



# #2/1 BAYLOR 87, TEXAS TECH 79 ● JAN. 25, 2020 ● WACO, TEXAS ● FERRELL CENTER ● ATTENDANCE: 7,098

### **BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY**

On Texas Tech shooting 39 threes...

"Well, I wasn't expecting that many. They have shot a lot of threes this year. I don't know that I expected that many. But, you do what you have to do. It was very effective. They hit six in the first quarter, we adjusted a little after halftime and they only hit six the rest of the game."

On the game being a "survival" type of game...

"It was survival, but sometimes you have to credit the opponent. You need to say, 'Hey, Baylor is getting everybody's best shot and Baylor's not at full speed.' You have to keep perspective. We don't have the same people on the floor right now that we did when we played West Virginia or UConn. But, we'll get there."

On halftime defensive adjustments...

"I didn't change anything. Nothing defensively. I just told them to stay with them. I went with the smaller lineup in the third quarter. I thought that the smaller lineup was more effective, but that was the only adjustment. There wasn't anything to tell them fundamentally to do differently. We just went small."

On NaLyssa Smith...

"She's getting better every day. When you deal with a high ankle sprain, you're never going to be at one hundred percent. The main factor for us is limp. When I see you're moving laterally with no limp or any give, then you're good to go. With high ankle sprains, it's not day-to-day, it's week-to-week. She's the most anxious one to get back onto the floor. Every time I look down the bench she's looking at me like, 'Give me a few minutes.' We're sure ready to have her back out there. Until she's back, you pick, push, prod, grind and do all of that along the way. Sometimes you don't push the right buttons, and sometimes you do. But, the bottom line is that we still win."

#### **BAYLOR SENIOR GUARD JUICY LANDRUM**

On scoring more in the paint...

"It was just there today. Coach made an emphasis on getting to the paint when the post comes and sets a screen. I just tried to execute what she was telling us to do.

On defense energizing the offense...

"I would say it gets our offense going. Our defense was much better in the second half. Defense leads to good offense."

## **BAYLOR SENIOR FORWARD LAUREN COX**

On Brewer playing more on the perimeter...

"Her playing on the perimeter made it more of a challenge to guard her today. Before this game, she was one-for-five or one-for-eight, something like that. She definitely went off today and that's something we have to be aware of the next time we play Texas Tech.

On Baylor starting to pull away in the third quarter...

"Our defense allowed us to pull away. We were helping each other, we were talking more and securing our rebounds. It was definitely on the defensive end."

## **TEXAS TECH HEAD COACH MARLENE STOLLINGS**

On sustaining a strong start...

"For us, it was to stay true to the game plan. Our goal coming in was to shoot the ball from the outside. They're so good defensively. They don't give you a lot of stuff at the basket so we knew we were going to have to be able to knock down those shots. In the first half, we did a very good job of that. In the second half, our percentage dropped off quite a bit. We ended up with the 12 made threes but, at 30 percent. At halftime, we were at 38 percent so we didn't shoot it particularly well the second half."

On Baylor's effort to get past the perimeter...

"They increased their intensity defensively. And, again we have great respect for them defensively. I think it's one of the things that's underscored in my time at [Texas] Tech so far: watching Baylor and how good they are on defense. Obviously, they won the national championship last year, but the defense they play is something that I have great respect for."

On DiDi Richards, Lexi Gordon matchup...

"Yes, Lexi [Gordon] was hot from the three-point line. I think when they changed and put DiDi [Richards] on her it kind of took care of that piece. DiDi, is obviously an outstanding national defender, so we had to start going to some other people at that point."