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BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY

On the half time talk ...

"What are you going to tell them? They're trying hard, they (are) all just missing layups, and shots, and it was just a tale of two halves. There was nothing magical to go in there and tell them. But if I tell y'all anything, now you see why defense is important to us. You still had a five-point lead at half, missing that many shots, shooting it that poorly. You still had a lead and you come out in the second half and you extend the lead because you started making shots. It's good everyone got to play today. We'll get on the plane tomorrow and go to West Virginia and try to finish this thing off."

On Queen Egbo...

"I thought Queen, speaking of her, she was our spark plug in the first half. Please acknowledge that kid because she just has unbelievable athleticism and she gave us a spark in the first half. She did fine in the second half too, but everybody else did fine. Queen was really our spark in the first half."

On reflecting on the "Kalani Brown Era" ...

"Well she's left her mark on the program, and I think the first thing Kalani will tell you that she doesn't have on her resume is a Final Four. We are going to try our darndest to get her there, and she's going to try her darndest to get us there. If it doesn't happen, it will never take away from her legacy here. She is up there with the greatest-of-greats that've played here. Could be a three-time All-American- the list goes on. How anybody could think that this kid is not the player of the year in this league- she's the only All-American in this conference. Everything people do revolves around Kalani Brown offensively and defensively. If I have to sell Kalani Brown, I'm not going to go out there and politic. She's been the player of the year, she's been a two-time All-American, she's done everything we've asked her to do. She's had a good year in the league, she's surrounded by great players, and she makes those players around her even better. She's just special."

BAYLOR SENIOR CENTER KALANI BROWN

On loosening up in the 3rd quarter...

"We just needed some more energy, so making those quick baskets kind of had a momentum change and we just took off from there."

On playing more in the Ferrell Center in the NCAA Tournament...

"Yeah, it's nice because I probably won't play in front of another crowd like this one. Baylor's fans are amazing. They travel with us, they go everywhere we go. I've never seen a fanbase like this for women's college basketball. So, yeah, I'm going to miss it and it's a great opportunity.

BAYLOR SOPHOMORE GUARD DIDI RICHARDS

On getting going on defense...

"In the second half, I kind of took it to heart. Because every game, someone is going to come at me thinking that she's the best defender, so I'm going to go at her. I feel like she (Vivian Gray) attacked me in the first half, so in the second half I kind of took it personal and I made it a goal to not have her (Gray) score on me as much as she did in the first half."

On the impressiveness of the 19-game win streak...

"I feel like our defense has been the most impressive part and watching Chloe (Jackson) and Kalani (Brown) dominate the way they are. They're making it fun to play and easy to play, because if you get in trouble, it's like 'Where's Lani, where's Chloe?', so it's fun. They make the people around them better for sure. So that's probably the most impressive on our record."

OKLAHOMA STATE HEAD COACH JIM LITTELL

Opening Statement...

"I thought our team competed hard in the first half and we were in the ball game and had a turnover before half to extend it to five, but they came out committed to pounding the ball inside. Their size and strength was too much for us and we just got buried down low the second half: 23 offensive boards and getting out-rebounded 60-32. They're very deserving of the ranking, great team with a lot of depth, a lot of good young players who come off the bench and are hungry in the third and fourth quarter.

On the biggest difference between the first and second half...

"I think they just wore us down with their strength and size. We had some opportunities and shots where I thought we could be even at halftime, but we looked up second half, they're running and just bury us under the goal posts. They were just a lot for us to handle inside with their size and strength."

On getting confidence going...

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"They're always in the right position, the hurry and their length causes trouble. Sometimes when you actually are open, you're hurried because you're worried about their size and length on the perimeter as well as inside."