

BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY

On cutting down another net and tonight's game...

"It's fun for the fans, it's fun for the newcomers and the kids who have never done that, but it's a lot fun for those of us who have. That's what you play for. I thought we played good today. I thought we defended things well, we changed some things, I put [Lauren] Cox on the big girl inside. Last time, I had her on [Peyton] Williams and I thought it was very effective with Cox being our biggest player. Kansa State is a very good basketball team. They're very methodical in what they try to do, and you never feel like you're just blowing them out and taking off, you always have to worry about the three ball, you always have to worry about them executing things. We didn't handle their zone very well. There were spurts where they went to the zone and we didn't handle it very well. I didn't think we came in here and overlooked them and were thinking about cutting downs nets, I thought that we took care of what we needed to do on the floor today."

On Lauren Cox...

"Lauren is Lauren and she is just more aggressive right now, getting in the floor better, making shots, finishing and this is the time of year you need to do it. As I've told many people, quit looking at Lauren Cox's stats, she's not going to be a kid that gives you 30 and 15 every night, but if you look at what she gives everyone on her team, it's the equivalent to the same thing. She's a winner, she's smart, she has a basketball IQ that's off the charts and she's cut a lot of these nets down in her career at Baylor."

On the team's performance as a whole right now...

"I think we're getting there. Knock on wood, we're healthy right now. You see NaLyssa Smith starting to relax a little bit with her ankle. We're shooting the ball good and it's the time of year to do it."

KANSAS STATE HEAD COACH JEFF MITTE

Opening Statement:

Well, I saw they were so aggressive early in the game, both [Lauren] Cox and [NaLyssa] Smith were really good early in this game. They really took it at our 4's and 5's and we were behind every play, in that stretch of the game. I thought for our purposes, that [Angela] Harris kept us within at least striking distance in the first quarter, but they hit us pretty good. And that second quarter was just not good. I thought our group came out and played better in the third quarter. [I] thought our 4's and 5's, [Ayoka] Lee and [Peyton] Williams, really played well in the second half, but ultimately you can't play twenty minutes and expect to walk out of here with any opportunity to win.

On Cox and Smith's Play ...

"Just on film, I thought that she (Cox) looked as good as I've seen her. Looks healthy again and looks in shape, certainly had a good rhythm. I would agree with that. And, I thought Smith was good. I thought both were really aggressive early. You could see it."

On containing Lee...

"We didn't get the ball in there really timely, and Baylor's guards really got a crowd around her and I thought they were physical, and I thought that [Akoya] Lee just early seemed to feel like the traffic was around her more and I thought she got really indecisive."