOTES

OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH SHERRI COALE:

Opening Statement

"We have a great opportunity for us all to just think about what we've left on the table. I've felt like we left a lot of points on the table in the first half. I think mostly with layups and free throws. We just took a deep breath and thought about that. We felt like we were a little bit sped up. They make those threes and we think we've got a good run with five-point break, but there's no such thing. Just slow down and take advantage of possession by possession."

On OU's effort:

"I thought our effort in the third quarter with a couple of scrawls for the ball down by TCU's bench changed the game. Just our effort, our hunger and our willingness to get on the floor and do whatever we had to do to get a loose ball was when we really moved forward."

On OU's defense:

"We did a really nice job of not fouling there. When we got trapped up in that position, I think it made them second-guess things a little bit because we were really having trouble early defending their offense. When we stretched our zone and trapped at the half-court it took them out of their rhythm. We still got some good looks, but it changed the way that they felt."

OKLAHOMA REDSHIRT SENIOR GUARD PEYTON LITTLE

On her offensive dominance:

"I just thought I was aggressive reading what the defense gave me. I don't think I ever got sped up, and obviously my teammates were able to find me, so I was able to score."

On improvement in the second half:

"I think we just talked about it at halftime and knew what we needed to do differently in the second half. We wanted to make sure we came out with a big start in the third quarter. I don't know our numbers, but I know we had a pretty good third quarter."

On teammates Nancy Mulkey and Vionise Pierre-Louis:

"With Nancy [Mulkey] standing back there, I know she's going to block anything that comes her way. Vivi [Vionise Pierre-Louis] was great tonight. I think she had 13 [points] and nine [rebounds] in 16 minutes, so they were both awesome tonight and we need them to keep playing great."

OKLAHOMA FRESHMAN CENTER NANCY MULKEY

On her blocks:

"I was a little upset that I had gotten into foul trouble early on in the game. I was having to sit out, but I kept cheering the team on. I kept giving energy and did as much as I could to involve myself in the game with my early fouling. The three blocks in the second half got me going and it just took off from there."

On having two post players THAT CAN CONTRIBUTE:

"I enjoyed that. Even Coach [Coale] said that it's amazing to have two post players because they have to guard me a certain way, and guard her a certain way. We bring different things to the table, which not many teams can say they have two dominant post players."

On adjustments made due to the high shooting percentage:

"Our shot just wasn't falling the first half and the first half we were really sped up. During halftime we told ourselves that we need to stay poised, calm down and don't let them effect our offense. We calmed it down, which obviously helped a lot."

On growth from the past few games:

"Looking back to that very first exhibition game, I have come a long way. I'm proud of myself. Honestly, I didn't think that I would grow this fast or dominate this fast as a freshman. Starting off Big12 play like that gives me a lot of confidence, and I look forward to growing more."

TCU HEAD COACH RAEGAN PEBLEY

On her overall thoughts about this afternoon's game:

"I think both teams had to play really hard and really well in this game. I think OU was able to sustain it and do it longer than we were."

On the early lead and three-point shooting:

"We'll take the best shot and I think those were the open looks we had on those possessions."

On OU gaining momentum in the third quarter:

"I think we rushed ourselves out of execution on the offense end and that got them into their transition game."