# BAYLOR LADY BEARS POSTGAME QUOTES 2018-19

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# **BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY**

#### On dominating in the post...

"Look at that stat sheet. 69 percent from the field we shot in the first quarter. 50, 56, and 83 [percent in the remaining quarters]. We shot the ball well. I thought TCU shot the ball from the three good in the first half. I thought Amy [Okonkwo] was really, really good for them. Obviously, they didn't throw the ball to [Jordan] Moore much today because it looked like their plan was to shoot as many three's as they could, which we're pretty used to that. Yeah, grind it out."

#### On how frustrating it was to allow 34 TCU free throws...

"We put them in the bonus too early, particularly in the fourth quarter, and they just ducked their head. It's kind of hard, when you just duck your head, to back off because you've been taught to guard people. We were not very good with dribble penetration, particularly in the fourth quarter."

## On 30 assists as a team...

"We've been doing that all year. We don't harp on it, that wasn't a goal of ours to lead the country or the Big 12 in assist-to-turnover ratio. We mentioned that we want a two-to-one ratio, but it just seems to be a team that shares the ball with each other very well. When you have post players who are going to get the touches and everything we do goes through them, and they can pass it to the open player, it makes them more confident. I'm not surprised with that. I did not know this would be a team that would be leading the league with assist-to-turnovers. I knew we could score the ball. I knew we were big. I knew we could defend. But that's an added dimension to this team that is pretty special. You don't coach that. It's just instincts for what's going on on the floor.

## **BAYLOR SENIOR CENTER KALANI BROWN**

#### On her free throw percentage today...

"10-for-10. I was 100 percent. I've been trying to get my free-throw percentage up. Coach let me shoot the technical foul so I was excited. I'm just proud of how I'm shooting right now, hopefully I can continue that."

#### On her relationship with Lauren Cox on the court...

"Just repetition. We had two years to master it. When she came in as a freshmen, we weren't in [the game] as much together, but we practiced every day on that high-low. We're just kind of debuting it now. I think we've mastered it pretty much. I know where she wants it, she knows where I want it."

#### On feeding off a back-and-forth scoring battle with TCU's Amy Okonkwo...

"When people hit three's, it's like a momentum changer. I was just trying to get the momentum back on our side. When I get an and 1, it gives us a lot of energy. We don't want to be in a slump, especially in the second half, or allow them a lot of three's. Just trying to take the momentum back on our side and I think I did a good job at that.

#### **BAYLOR JUNIOR FORWARD LAUREN COX**

#### On starting off slow defensively ...

"They ran a pick-and-pop and we just weren't talking. In the second half, we started switching that and it shut that down."

#### On taking pride in her passing...

"I take a lot of pride in it. I think a lot of it is that I can see over the defense, I see the cutters and I can elevate if I have to to make that pass. Coach always says you want to have a two-to-one assist-to-turnover ratio so that's my goal every game. I think I got it this game."

# TCU HEAD COACH RAEGAN PEBLEY

#### **Opening State**

"Not the result that we came here for, that we prepared for, but I'm always proud of our team. I'm proud of the women that they are and the toughness that we continue to show."

#### On how hard it is to defend Kalani Brown...

"I think what makes Kalani Brown so good is Lauren Cox. There's two players. There's a passer, there's a person who can stretch the defense a little bit, makes it difficult to pull a double. [Brown] gets the ball in a position where all she has to do is finish it. I think she's grown a lot as a player, definitely from the free throw line from her freshman year to now. She's somebody that I think represents the Big 12 really well."

#### On where her team is at this point in the season ...

"We've got good momentum. I think those last 10 games are really important for the committee. I think the Big 12 is a five-team league. You look at our RPI as a conference, we're in the top three in the country. You look at the individual teams RPIs, strength of schedules. I think also the fact that we are a league, which there are very few of them especially at the Power 5 level, that everybody plays each other twice. When you look at win-loss records in the Big 12, I think a .500 record from a team in the Big 12 deserves a lot of respect. It's a tough league to play in with travel and quality of opponents. I feel like our team is in a great position right now with an important stretch coming up."

#### **TCU SENIOR FORWARD AMY OKONKWO**

# On the difference between her 18-point first half and not finding a rhythm in the second half...

"I think it was just a matter of us executing. I don't think there was anything wrong with the way our team was playing. I think we just needed more movement, to make the defense work and create those opportunities, not only for myself but for the rest of our team."

#### On believing they could win...

"We didn't come here to lose. We came here to win. Even when we were down 10, 15 points, I still think we had a chance. We've fought back from deficits like that before. I think that in the second half we just needed to have a better focus on our gameplan and execute exactly what our coaches told us to.

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