

**BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY***Opening Statement*

"First off, let me say this. My players bought those 550-numbered roses. [Out of their pocket] Wow. That's the kind of kids I get to coach. I didn't know that until the game was over, and I thought wow, my players are buying that. We're going to have nights like this. We've played three games in seven days and you tell me we hadn't been on an emotional, physical [grind] and you've got to just keep grinding. You've got to play four games in ten days, you've got to grind. K-State, their strategy offensively was to stall and take shots when the shot clock was winding down. You know we're going to guard you, and I thought our defense was fine. On the offensive end, they packed the paint and we missed some wide open shots, but was that because of our great defense for 30 seconds every time on the other end of the floor? I don't know. But you're going to have nights like this on the offensive end. That's why you've got to tell kids and make sure you sell them on the fact that, just play good defense. There will be nights like this."

*On being able to get out and run in transition...*

"It's important. Every timeout I tell them just keep running, just keep running. Something good is going to happen in transition. Every timeout, we want to run. Obviously, we run faster with the freshman post in there than we do with the upperclassmen, but keep running. I thought we got some transition buckets and that gave us a little spark. Thanks to the fans. They stayed with us, and that's a tough kind of ballgame to watch. It's not a lot of offense, it's not pretty, but it's Big 12 basketball. [Opposing teams] are going to know when we play night in and night out, they're going to know our strengths and weaknesses, and they're going to take things away from us."

*On trailing late in the third quarter...*

"I'm a Coach that believes in giving credit to the opponent. I think that they had a gameplan and they didn't waver from their gameplan. They hit shots in that third quarter. I think they shot almost 50 percent, well they did in the third quarter, and we didn't. It's just part of the game. I can tell you this, we didn't panic. It's basketball."

*On playing in tight games...*

"I just relish a win. One point, overtime, it doesn't matter to me. The game is getting better, it's good, our league is tough, it's physical. There's going to be many nights like this. This isn't going to be the only one. There will be many nights like this."

**BAYLOR JUNIOR FORWARD LAUREN COX***On trailing late in the third quarter...*

"I think it was good for us to have a game like that, especially when we're tired because getting into the season we're going to have two, three games in a row like that. Just having to fight like that and not being up 20 or 30 where we could just coast it out, that was good for us."

*On Kansas State's defense in the paint...*

"They surprised us with man [defense] because K-State is a zone team. They usually play a zone. And we've been working on that the past couple days. So they surprised us with man and it was tough because they were packing the paint and we weren't getting some of the normal shots that we hit."

*On Baylor's lineups with three bigs...*

"I think it helps just because [opponents] have to come out on everyone on the floor. We can all shoot it from outside, even NaLyssa [Smith] and Kalani [Brown] can shoot out there. Making them have to come out and guard us opens it up inside."

**BAYLOR JUNIOR GUARD JUICY LANDRUM***On hitting shots from the outside when the defense is packing the paint...*

"I think it's very important. At practice, Coach always tell me I need to shoot, or if I'm not shooting I need to do something defensively all game. Coach Brock kind of gets on me when I don't shoot the ball, and I feel like even when they come to my side and they sag, it gives me a spot to throw [the bigs] the ball."

**KANSAS STATE HEAD COACH JEFF MITTIE***Opening Statement*

"Well I thought we had to slow the ball down tonight. We're obviously, too many possessions I think really had been problem for us with their size. Their size was a problem all night for us. But I thought our group did a pretty good job. The fourth quarter got away from us. Shot selection, we also missed some open ones where we had opportunities. We had to take advantage of every opportunity against a team like Baylor. Their big lineup in fourth really hurt us. We had trouble matching that big lineup. When they played with [NaLyssa] Smith, [Lauren] Cox and Kalani [Brown] in there, that was a lineup where we have to make those threes when those are open, that was our advantage at other end. We just didn't make those plays."

*On matching up defensively against Baylor's bigs...*

"I think that big lineup hurt us. We weren't able to match the three in there. Baylor obviously got more aggressive defensively. They lead the nation in blocked shots and there's a reason for that. They're blocking threes, they're harassing those kinds of plays. I don't think they missed wide open ones; they're a product of the blocked shots. You get wide open and all of a sudden you're rushed little bit, you're trying to get that off. I think their defense really locked us down. They really limited [Kayla] Goth in that stretch and made it tough on our young players to make decision with the ball. We're still not executing well enough still in those stretches to have great possessions. That hurt us in the fourth."

