



OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH SHERRI COALE

Opening Statement:

"It was a great win. All wins are great wins and we did some really good stuff. We've got to eliminate our turnovers and we've got to make our free throws. My goodness, we might've scored 130 if we just kind of did both of those things."

On their struggles at the free throw line:

"That free throw thing is an anomaly. I've never shot a ton of them in practice. We shoot them some when we're in between working on things, but free throws are rhythm. They're muscle memory pattern. These guys have made them since they were in fifth grade. That number (today) is crazy. So we'll fix it. They're going to practice."

On the team's balanced scoring:

"I thought we shared it well today. We were trying to create a little more rhythm offensively. We would have liked to have a little more rhythm and penetration but they were sagging and asking us to shoot it, so we did. But, I thought in transition we had some really nice breaks. We didn't shoot it particularly well from behind the arc as a team, but we still were able to score 93 points, so a lot of people can put the ball in the net."

On the depth in the backcourt and figuring out rotations that work:

"We'll play them all. The way we need to play, to be successful, everybody is going to get in the game. They play different sorts of orders and groups in practice all the time. I would say that the turnovers are not from lack of familiarity, just from focus and concentration. Sometimes, we try to score 10 points on one play and I've never seen that happen in the history of this game. So we just need to chill a little bit and keep sharing the ball."

On Madi Williams' all-around play early on this season:

"She's just a tremendous athlete. She has a really high IQ, too. She can pass it and made a really nice play on a backdoor cut to Gily (Penzo). Just her pace that she plays at, she doesn't often get sped up which is helpful. There's not really an area of the game that she can't do. She's a really good rebounder, a good defender, a good passer and she can score."

FRESHMAN GUARD JESSI MURCER

On how scoring early effects the level of comfort:

"My teammates did a great job getting me the ball. Honestly, we have so much confidence in ourselves and in each other that it was not really a big deal to me. I just get super hype when I am playing. It was just flow and rhythm throughout our offense and I was able to knock it down."

On her debut:

"It exceeded my expectations. In the exhibition game I kind of got a taste for it but then I was not allowed to play Friday, so I was like let's get it. It hit me when it was like 'Here is your Oklahoma Sooners' and the band started playing and everything, I was like 'It is really happening'. It was really dope. It was an awesome experience and way better than I imagined."

SOPHOMORE GUARD SHAINA PELLINGTON

On Oklahoma's passing skills:

"It's always been about moving the ball around. It opens up a lot for those of us who can and like to penetrate the ball a lot. It's always good. It's always a positive thing when you can catch the ball in stride and attack the rim."

FRESHMAN GUARD TAYLOR ROBERTSON

On being able to take different shots:

"It was just kind of what the defense gave me, so I just took what the defense gave me. My teammates, Jessi (Murcer), Tatum (Veitenheimer), Madi (Williams), pretty much everybody, Shania (Pellington), always finding me in the open spots when I happen to get an inch of space."