



TEXAS TECH

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TEXAS TECH POSTGAME QUOTES

CANDI WHITAKER

Lady Raider Basketball Head Coach

Opening Statement

"This was a great team win for us. New Mexico is a good team, who plays really fast. That was definitely the most fast paced game that we have played this year. It was good for us to see something different and I am proud of the way that we fought back. We started off very lethargic and out of sync. In the second half, I thought that we had people stand up and understand that we had to make plays if we were going to win. The fourth quarter was big for us. We had multiple people step up and make big plays. I'm really proud of this win."

On our energy level against New Mexico...

"I tribute the win to our energy level. I don't want to take anything away from New Mexico. I thought that they played physically and aggressive. I felt that we were the opposite of that during the start of the game. We were out of sync, lethargic, and not playing as hard as we needed to. There were many loose balls that should have been ours, but we were going after it with one hand. We needed to understand that somebody else was coming after the ball too. It's those little hustle plays that add up and shift the momentum, and New Mexico had that in the first half."

On Receé Caldwell in the beginning...

"I pulled her aside at halftime and talked to her after the group. I think that Receé's performance speaks of how tough she is mentally. It's not an easy place to be in when your shots are not falling, and lay ups are not going in. She was able to stay the course and step up in the fourth quarter. I knew that after her first shot went in, more were going to follow. I just think that it speaks to her mental toughness and ability to make plays when her teams needs her."

On Arella Guirantes...

"I thought that she was the one in the first half that was trying to rally the troops with her communication and play. Arella is a player and she loves this game. I cannot imagine her showing up and not trying to play as hard as she can every single minute. I thought she was the one that kept us going in the first half, and then made big plays in the second. That is a big time stat line for a freshman."

On being resilient...

"It's huge. Our schedule is tough and we made it that way on purpose. They are learning a lot about being resilient. Being out in those kinds of situations, and figuring out how to come together to make plays to be able to win games. This team has done that. I thought that they did that at Texas A&M also."

FRESHMAN GUARD ARELLA GUIRANTES

On picking up the offensive rhythm when the rest of the team was starting to struggle...

"I just tried to slow us down and pace myself. My team did a good job of getting me the ball because they realized I was making shots. We did a good job of feeding Jada the ball because she was attacking the board on offense. We just tried fix the little things and get our team back in it."



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On what it says about the team's mentality to come back and win in the fourth quarter despite a lethargic start...

"We're just confident in our teammates. I think we did a good job. We know we're going to have to face adversity like this in the Big 12 and any team we come across in March. We just have to keep it up and keep our confidence high, stay focused, and be mentally tough. That's it."

On what worked so well for the team to result in 71 total rebounds...

"Coach said we have to get defensive boards. She knows that they take a lot of shots and they take a lot of threes in particular. We knew that meant they were going to be long rebounds and we had to box everybody out. We needed to attack the boards on defense and offense. Jada and Dayo did a good job of getting offensive boards and as a team we just had to lock in and get a lot of stops."

JUNIOR CENTER JADA TERRY

On her steal at the end of the half...

"We run a drill like that every day at practice and I just read the offensive player's eyes and went for it."

On picking up the offensive rhythm when the rest of the team was starting to struggle...

"We just kept being vocal with our team and kept uplifting them. There will be times when they're going to do the same thing for us when we're not having our best games. We just kept trying to keep them in tact so they didn't get their heads down."

On what changed and what was said going into the fourth quarter to give the team momentum to come out with a win...

"Dayo [Olabode] came in and got a huge offensive board which was the turning point of the game. That gave us all the momentum to push forward through the rest of the half and the fourth quarter in particular."