

BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY

On what adjustments she made to defend ISU's Bridget Carleton after her 24-point first half...

"Nothing. I just went in and said 'Guys she's got 24 of their 35 points, we've got to do a better job harassing her, just make it even tougher.' And I thought DiDi [Richards] and Juicy [Landrum] who guarded her for the most part in the second half [did a nice job]; she went I think one-for-five. Your concern when you play Iowa State is the three ball. Our defensive game plan was, they're going to dribble and penetrate. They're not going to blow by you, but they're going to keep their dribble alive. I don't want to give up threes, and we didn't. In the half they only had four, they average 10 a game and we only gave up seven. We had to do a better job man-to-man and really bodying up and just realizing we're not going to have help tonight. I thought we just withstood it and in the third quarter we just opened it up a little bit."

On the third quarter...

"I think we continued to get the ball in the post. If you didn't watch the game and you looked at the statsheet and saw what [Lauren] Cox and Kalani [Brown] and those bigs did, you wouldn't think that they were packed in the paint. They made it tough to get a look in there. I just told them, give them a second look. Keep making them run the floor, throw it in there and we did and hit some big shots. I thought the shot at the end of the half gave us a little momentum. Juicy hit some big shots, Chloe [Jackson] hit some shots, DiDi had her career high. When you make a shot, that rim gets bigger and bigger."

On Chloe Jackson's growth this season...

"Everything she does surprises me. I've never coached her before. She's never played that position before. She's very comfortable. These two [Cox and Jackson] are leading the nation in assist-to-turnover ratio. Very unselfish team. That's the thing you don't know going into the season, is who are the scorers? I knew DiDi and Cox were my defensive stoppers, but who's going to score the ball and get us points? Then you add freshmen posts that are in the mix. If you look at our statline, you can't take away one player. Everything Chloe does with the ball in her hands impresses me. That is like taking a wide receiver and making them a quarterback in their fifth year of college. An athlete might run the ball, but you've got to have patterns, you've got to throw the ball on a dime, you've got to have presence in the pocket. She's doing all of that stuff."

BAYLOR JUNIOR FORWARD LAUREN COX

On her shooting performance tonight...

"My first two shots were way off, that definitely gave me confidence. I've been working on it, working on my outside shots, so just to see it fall was good for me."

On what games like these do for the team...

"It gives our whole team confidence. It shows a lot about our defense. We were kind of sloppy in the first half with defense and then we came out in the third quarter. We held them to 69 points and they're one of the top scoring teams in the conference. So it definitely gives us a lot of confidence."

On scoring 1,000 career points...

"It's really important for me, just to show that all my hard work is paying off. That was big for me. Hopefully I can get a few more."

BAYLOR SENIOR GUARD CHLOE JACKSON

On getting the ball inside the paint...

"The posts ran in transition. I think it was really easy in transition to get it there because they didn't have any helpside coming around. They were running the floor. Coach kept saying get it in there fast, stop lobbing the ball, give it to them quick and that was able to work."

On her double-double tonight...

"I actually didn't even know I had a double-double, so that's cool. My teammates were hitting shots. I was hitting them early, then I missed a couple so I knew I had to start feeding my teammates. They helped me, they were hitting tonight."

On finding a rhythm as a passer...

"My teammates are running with me. I'm going to give them the ball. I know their strengths and weaknesses now. Just being able to find them in spots where they can hit it and they've been knocking them down. All credit to my teammates."

IOWA STATE HEAD COACH BILL FENNELLY*Opening Statement...*

"Seems like every year, I say the same thing – It's a great Baylor team. They are efficient and they know the way they want to play. At the end of the day, every coach would say the same thing – you just can't do anything with their size - you just can't unless you are making a lot of shots. We had some good looks that would have kept us in the game – that's a credit to their defense. Our effort was good, and we competed the whole game and obviously Bridget is a monster and I thought she was on her best on the biggest stage against a great team. They are going to be a tough out for a lot of people."

On Baylor shutting down Bridget Carleton in the 2nd half after scoring 20 in the first half...

"I think they did a great job switching people up on her, I thought she had a couple good looks on her. We didn't get her the ball enough on a few runs and they didn't let her get to the rim as much. I thought they made a good adjust – what they can do against someone like Bridget is go big and knock down shots – I thought Bridget handled it really well and we got to help her a little bit. She literally kept us in the first half. We had a little bit the second half good team defense against Bridget by Baylor."

On being caught up in the moment and not executing against Baylor ...

"They come out late shot clock and they ran it four times and we practiced it and we guarded it completely opposite the way we practiced it. For some reason, we come out on Brown and I don't know why we come off of her and that's eleven points right there – lack of executing on our part. Lauren hits a three from the corner and it's 33 – 35, it's still a game. It's disappointing - we knew exactly what we wanted to do but, better execution by them than us. That's what gets you beat against Baylor – attention to detail is critical when you play good teams and that's something we wanted to do, and we didn't do. So many little things you have to do against a great team and when you don't, they make you pay, and they are really good at it and nothing new for Baylor here. They have a team that does a lot of really good things and I think they will do this to a lot of people."