



# #2/2 BAYLOR 81, TCU 62 ● FEB. 12, 2020 ● WACO, TEXAS ● FERRELL CENTER ● ATTENDANCE: 8,271

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

On performance in the third quarter...

"The first thing was to stop dribble penetration and the second was to help the help defense. [Lauren] Cox and Queen [Egbo] did a great job helping but then TCU gets a layup because we are hugging our man away from the ball. We corrected those things in the locker room. We can't turn the ball over. We had too many turnovers in the first half. We had a comfortable lead with two minutes to go and I'm going to coach till the end. What do you think I said at the end of those last two minutes? It wasn't really good. Every kid in that Baylor uniform will be held accountable. I want them all to play, but when you go out there I expect you to maintain the lead. So you constantly teach. This game was important, they're all important. But this game gave us a little separation [in the Big 12]. Now we have a three-game lead and have to play two tough games on the road. It was a good basketball game. TCU is a good team. They play with a chip on their shoulder. I want those guys to stay like that and take care of business.

On an emphasis on attacking the rim...

"This week there was an emphasis on post touches, but our posts have to get deep and want the ball. They have to take hits and not take fadeaways. Get to the rim. If they block your shot, they block your shot. Queen [Egbo] set the tone with that. She got to the rim and gave us a big presence in the paint. Everyone else then started to do the same."

On DiDi Richards' defensive presence...

"She held [Kianna] Ray to five points. Ray plays 33 minutes and she's one of their best players. DiDi had an all-around good game. DiDi [Richards] and [Lauren] Cox are your two best defenders. You're going to put DiDi on whoever she needs to be put on. [Kianna] Ray isn't the only good player for TCU. But, we had to choose who we needed to defend. When we stopped dribble penetration in the second half, it opened things up a little bit."

### **BAYLOR JUNIOR FORWARD DIDI RICHARDS**

On Baylor's good free-throw shooting...

"Considering that we haven't been making free throws lately, this game was really a turn around for us. Hopefully we start making free throws."

On leading the team in points and rebounds...

"It's knowing when to take the shot and when to pass the ball. With posts and guards that can score as well as we do, it makes it easy for me to get nine assists. With my man double-teaming LC [Lauren Cox] and Lys [Nalyssa Smith] being the roamer makes it easy for me to hit a jumper now and again. It's just reading the defense."

## **BAYLOR SENIOR FORWARD LAUREN COX**

On how good she felt tonight...

"I'm not shooting two for eight anymore. I have to just keep getting to the rim when I'm tired instead of trying to shoot jump shots or draw fouls like coach said."

On getting to the rim...

"My jump shot isn't falling right now. So, when you can't get an outside shot, you have to go to the rim and get a little closer."

On running the pick and roll with Juicy Landrum...

"If we set a good screen, they have to guard our guards in there because they can knock down that midrange shot. So, when we can get a pick and roll like that it's good. Coach has been on us to roll every time."

#### TCU HEAD COACH REAGAN PEBLEY

"We weren't at our best selves in the first half, but we were able to keep it tight and keep it close. We were able to rely on some things defensively that helped us. We kept them off the free-throw line. Both teams didn't really go to the free throw line in the first half. I like the way it was called, I thought it was pretty consistent there. The second half, especially the third quarter, Baylor dialed up their defense and I don't think we responded well. We gave up too many high-percentage shots to them. The free-throw line in the second half was definitely a difference maker for both teams between the first and the second half."

On the topic of a difference with Lauren Cox...

"I thought Queen [Egbo] played really well. Queen filled that roll of NaLyssa [Smith] really well at our place. I didn't think that affected Lauren [Cox]. I do believe that Lauren is effective in the paint with her back to the basket, but she's much more comfortable facing (the basket). I think that's definitely part of the revolution of her game. I didn't really feel like there was a big difference as to how that impacted Lauren. In our defensive game plan, we execute it to put her in a position to where she is a lower percentage shooter. I'll have to go back and look at film and see if that was effective."

On the topic of the third quarter...

"The ball stuck in our hands a little too long. We didn't move it fast enough. I think that caused our off-ball movement to be too stagnant. We'll get better from that."