



OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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OKLAHOMA HEAD BASKETBALL COACH SHERRI COALE

Opening statement:

"We didn't get off to a great start obviously. But when Baylor shoots it like that, there's nothing you can do about it. We got snowballed. We weren't able to recover and we started shooting too fast. We made mistakes. I think we just got too emotional in the physicality of it and didn't cover really well. When Baylor shoots the ball from the perimeter like that, they're really hard to beat."

On physicality of the game:

"I don't think it's a product that anyone likes to watch. You have to have freedom of movement when you put the ball on the floor and you have to be able to get to the rim without being pushed and shoved and checked. Obviously, that's not the game that plays into an advantage for us. It's not our game. But, again, give Baylor credit. They played great. Their big guys were animals on the glass and their guards knocked down shots. Our game plan going in was to make their guards beat us and at half time they were."

On moving forward to the Big 12 tournament:

"We can't wait to get to the Big 12 tournament. Everybody has the opportunity to win the championship again. I think we have an opportunity beyond that. If we take care of our business, we might get to play on this court again."

On the Sooners' five seniors:

"We've figured some things out together about how to treat failure and success and how to recognize that the jewel lies in the experience. It's not about the result. They all talked about how they have grown... well, they've helped me grow, too, because of the relationships I've made with them. I feel honored to call them family and I'm blessed to be their coach."

OKLAHOMA SENIOR FORWARD SHAYA KELLOGG

On her record points scored:

"It felt good. It was possibly my last game on this court with this team and so I wanted to be there for my team and I wanted us to go out with a bang."

On her consistency:

"I was just thinking, 'Let's score some baskets as a team; let's get something going; let's get everyone points; let's get everyone buckets.'"

On what the team learned from the game:

"We can learn... it takes all of us to score. It takes playing as a team and playing together, having that connection. That's what we need going into the post season."

SENIOR GUARD GIOYA CARTER

On the team's first-quarter performance:

"I just think that we were really sped up, you know. The emotions going into senior night – it's Baylor and I think we were just too sped up and not slowing the game down a little bit, so we were taking shots that were ill-advised or we were just missing and just sped up."

On the deficit's impact on her team's mentality:

"I don't think it hurt us too bad; I think where we started getting down a lot is third quarter, but again, Baylor is huge inside, so, when you can't make a basket and they're giving rebounds and just kicking it out and shooting layups, it's pretty hard to come back from that at any point in time in the game."

On the takeaway from the game:

"I think it's really good that the Big 12 tournament is this weekend and I think that tonight showed us what we really need to work on for next game and we know from this game that we have to slow down on our offense, get open shots – we have to make shots."

BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY

On the magnitude of the Bears' win in Norman:

"I'm real excited that the four seniors had a chance – well, really three only played tonight – had a chance to come to Norman and get out of her with the win in a game that a lot of people wanted to say was meaningless for us. No game is meaningless. Any time you toss it up, every game matters. And I thought starting the game, we shot the ball extremely well. I thought our defense was very good and I think the defense probably set the tone for the game."

On playing time in the fourth quarter:

"I'm looking at the minutes played and it looks like everybody played double figure minutes. Kalani Brown and Nina (Davis) only played half of the game. Dekeyia (Cohen) played 24 minutes, Prince scored her thousandth point – that might have had something to do with her staying out there. Kristy (Wallace) – we don't have another ball handler, Alexis Jones is hurt, so it's kind of like, (Wallace) is going to have to go the rest of the year for us. But I think I pretty much subbed pretty frequently."