



OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH SHERRI COALE

Opening Statement:

“I thought we played really hard. I think what the fans got to see tonight is a taste of what this team will do. We have to play with a rather high risk-reward system because we’re not big, and everybody has bought into that as you can tell tonight. This group has a nice feel about them. They like each other. They play well together. They’re learning, and they’re willing to learn and willing to listen. It’s fun. It’s fun to coach them, and we shot it super well tonight. That covers all kinds of things, and when we go back and look at the film we’ll see a lot of things we need to do better. When you shoot over 50 percent from three, it covers a lot of stuff up.”

On having a natural ability to score:

“We have shot the ball really well in practice. We have consistently for the 25, 26 practices we’ve had. Every day we’re hovering around the 50 percent mark from two, and hovering around 40-plus from three almost everyday. We’ve kept it really simple – what we want to do offensively. They understand how to play off of one another’s strengths. Taylor (Robertson) hit a couple tonight. They were really looking to find her again while she had the hot hand. They are understanding how to space off of Shaina’s (Pellington) penetration. She can really break people down, obviously. When you space with that kind of firepower, it’s a problem. We’re just trying to be really, really good with a few things.”

On the Sooners’ defense:

“The first quarter, I have no idea what we were doing. We weren’t getting matched up. It was like everybody was confused, and they didn’t know who they had. When we came back off the press and just picked them up in the half-court, it let everybody get settled in a little bit, and then extended the defense back out. We were much better. I think it’s just a little of that first game jitters. They were really good in practice defensively... We’ve got to create some offense out of our defense, which we did tonight.”

SOPHOMORE GUARD SHAINA PELLINGTON

On being a leader on the team:

“I don’t think there is much of difference at all. We both knew coming into the season that we were going to have a big role, same as last year as well. Our roles haven’t changed, it’s just that we are a little bit older. We are grateful for the opportunity we have and we are taking full advantage of it.”

On her jump shots:

“I lost count on how many jump shots I’ve taken, but I think I should first start off by thanking my teammates and staff and everybody who has helped me. I don’t just shoot on my own all the time, I shoot with people who are helping me rebound all the time, talking in my ear saying ‘Shaina, keep shooting, keep shooting, keep shooting’, even when I tell myself I can’t. I feel like it’s a good opportunity now to thank those guys, because I can’t do what I did tonight if it wasn’t for them.”

FRESHMAN GUARD TAYLOR ROBERTSON

On her seven 3-point shots to tie the freshman record:

“It definitely was a confidence booster for everyone on the team because we were all taking and making good shots. Hopefully that will keep going into the next game.”

On fitting into the offense:

“It is really fun to play in because we are either getting drives in layups or kicks to the posts or kick outs for a three and that is the type of offense I like to play in.”