

**BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY**

*On rotating out players every quarter ...*

"We're getting ready to go to the Virgin Islands, and we play three games in three days. That was the plan and it worked out that I could do that. The worst thing of the whole night was at the beginning of the second quarter we had too many turnovers, and it snowballed from there. When you rotate that many kids it doesn't look good. Good things that did happen are: keeping them to single digits in every quarter, they only shot 17 percent from the field, and we shot the ball better than I realized. Bad thing again is free throws. Free throws are going to cost us if we can't get up there and make free throws. The two negatives were the turnovers and missed free throws, but the positive was everyone got to play and everyone got to score and do something good."

*On the guards and Caitlin Bickle feeding the post...*

"I just told them in the locker room, I think Caitlin Bickle had a lot of assists in the second half because she gets the ball to [Erin] DeGrate better than anybody. [Lauren] Cox is another one that can get the ball to players in the right spot. Not everybody can jump and leap to go after the ball. [Erin] DeGrate is the type of post player that is going to get position and you have to be able to feed her in that split second and [Caitlin] Bickle can do that and [Lauren] Cox can do that. [Te'a] Cooper did a better job of distributing the ball and trying to do some things. After the film session from last game, she worked on some things that I challenged her to do."

*On the difference between the second and fourth quarter on offense...*

"Turnovers. They turned the ball over too much in the second quarter, and in the fourth they didn't turn the ball over as much. Comfort was another reason. They played the ten minutes in the second quarter, maybe they realized 'just relax and go play.'"

*On players stepping up in the absence of Lauren Cox...*

"We're going to look for you. NaLyssa [Smith] and Queen [Egbo] are going to run the floor, so you better get back in transition defense because they're going to run the floor with our guards. We're really focusing on if they're going to run the floor, let's reward them. They have to do a better job of taking care of the ball. They can't turn it over as much as they're turning it over. They're athletic and they're hard to guard. You have to get a body on them and they're going to go to the glass and they're going to rebound the ball. It's not just the scoring that they're doing. They're trying to rebound and give us second chance points. They're trying to not let the other team get a second rebound. They're trying to do a lot of things. Defense is getting better. Queen and NaLyssa are in a different role than they were last year. They have to be an all-around player. The one big thing is they need to focus on taking care of the ball. They have to focus on not turning the ball over."

*On DiDi Richards ...*

"If you don't understand the game of basketball and you're not watching things like her defense, you can't understand the value of DiDi Richards. She can play four positions on the floor for us. She also has to go guard four positions on the floor if I need her to do that. You can't take her off the floor. She's one of those kids that gets everyone to play harder. She gets her hands on stuff and she's a tremendous defensive player."

*On the second quarter without the starters...*

"I had to tell them, 'Would y'all take a deep breath?' I kept telling them that in the timeouts. You're going to cost your team a game if you turn the ball over in a game like this and I've put you in as a sub. The turnovers bothered me in the second quarter but you let them play through it. In a big game, I wouldn't let them play through it. You're not going to cost me a game. You let them in a game like this play through it."

**BAYLOR SOPHOMORE FORWARD NALYSSA SMITH**

*On having a game where you can rest...*

"Yeah, I feel like it's good cause we can rest our bodies and at the end of the day we're working on us so just for the second group to go in and just work on our offense, things we do in practice, and for us to just execute thing that we normally do in practice, just to do it in a game."

*On defense being important...*

"Like I said, everything is important, especially doing it in a game, we do it everyday in practice, working on press just in case we play a team that does press we know how to execute it when it does happen. And us pressing we just gotta work on us every day so just doing it in games just helps us."

*On not missing a shot...*

"Yeah but I had missed free throws and five turnovers so I need to work on that."

**BAYLOR SOPHOMORE CENTER QUEEN EGBO**

*On going against the second group in practice...*

"We mix it up, but yeah just like Lyss said, executing things in a game, you get a real idea for what teams are gonna do and how teams are gonna play you, because you practice a certain way but the other team can always switch things up so it's good to have an idea of what they're doing."

*On utilizing her size ...*

"Yeah, they weren't that tall so it was definitely a mismatch."