

BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY

On setting the school record with eight players in double figures ...

"I said this on the radio, I know we're good. I don't know how good we are yet. I know in practice I have to be very careful because when we have inter-squad scrimmages we hurt each other. That's how competitive this team is, and that's good to a point, but I don't want them hurting each other in November. I want them making each other better, but how do you tell [Lauren Cox] and [NaLyssa Smith] to back off of each other? They're going at it. They have to make themselves better in a very competitive way in practice. I think it's a pleasure because I don't have to do a whole lot of teaching like I did last year. You've just got a team that... three freshmen from last year now are relaxed, they get it, they know the system, they know what's expected. Then you've got two newcomers who have college experience that have just flowed with the rest of us, then you've got Jordyn Oliver, the only freshman who has a basketball IQ that's pretty good for a freshman. So, it's almost like I feel like I'm boring them. But, I've got to keep them competitive, I've got to keep them motivated because this is a long season and it's a joy to go out there on the floor and just watch them."

On DiDi Richards' personality ...

"DiDi, it's just her, let her keep playing hard and let her be productive and then you can do whatever you want to. I learned a long time ago if you give me 20 and 10 every night I might look other way if you play bad defense. Butm DiDi just plays hard. She has personality, plus she knows when to be silly and when to be serious and I don't worry about that. You want a locker room that's happy, but you want a locker room that'll also get on you, and Didi will do a little bit of all that, as a captain she understands."

On freshman Jordyn Oliver...

"She has a great basketball IQ. She understands and sees things. She's gonna be like a freshman and have her ups and downs, but she's the only one we have so we can spend a great amount with her. She's already been in the film room after the last game and wants to see and learn and do all those things to learn. She doesn't just want to come in here and be content and say oh 'I'll wait my turn.' So, she's playing out of position really, when she plays the point for us she's more of an off guard, a two player."

On sophomore NaLyssa Smith ...

"NaLyssa is an offensive rebounding machine. She's a rebounding machine, period. To see that kid-- she's playing unbelievable basketball. She's so talented, can do things athletically that a lot of girls can't do and she gets better every day."

BAYLOR SOPHOMORE FORWARD NALYSSA SMITH

On ignoring the scoreboard...

"We really just go out there and play and focus on us, work on us. Just like in practice, we work one executing little things, so when you're playing and not focusing on the score, you're just focusing on yourself."

BAYLOR JUNIOR FORWARD DIDI RICHARDS

On big assists numbers ...

"Again, it's just [Na]Lyss[a] and [Lauren Cox] or even Erin [DeGrate] so when Erin comes in the game she's just taking over the paint so it's kinda hard not to hit them when they're posting as hard as they do."

On getting steals ...

"I play on ball defense really hard, I take that to heart, I feel like if someone goes by me it kinda hurts my feelings, it's like when you get broken up with in a relationship, so like I really go out of my way to get steals for that reason."