



# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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## OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH SHERRI COALE

### Opening statement:

"I really liked our performance. I know we had one little cold spot there, but overall, the way we valued the basketball with 17 assists and nine turnovers, the valid scoring, the poise in our attack, I was really pleased. We had a couple of defensive possessions where we kind of lost our game plan a little bit and our focus wasn't really good but aside from that, when [Iowa State] scored, they made great plays and they made tough shots, [Iowa State Coach Bill Fennelly] did some really good things to try to counter the way we were guarding so, give them credit. Iowa State played really well."

### On her team's offensive performance:

"I thought we could see, you know? I know that sounds crazy. But I thought we played at the right tempo and we could see what was available and the game is just so much easier when you do that. And the kid that's not up here that I thought really showed the most improvement in terms of recognizing tempo is Gioya Carter. I just thought she played at the right pace tonight and made some really good things happen."

### On her team's second quarter struggle:

"I think we just took them a little too quickly. Then we kind of shot like, 'I'm not sure if I should take this one or wait for another one' and so we weren't quite as convicted as we had been early and I just tried to tread lightly down that line because I loved the conviction with which they shot in the first quarter, and didn't want shooters second-guessing themselves. At the same time, we felt like we had such an advantage with (Vionise Pierre-Louis) on the block and it was crazy to not at least try and check that every time we had an offensive possession, so I just tried to tread lightly along that line, giving them the green light once we had checked the light and we got the rhythm back."

### On Gileysa Penzo's impact off the bench:

"Her value – it's hard to put a tag on that. She's tremendous in terms of her attitude every day – she is the same every single day. She works her tail off, she communicates, she holds people accountable. And she's terrific against zones. Several times this year, I've put her in part of the rotation that is maybe not typical because we're playing a team that's running the zone and she's really good at getting in the middle and finding people and I loved the opportunity to put her in tonight and let her do a little bit of that."

## OKLAHOMA REDSHIRT SENIOR GUARD PEYTON LITTLE

### On her fourth quarter performance:

"Coach and I were laughing coming up out of the tunnel talking about how everyone else was scoring. I was like, 'well fine I want to score some too.' I think I was focused a little more on the defensive end, and then eventually the offense."

### On gaining momentum after hitting her first shot:

"Anytime you can get one to go in, and you see the ball go in the basket, you kind of get your mojo."

### On how she evaded Iowa State's defense:

"I think it was me just trusting myself. I don't think it was anything defensively. I think they played the same defense the whole time."

## OKLAHOMA REDSHIRT SENIOR GUARD MADDIE MANNING

### On Peyton Little's fourth quarter performance:

"When she hit her second three I ran down the floor and said 'timely threes. It's about time you showed up.' That was big. Big plays. She made them when they counted."

### On the Sooners' quick start in the first quarter:

"It started right away. I knew I was going to shoot the first shot when I got it. Last game when I didn't shoot it, it didn't go over too well. It just started right there and I just felt like when we took the open shot, moved the ball well and found it in rhythm."

## IOWA STATE HEAD COACH BILL FENNELLY

### Opening statement:

"It is tough to get down 17 on the road to against a top-20 team and have a chance to win. I was proud of our kids effort to come back. We ended the first half on a 6-0 run, the fourth quarter we shot about 70 percent. I think it was a great example of seniors and great players making plays at big times. [Peyton] Little, [Gioya] Carter, they made the plays that they had to make and that is what leaders do, that is what seniors do, that is what leaders do and they certainly made a ton of them especially at the end of the first half and the start of the fourth quarter."

### On Peyton Little's fourth quarter performance:

"I think she got hot, she hit big shots. I thought that we defended her okay for most of the time. Again, that is a great player who is a senior, who is a leader making winning plays and that is what you see. You guys saw it a few days ago with our men's team, our men's team is loaded with great players who are seniors who have a 'refuse to lose' mentality and I think that Peyton Little has that. I think Gioya Carter has that. I think that it is evident, I always tell players that you want to be at your best, when your best is needed and those two I think fit that completely tonight."