



# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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## OKLAHOMA HEAD BASKETBALL COACH SHERRI COALE

### Opening statement:

"Some good things and some not so good things. One of the things that we wanted to focus on in this game was ball security. We had 17 turnovers in the first exhibition, so much better tonight with only eight. We scored a lot of points. We had a lot of guys get in on the action. Scoring was really balanced. I thought Maddie set the tone in the first half. She really attacked the game. Vivi (Pierre-Louis) was incredibly efficient with her minutes. Eighteen points and eleven rebounds in only nineteen minutes are pretty good numbers. We are just evolving. We're getting better and figuring things out. We have a long ways to go but again lots of good information from the game tonight."

### On guard Maddie Manning's fast start:

"(Maddie) asserted herself. I think sometimes she allows others to get involved and tries too hard. It makes things a little difficult because she's trying so hard to get other people involved early in the game. She needs to make the defense stop her and then she can play off of that all that she wants. I thought she did that tonight."

### On center Vionise Pierre-Louis' performance:

"She is a load when she can catch a ball with a foot in the paint. If she catches the ball with two feet in the paint it's over. She's just so strong. Her post moves are so sound. It's up to her to post up and demand the ball, but it's up to us as guards to figure out how to get her the ball at the right time. I thought that was better tonight, both her demanding and her timing."

### On guard Ana Llanusa's 22-point game:

"I don't know what you call it. I really don't. I mean all of a sudden she has 13 (points) in the fourth quarter. I do know the reason. I do know where that came from because she was diligent, all night long, running the right or left lane as hard as she possibly could. I think a couple of things happened. I think the other team gets tired and you really reap the benefits of doing that late in the game. But I also think the universe rewards you when you're doing the right thing over and over again. I love her willingness not to be trapped in a previous possession. She just moves on to the next play as well as any young kid I have ever coached."

### On senior guard Gabbi Ortiz's performance:

"I like her head right now. She has a really clear head. She missed a couple of three's in a row. I think she was 2-for-8 from three. She's not going to do that a lot. She's going to make more than that. She's an 80 percent shooter from the three-point line. That number will go up. But I loved the way she's playing right now. She knows how to get herself back on track."

## FRESHMAN GUARD SHAINA PELLINGTON

### On the speed of the game:

"I would say it's slowing down. I feel like the game for me has always been kind of slow because of my speed. In terms of decision-making, I think personally, I could do a better job of that on being more decisive when I drive to the basket, making sure I don't get too deep."

### On mental effect of the game:

"You get tired, you definitely get tired but this is what I live for. Any opportunity I get to play basketball, any opportunity I get to do what I love, I'm not going to take it for granted. In terms of rest, I don't need it."

### On having time off:

"When I first actually finished playing in Europe, I had two weeks off in all year. I'm used to it; it's something that I've been training for a long time to do. I know that time is limited, but if I'm going to use my time up, I'd rather use it by playing basketball."

### On adjusting to OU's offense:

"I mean, at first, it was definitely different, especially like you said - I came in a little later, but I think I've done a good job adjusting and Coach (Coale) is always diligent in terms of explaining things to me and making sure I absolutely get it. Because not only am I coming in as a freshman, but I'm coming in as a freshman point guard so any time I can watch video with her or other coaches, it all helps."

## FRESHMAN GUARD ANA LLANUSA

### On the speed of the game:

"For me, it is fast but I feel like I've adjusted to it."

### On honoring Country Paris Friday:

"I used to come here all the time and watch; (Courtney) was my favorite player. She's amazing."

### On her 22-point performance:

"Honestly, I didn't even notice it. I was just out there playing. I give a lot of it to my teammates. If they didn't get me the ball, I wouldn't be able to score. A lot of it comes from them."