

BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY*On defense winning the game...*

"It was a battle wasn't it? Two teams that got after each other. It was physical. We got to the foul line 39 times. You make a little more than we did from the foul line, we could've breathed a little more throughout the game. I'm proud of the kids. I say the sincerely because we basically had two players from last years championship team on the floor. NaLyssa [Smith] was a role player last year. Queen [Egbo] was a role player last year. Now you're inserting those kids into the starting lineup, we didn't have our leader out there on the floor and you've got a new point guard. We battled and it was good to see. I thought our defense was tremendous but our offense is not in the flow yet. We think one option, two options and then we're supposed to score. It's gonna take some time, but we'll get there."

On Queen's post presence...

"She was giving us a post presence. We could see her numbers. She was running the floor and posting up big. We have to do a better job of getting her the ball. Here's where I have to work with Coop [Te'a Cooper] and those handling the ball, they know what they're supposed to do. But, what they don't see is what everyone else is supposed to do, what you're next option is and where the ball needs to go. That comes with time when you have a new guard. [Lauren] Cox has the ability on the floor to make those around her better. Right now we're struggling to find out who that person is because everyone's working hard and everyone's trying to do good and do their job, but it's not a flow offensively right now. But, we won."

On defense keeping USF to four points during the last six minutes of the game...

"It's huge. I don't just look at that one moment in the game because there were many moments where they cut it. Good teams compete. They competed and we competed. I can't criticize this team because of what they did today. We will get better in areas but defense won this game for us. We couldn't finish layups, missed too many free throws, but I loved it. Had we lost the game, I wouldn't be happy but I couldn't go in that locker room and say our defense was bad. I thought our effort was really good."

On DiDi playing aggressive defense and being the ball handler late in the game...

"Late in the game you go with your experienced players and she and Juicy [Landrum] are the experienced players. DiDi [Richards] had the ball in her hands because DiDi [Richards] can make things happen off the dribble. Juicy is at the off-guard because you can get a bucket out of her, which we did late in the game. Coop [Te'a Cooper] is learning the point guard position but by nature she's a two player. Coop [Te'a Cooper] did fine. She's just going to get better and better at the point."

On if fixing is needed on the offensive end...

"Yes. They only scored 46 points. They shot 28 [percent]. We're just not in sync offensively because we want to keep the ball on one side of the floor and score after only one or two passes. Good teams won't let you do that and we just have to get better at that."

BAYLOR SOPHOMORE POST QUEEN EGBO*On being trusted late in the game...*

"Knowing your team trusted you and your coaches trusted you to put you in a situation where every single play matters. It's definitely not an opportunity you want to give away. It felt good knowing the team around you trusted you."

On having the ball late in games...

"Well I want to have a big presence, and I know if not necessarily that our guards are hitting shots, I know we need to get something on the inside so I was just thinking get the ball into your hands and get to the rim, get contact, and make them foul you, and finish free throws. But just get inside and have a big post presence and finish layups."

BAYLOR JUNIOR FORWARD DIDI RICHARDS*On how this game helps move the team forward...*

"I think this was a good wake up call, we kind of have been coasting in the beginning of the season so I think this was good going into the Virgin Islands I feel so I'm happy to see that we did have the ability to overcome adversity at the end of the day."

On it taking a while to match their physicality...

"I definitely think they were physical but I think we definitely answered well, we're kind of small without LC [Lauren Cox] so being able to battle is something we're going to have to be able to develop over time because I think every team is going to realize we aren't as strong with Lani [Kalani Brown] and Cox [Lauren Cox]."

On guarding their leading scorer...

"It's what they want me to do, it's guard their best player. It's what I've been doing since last year so this year I'm trying to be able to know when to take breaks within the game, because there are times to take breaks within the game. I feel like it had an effect on my offensive end, I think I just wasn't able to complete shots at the end of the day but I got to the free throw line so don't yell at me too much."

On how they didn't lose control of the game...

"Defense. At the end of the day we knew that if we couldn't score on offense as long as they didn't score we're gonna win the game, so I think we definitely had control of the game because we could control them on their offensive end."