***4/4 BAYLOR (26-3) 71, RV/RV TEXAS TECH (18-12) 68***

***Mar. 3, 2020***

***Ferrell Center (Waco, Texas)***

***Attendance: 8,953***

BAYLOR POSTGAME QUOTES

Baylor Head Coach Scott Drew

Opening Statement…

“As a head coach, one thing you always want to do is send out the seniors in a good manner. I know last year we had a good year, but we didn’t send the seniors out the right way. I think it’s kind of like getting a Christmas present. If the kids can’t open it, or it’s the wrong one, you’re like, ‘dang.’ You really want to win. This game is almost more important than any other home game. The seniors have a great memory to come back to. I’m really pleased. When Mark [Vital] wasn’t able to go and Tristan [Clark] wasn’t able to go, I thought Flo [Thamba] stepped up. I thought Matt [Matthew Mayer] stepped up too. The four guards were tremendous. We knew it was going to be a hard fought game. It’s tough when you find out last minute people can’t go. You don’t have a lot of time to game plan. You don’t have a lot to begin with because it’s Saturday then Monday. I thought the guys really did a great job in new positions and battling inside. To come away with seventeen offensive rebounds was super.”

On high number of fouls going into overtime…

“I think they really wanted to win for the seniors. They did a great job with that. In all seriousness, with Freddie [Gillespie] going into that overtime, we told the four guards ‘they can’t get blown by anymore because Freddie’s picking up fouls trying to block stuff at the rim. If you don’t keep people in front of you, he’s going to foul out.’ I thought they did a better job in saving him.”

On importance of games like this…

“Coaches would prefer a little more cushion, but these are those type of games that make or break a season. You’re going to have a number of these games. You have to win them to have confidence. Thirty-point or twenty-point wins don’t happen often, but really they’re fools gold. A lot of times you go into the next game thinking things are too easy. The reality is this is Big 12 basketball. A few possession games. You look at the Texas-Texas Tech game. That game is nip and tuck. Then they get a big three or something. Then it looks like it’s a bigger spread than it was when it was really a one possession game the whole way to the last minute or so. These game winning situations, the Butler win, these are really important.”

Baylor Sophomore Jared Butler

On playing without starters…

“It’s tough losing a game we were not expecting to lose to TCU. Guys are banged up and it’s a quick turn around. It’s mental toughness. It takes the will to win and the commitment when it’s over. We can still drop to fourth and win. There was no game plan or anything like that, just the will to win and that’s what you so.”

On the three Macio Teague hit late…

“That was crazy, I was like ‘woo save the day’ like Superman. He’s a big time shot maker and the whole team came up clutch in certain situations. It took a team to win for sure.”

On the value of games like this in the tournament…

“Sometimes we look ahead too far and these games right here are what make a national champion. These games where we have to battle, go into overtime and shots not falling. These are the games that make a national champion. So, I think sometimes we need to focus on the games that we’re playing and execute now so we can execute later.”

Baylor Senior Devonte Bandoo

On making big shots on senior night…

“I have to give thanks to God. Moments like this you just can’t take credit for so I give all glory to God. Just the fact that it’s on senior night makes it a lot sweeter.”

On if tonight reenergized the team…

“Yeah definitely, but we’re just focused on the next [game]. We still need Kansas to take care of something for us, but right now we’re just focused on the next game and that’s West Virginia.”