



**Baylor (23-7) 3, Wofford (23-9) 0**

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Ferrell Center (Waco, Texas)

## BAYLOR POST-MATCH QUOTES

### **Baylor Head Coach Ryan McGuyre**

#### ***Opening Statement...***

"Just, first of all, want to congratulate Wofford on a great and amazing season they've had. You know, scouting them was really difficult because they have so many good players, and love the way they battled to win their conference tournament and go through things. I think Coach Lynze (Roos), just from a big picture... I feel like we're like minded, and volleyball is just a small part of the big picture, and just some of the things, like with her family, and things that she's navigated through with a great staff and everyone, I think that program has got a lot to be proud of, and clearly they keep getting back into the tournament. So, they're, they're in great, great, great hands.

"For us tonight. I think we knew we needed to be error free, that they may need a little bit of help. So, I like that we kept the errors down, especially in the in the first set. Ten aces and serving 94%, so not giving away errors from the service line. When we stubbed our toe this year, that's normally been the case there. These two, Allie, hitting error free, hitting .600 is hard to do, probably with nobody in practice sometimes, as we're just working through stuff. I thought she did a good job moving the ball around. Had some great range, from 516, to deep one to, you know, from Lauren setting her bounce to ball, cross court on it. So, I thought we did a good job keeping errors down. Tomorrow will be a new battle."

#### ***On the positive of a three-set win with tomorrow looming ...***

"Yeah, you want to have fresh legs. You don't want to wear out the shoulders with tons of swings. Most of the year, you have the days in between travel. So, yeah, I think getting in and out is something our seniors understood as part of being a mature team in the tournament, in you don't want to play longer than you need to. I think when you play 100% all out, it goes fast. I think when you try and cruise and you're trying to save and those.. it's normally when it turns into a longer match, because you're having more rallies and giving up points. So, we should feel fresh for tomorrow. I think these girls train hard, and so we've trained well. I feel Coach Mike (Wenger) does a great job with our strength training, and we'll recover well tonight. We feel well and be ready for tomorrow."

#### ***On facing a top-25 Dayton team on Friday ...***

"Yeah, Dayton. Strong program. They hit at a high percentage. I know the coaching staff really well coached with Tim Horsmon at Maryland. So, there's a lot of connections there. I think we've probably stolen drills from each other, and, yeah, a lot of firepower. I think it'll really, really be key that our block shows up tomorrow, because I they have some girls that hit with a heavy pace, but I think we can get our hands in the right place. I think both of us will want to... you always want to win that serve and pass battle. I think we can still be a threat from the service line to get them out of system and then put up well-form blocks. But I know they'll probably serve as aggressive as they can for us to try and do the same thing. I think it will really come down to who is the most disruptive when chaos happens. I like what we do and what are, how hard our hitters work when that chaos happens to maybe not win the point but be disruptive to get the ball back. That was probably a big difference today. Wofford played hard. They actually got a lot of balls up, but like, we're error free, but we weren't too stressed after their digs. When we dig the ball, we need to stress them more than they stress us when they make digs."

### **Allie Sczech, OPP, Jr.**

#### ***On having a big game ...***

"I think it was good, especially just to work out some kinks we've had in transition, just to kind of see the way that we've been able to hit out of system a lot better than we have, kind of in conference. And so I think it was just a good way to kind of get our feet on the ground for the tournament. I think just like seeing us, obviously, like I said, hit good in trans but also just be good on first ball, be good on the little things, but also be able to implement the new tricks and tools we've been working on in practice. I think it's been great."

#### ***On a first set free from attack errors ...***

"Oh, it's so important. I kind of mentioned that in the huddle before we go into the third set. It's just like, staying disciplined and applying the pressure. It just shows us what we're capable of. It was all in our control, and it was nothing that anyone was doing except for us, and we were controlling our side of the net really well. And so, I think it just kind of gave us a

confidence of, like, okay, we can literally play almost perfect volleyball when we're all in it to win it, and all locked in. So, I think it was just good to see that we have the potential there to keep doing that."

***On getting on a roll to finish off a set ...***

"I think it was just kind of like a rhythm and a flow. I felt like we were kind of all locked in, like I said from the beginning. I felt like, that's how the whole game went. And it was just kind of like, how can we just be good after good every single point? And so, I think while, yes, it's awesome, I think I noticed it, and it was great. But I think at the same time, it's just like, focusing on the next ball and just kind of carrying the momentum over."

**Elise McGhee, OH/OPP, Sr.**

***On winning the first game at home ...***

"We always say, kind of a motto I'm also living by this season, is like pressure is a privilege, and so we love hosting. That was something that we really wanted to do this year, and just being able to have the opportunity to defend our home court is super exciting. Knowing that we have another game in order to do that is really fun for us."

***On her big service game ...***

"I kind of want to second what Allie said, getting into rhythm. And so, I feel like that's a big thing, especially with the topspin serve, is making sure I'm in rhythm and making sure my routine is very precise. I've missed a lot of balls, too. So it's, it's definitely just going into the tournament wanting to the best I can, but also being okay with misses, as long as I'm going for it every single time."