

**BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY***On Lauren Cox's difference...*

"Lauren makes us a better basketball team because of her experience, because of her ability to pass the ball. She just has knowledge. She sees things develop before they develop so having her back on the floor, she's not a polished product right now but who expects that when you sit out that long? Little by little we'll all get back in shape and start being a little more polished."

*On NaLyssa Smith's 25 points...*

"I kept her in there and let her get that last rebound, did you see that? What an unselfish team. When Juicy (Landrum) said, 'Coach, take me out and let NaLyssa get one more rebound.' You're not going to always have the opportunity to let them get a double-double or break a record, but when you have that opportunity and you're that close and they're pulling for each other and 'you can do it,' you do it. I think she got it with about six or seven seconds left there at the end. You've got to give Juicy credit, I guess she remembered the other night. She helped her break a record. For NaLyssa to be able to get that rebound and have 10 rebounds, that's a big deal to us because if you get 10 rebounds in our program you get your name on the board. We go every game (and) put stats on the board, what our goals are, what we achieve, but if you are a rebound star, you have to have 10 or more. She gets to keep her name on this game line the rest of the year."

*On looking back at the decade...*

"Well, we won two national championships, right? I'll let history speak for itself when I'm retired, dead, and gone. You just continue to try to continue to recruit great players, maintain a level of excellence that was started 20 years ago when this coaching staff was hired. It's hard. I preach this all the time, but I don't think it registers, I really don't. Don't become complacent, and don't take it for granted. It doesn't last forever, and when it's gone, it's going to be hard to get it back. That's why every day we wake up thinking of something to keep the program relevant, particularly in women's sports."

**BAYLOR SENIOR FORWARD LAUREN COX***On her play after shaking the rust off...*

"I don't question [my foot]. It's just about getting back in shape. I haven't played in six weeks and there's nothing you can do off the court to get back in game shape besides playing."

*On notables from the games she missed...*

"Just help-side defense. I'm good at knowing when to help, knowing when not to help. DiDi [Richards] can apply a little bit more ball pressure because she knows I'm back there and she trusts me to help her out."

*On moving to the second all-time in blocks...*

"I didn't know that. Well, that's what I do, I play defense."

**BAYLOR SOPHOMORE FORWARD NALYSSA SMITH***On the differences with Lauren Cox being back...*

"When Lauren is on the floor, everything feels a lot more smooth. Even back to the basics, how everything was normal. We find each other on the floor well. I feel like we play good together. I'm glad she's back."