BAYLOR LADY BEARS POSTGAME QUOTES 2018-19



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BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY

On outscoring Texas...

"I just think defense. Three straight years we have led the country in field goal percentage defense, and it doesn't get talked about very much. Because, you know, I guess it's ugly. People don't want to talk about anything but the offensive end of the floor, but I just thought our perimeter players remembered what Danni (Williams) did to them in the fourth quarter, what Sug (Sutton) did to them in the fourth quarter, and they were bound and determined not to let there be another moment like that. I thought in the game, it was very obvious that Texas was trying to go into post. We welcome that. We don't get to see that much. So, I thought that Kalani had to work hard guarding (Jatarie) White and I thought (Lauren) Cox had to work hard guarding Joyner (Holmes). Because again guys, we don't see post players that size and that big that match up with us."

On playing for Baylor ...

"I think it takes a certain kind of player to come here, one. It's got to be very unselfish and understand that they are going to have their opportunities. It's going to be about the team first. It's going to be about chemistry, it's going to be about defense, and they know that when we recruit them. It's all about players that understand what's important when you get on that floor. I've been blessed to coach some great ones, but they all buy into defense first, team second, those types of things."

On outlook from now until the tournament...

"I want us to keep doing what we've done. Not let up, keep guarding people, stay focused, keep demanding things from them, motivating them, challenging them. Give them the right amount of time off, stay on the floor the right amount of time, keep them fresh. It's a hard turnaround from a Saturday to a Monday and here we're going to have to do it again. We have Saturday, and then we turn around and leave for West Virginia on Monday. That's hard. I thought some of the shots that were taken, both by Texas and by Baylor- you had heavy-legged kids out there. Their legs were gone, and I though both teams at the start of the game were pushing and shoving and playing physical. But your legs were gone, and I think some of that is attributed to a Saturday-Monday quick turnaround.

BAYLOR SENIOR GUARD CHLOE JACKSON

On the different feeling of today's game...

"I knew it was going to be a good environment. I knew they were going to come out hard, and I mean I knew we were going to respond and do better than what we did at Texas."

On the feeling of being at this part of the season...

"It feels great. I got asked that question a couple days ago but, going into March at LSU was a different feeling. You're just kind of excited about getting into the tournament and here, you're just keeping that number one seed and just trying to stay undefeated. We already secured the regular season championship, so our focus is to be conference champs and then to go into the tournament and make some things happen."

BAYLOR SENIOR CENTER KALANI BROWN

On the defense...

"I think we just wanted to do better than what we did when we went down there. Guards did a wonderful job on guarding the three and guarding their guards and the three-point shot. We just went down on their end and executed and so I mean I think defense; besides the offensive rebounds, defense was pretty solid."

On the difference between the two programs...

"I mean, they are the best to match up against us. I think when we play them, they play with such high intensity and so do we. It's just a good rivalry, a good game every time we see them. They play with a lot of energy and if you don't match that, you can slip up."

TEXAS HEAD COACH KAREN ASTON

Opening Statement...

"I thought our team played pretty competitively for 20 minutes aside from those last few minutes in the second quarter. We let it get away from us a little bit. If you take those few minutes away, I think we stay competitive and keep ourselves in the game. We tried to regroup at halftime, and we had some good things to talk about during the break. We addressed being a lot more aggressive and playing more competitive. We need to give Baylor a lot of credit for how they played. They are a good team and really know how to score the ball and play good defense."

On if Joyner picking up her second foul was the turning point...

"I thought both bigs started out with a purpose. I thought we were connected defensively up until that point in the game. So yes, when Joyner picked up her second foul, I think it had a negative impact on the game. I really think the difference in today was the passiveness of our guards. I think it is a little unexplainable considering how well they have played through the season."

On if she was pleased by the bigs' play tonight...

"I don't think I am pleased with a lot that happened tonight. I was pleased with the first half and how competitive we were in the first 20 minutes of the game. We missed a lot of free throws. There were a lot of plays we didn't make tonight that had we converted would have helped us out throughout the second half of the game."

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TEXAS SENIOR FORWARD/CENTER JATARIE WHITE

On the battle against Kalani Brown...

"We were really focused on getting position. Whoever gets the lowest in the paint has the advantage, and Kalani had that tonight. We needed to do a better job of pushing her out of position, and we didn't do that tonight."

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TEXAS JUNIOR GUARD SUG SUTTON

On Baylor's defense tonight...

"They played really good tonight. They are a really good team and did a good job of making me uncomfortable and playing out of rhythm."

On the passiveness of the guards...

"We as guards just weren't aggressive. We were not attacking the basket or getting into our offense quick enough. We didn't play with tempo and weren't successfully executing what we have worked on all season."