BAYLOR LADY BEARS POSTGAME QUOTES 2018-19



BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY

On the difference in second quarter...

"Depth takes a toll. I was really happy that we got to rest a lot of kids. We've got a really big game here again Wednesday and we have to chase shooters all over the floor. The more minutes you can get and use your bench, it's good for you. I just thought our defense on Davenport and Martin—we knew what they were capable of doing, that they were going to shoot the majority of their shots. Make sure every shot they take has got to be a difficult one."

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On how well the Lady Bears took care of the ball today...

"Last I checked, somebody told me we were leading the country in assist-to-turnover ratio. That's pretty special. If you take care of the basketball, you're going to win a lot of games. When you turn it over, you give the opponent a chance. We've been doing it all year, and it's been done quietly, really. It's really good when you've got a kid who's never played point guard and she just continues to lead your team. We just needed to settle down a little bit and execute. Sometimes we think we're going to make one pass and score. Against good teams, you've got to have ball reversal, you're going to have to be patient. We relaxed and started doing what we've been doing all year, just getting good looks. I thought Kalani ran the floor early and that kind of set the tone. Chloe's making better passes to the posts when they're open, she's seeing the floor better, looking through the lane."

On what she said to Kalani when she came out of the game, before she went back in & dominated...

"Sometimes you just take her out to relax her and get your butt back in there and make layups. Nothing harsh, you just have to let her think about it and get back in there and do her job."

On WVU coach Mike Carey's comments saying he wouldn't be surprised if Baylor wins it all...

"It's too early in the year. Mike is a very good coach and his kids allow him to get on them and coach them. He's a man-to-man coach, he's old school and always very complimentary of our team. Walking through the lines, he told me some nice things, but while we are most appreciative and humbled by his comments, we're going to keep working. We're not entitled to anything, we have to work for everything we get."

On getting younger players minutes...

"You don't coach the score, you coach your kids on the floor. I'm going to coach every one of them because they're freshmen and they deserve to be corrected. I'll bring them out, show them the board and get back in there and do it. If you don't do it in game situations, they're never going to get better. In practice, yeah, they'll get better, but the more minutes they can receive the more confident they become, and the more confident I become in them. You hold them accountable and make them understand the mistakes you can make in high school, you can't make at this level. You bring them out, show them the chance, put them back in. It's the evolution of playing at an elite level in college athletics. Those two post players are unbelievable offensive rebounders. They run the floor hard and they're just so athletic. It's fun to watch them get better and better every day. I wish I could give them as many minutes as tonight in every game, but it doesn't always work out that way."

BAYLOR SENIOR GUARD CHLOE JACKSON

On her career-high 10 assists...

"When I found out, I was like, "Wow, I didn't know that!" We did really well with assisting, everybody—movement, finishing at the rim. Post players made it easy for me."

BAYLOR SENIOR CENTER KALANI BROWN

On facing a team that doesn't challenge you as much...

"We take every opponent seriously. West Virginia has come here in the past and given us a game. They always play hard and they bring the same intensity, so if you're not careful with a team like that, then you can be beat. You have to take them seriously. You can't think of stats and ratings and numbers, you've just got to go out there and play."

WEST VIRGINIA HEAD COACH MIKE CAREY

Opening Statement...

"First of all, we took a beating. I think Baylor is very good. I've watched lot of teams on TV and I think they are as good as anybody in the country. I think they just keep coming in the paint on you – what did they have on us? 50 something points in the paint. I just think even their freshman coming off the bench just pound the paint. So, very good basketball team. Disappointed. We just totally quit blocking out. We just don't have the numbers. They just wore us down."

On rotation of players (is that what makes Baylor even tougher because of that rotation?)...

"Absolutely. If you have the same thing on the other end, it's about the number of players. It's about the players. Make no doubt about it, we knew exactly what they were going to run, we just could not stop them. They knew what we run, and they stopped it. It's about players, it's not about anything else."

On if he was proud of the scrappiness West Virginia brought...

"I thought early, I thought we were attacking the rim and when we did, we didn't go into them and we faded away and they are too big, we didn't pound the offensive boards and they did. Just disappointed, I thought we would come in here and play a little better than we did. Baylor is a good as anyone I have seen. It would not surprise me if they didn't go on a win the championship, they are that deep in the paint. As long as their guards continue to play like they are, they are going to be a tough out."