

West Virginia vs. Oklahoma Women's Basketball Quotes January 8, 2016

West Virginia University Head Coach Mike Carey

Opening statement

Great team effort. Lord knows we needed that one. We needed to get a win. Give a lot of credit to the players. I thought we got a little tired in the second half and that's why we got into foul trouble, because we got tired. We were able to pull out the win, so that was a big win. I thought Lanay Montgomery played well. Teana (Muldrow) played well when she was in there. Tynice (Martin) played well. Alexis Brewer, boy was it nice to have her back this game. It really makes a big difference when you have someone to put in when someone isn't playing well so at least we had Alexis to go in and play well off the bench which made a big difference today.

On playing better after two losses

We played harder. We just played harder. Then when we got tired, we started turning the ball over. I just can't keep fresh people in there. It is what it is. Someone said they're going to get me a coffee cup that says "it is what it is." Evidently, I keep saying it. I'll try not to say it anymore. We just try to keep some fresh people in there and that's all we can do but when you get tired, that is when you get into foul trouble. When you turn the ball over you lose and that type of stuff.

On senior center Lanay Montgomery and the rest of the teams play

Yeah, she had 16 points and 14 rebounds. Tynice Martin had 11 rebounds, which is what we needed because Teana (Muldrow) was in foul trouble most of the game. I thought she stepped up on the boards also. Chania (Ray) had 10 assists, that's what we need, I think we had 20 assists on 32 field goals that's pretty good.

Decision to play Alexis Brewer

It was made as soon as the Baylor game was over. I told her ready or not, you're playing. She tweaked her knee a couple of times. It will be sore tomorrow. She did a good job toughing it out and hit some big shots, drove the ball, did a lot of good things for us.

University of Oklahoma Assistant Coach Chad Thrailkill

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From our standpoint, I think we came out and West Virginia just right off the bat took it to us. They were more physical than we were, they got loose balls, loose rebounds and they jumped on us early. I think we were just kind of swimming upstream, obviously, the whole game. We came out early I felt like we got up 2-0, four minutes in it was still 2-0 then we just kind of didn't ride the wave from there so again just another night on the road. We're in the Big 12 and we have to learn from this and we will get better and look forward to moving on.

On junior guard Gabbi Ortiz performance in the 3rd quarter

She did and Gabbi has the potential to do that. She's just got to become more consistent with that. We were at a point where it was fight or flight. I think once she just let's herself play and doesn't get wrapped up in too many of the intricacies and over thinking herself and she just let herself go play, shoot the ball, make some big plays and obviously hit some big shots for us. I think just letting herself mentally be free.

On Lanay Montgomery's play inside

We didn't have answer for her tonight, we really didn't. She did some things that she hasn't done against us in the past and just one of those things, we had a hard time moving her off the block and getting her to catch where we wanted her to catch it. Their guards did a good job of getting her the ball where she needed to get it. I think with our half-court trap also she got some baskets there against some smaller defenders. They did a good job of getting her the ball against our half-court trap which we haven't seen yet. So there were some opportunities there and then obviously offensive rebounds, just some balls we need to come up with. She did a great job tonight and we didn't do much to combat that either.