**No. 9 BAYLOR (20-13) 78, No. 8 SYRACUSE (20-14) 69****
Thursday, March 21, 2019
Vivint SmartHome Arena (Salt Lake City, Utah)
Attendance: 16,807

**BAYLOR POSTGAME NOTES**

**MISCELLANEOUS NOTES**

* Baylor is 14-13 in 12 NCAA Tournament appearances, including an 11-7 mark in the **Scott Drew** era.
* Baylor won its 21 postseason game since 2009, tying Florida and Syracuse for the nation’s 7th-most in that span.
* BU improved to 2-4 in NCAA Tournament games against higher-seeded teams.
* Baylor is 1-2 all-time against Syracuse and 7-5 when facing ACC opponents.
* Baylor is 33-19 in postseason tournaments (conference and national) over the last 11 seasons.
* Baylor improved to 57-30 against non-conference teams in road-neutral games during the Drew era, including 34-15 since 2011-12.
* Baylor earned its 20th win of the season, the 10th 20-win season in the last 12 years. Prior to that stretch, BU had only three 20-win seasons in program history.
* Baylor is 282-139 since 2007-08, the first year Drew's staff had a full allotment of scholarships.

**TEAM NOTES**

* Baylor broke the school record for 3-pointers in an NCAA Tournament game by going 16-for-34. The previous record was 11 made 3-pointers vs. Colorado in 2012 and vs. Creighton in 2014.
* Baylor’s 16 made 3-pointers tied the 3rd-most in a game in program history and were the most since sinking 16 treys at TCU on Feb. 12, 2014.
* Only two Baylor players who played in Thursday’s game had previous NCAA Tournament experience –**King McClure** (4 games at Baylor) and **Makai Mason** (2 games at Yale).
* Baylor shot .538 from the field, the Bears’ 3rd-best field goal percentage in an NCAA Tournament game.
* BU extended the nation's 11th-longest active streak with at least one 3-point made in 902 straight games.
* Baylor started **Makai Mason, Jared Butler, King McClure Mario Kegler** and **Mark Vital** for the 10th time this season, and the Bears are 7-3 with that starting lineup.
* Baylor’s starting lineup combined for 18 assists against just 9 turnovers. **McClure** had 5 assists and 0 turnovers, while **Vital** (0 turnovers), **Butler** (2 turnovers) and **Mason** (3 turnovers) had 4 assists apiece.

**INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

* **Makai Mason** (22 points) scored in double-figures for the 22nd time in 27 games played this season and the 57th time in 89 career Division I games.
* **Mason** had his 5th 20-point game at Baylor (BU is 5-0 in those) and his 14th career 20-point game.
* **Mason’s** 22 points were the 6th-most by a Baylor player in an NCAA Tournament game.
* **Jared Butler** (14 points) scored in double-figures for the 17th time this season and 14th time in 19 games since joining the starting lineup.
* **Mason** (4-of-10 3FGs) and **Butler** (4-of-9 3FGs) tied Baylor’s 5th-most made 3-pointers in an NCAA Tournament game.
* **Mason**’s 3 steals tied the 3rd-most by a Baylor player in an NCAA Tournament game.
* **King McClure** (game-high 5 assists) led Baylor in assists for the 6th time this season and has his 6th career game with 5+ assists.
* **Mark Vital** had a team-high 6 rebounds, including 4 offensive boards.
* **Mario Kegler** (13 points) scored in double-figures for the 15th time in 27 games this season and 31st time in 58 career Division I games.
* **Freddie Gillespie** (2 blocks) blocked multiple shots for the 9th time this season. He has 24 blocks in his last 14 games after recording 4 blocks over his first 11 games.