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

On seeing NaLyssa Smith back on the floor...

"It's good, but it makes me nervous. I put her back in to get another rebound and I told her, 'Don't get hurt.' I wanted her to get that rebound. The kid was on a roll before she got hurt. She reached that point where she started to get it. Then she gets injured and you get frustrated and she gets frustrated. She's not there yet. She still gimps up and down the floor. She doesn't think that she does, but she's like [Lauren] Cox and a lot of the great ones. She can help us, but you have to be smart and careful about how you use her. I thought Queen [Egbo] and Moon [Ursin] kept playing the way they've been playing with coming off the bench for us. It was a good night and everybody got to play. We got to do some things with the big lineup which we might have to use down the stretch.

On not allowing Kansas to score any second-chance points...

"That's one of the ways to win the game. I told the girls, 'Give them one shot.' Give them one shot. We've emphasized that this year because earlier in the year we weren't rebounding the ball as well as we could. What's really impressive is when I have the three bigs on the floors together. It can be a little intimidating to have that size on the floor. I'm excited about that. Once we get them all well, that's a big thing that can help us.

On Moon Ursin and Queen Egbo...

"They are playing excellent basketball. They give me a rotation and help us not miss a beat until we can get Lys [NaLyssa Smith] back to 100 percent. Queen had a double-double tonight. Her and Moon are playing well. It's good to see.

## **BAYLOR SOPHOMORE FORWARD NALYSSA SMITH**

On getting back on the floor...

"When we practice and have shootaround, I feel like every day I am seeing a lot of progress. I'm seeing that."

On hitting her stride in the 3rd period...

"Once I start to see my shot go in, or when little things start to work, I keep doing the things that I see are working.

### **BAYLOR SENIOR CENTER QUEEN EGBO**

On playing while NaLyssa Smith was out...

"I got more experience. I became more comfortable. Every game you play, you get a little more comfortable and you grow a little bit. During the time she was out, it was an opportunity for me to become more comfortable in areas that I wasn't as comfortable as I should have been."

## KANSAS HEAD COACH BRANDON SCHNEIDER

Opening Statement...

I'd like to start by really expressing my appreciation to Coach [Kim] Mulkey and her staff and the athletic department here at Baylor for taking some time to recognize Coach [Larry] Tidwell and especially Jhasmin Player who is on our staff. I wasn't aware that that was going to happen. I thought that was a really cool, appropriate, and first class move on their part. It's greatly appreciated.

On Baylor's bench...

They played a lot. That helps when you get to play that many minutes. I think they're a terrific program. I think they're better than they were a year ago and could very well be right back in the national championship hunt. Having that type of production off the bench is one of the reasons I do think that. It's those young players that are more developed and have more experience maybe than they did a year ago.

On Baylor's inside game with Lauren Cox and NaLyssa Smith...

It's stupid good. They have four bigs that would for anybody else in the conference and maybe top five programs for that matter, not just in our league. Then, when they play [Lauren] Cox at the three some, that causes a whole other set of problems. Their program for as long as I can remember has had extremely good interior play. It's really, really good.

On Kansas' future after this game...

I think you take it for what it is. I think you take the moments. Aniya Thomas, I thought after struggling in the first quarter snapped out of it and played well. Brooklyn Mitchell for us I thought played really hard all night. She's been in a little bit of a slump and I was happy with her effort. I think you have to take this for what it is and move on to the next game.