



TEXAS TECH

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Tuesday, Nov. 29 | Prairie View A&M

TEXAS TECH POSTGAME QUOTES

CANDI WHITAKER

Lady Raider Basketball Head Coach

Opening Statement...

"This was a good team win. I loved how we shared the basketball in the first quarter. That got us off to a great start. We came out with great tempo, unlike the Miami game. It was important to us to start fast this game, and we did that."

On the tempo of the game...

"Going into the second quarter, we talked about how this game was about us, our execution, and about the decisions we make. I thought that we had a big dip in the second quarter. We had too many turnovers. I felt that they were good ideas, but we just got lackadaisical with passes, and holding seals which led to more turnovers. I did think that we had some good looks in the second that just didn't go down. It is a challenge when you are ahead to continue to stay locked in and play at a high level."

On sharing the ball...

"In the third, I told the girls to not to over pass and to shoot the good shots. They needed to shoot the shot, in rhythm, when they are open. It isn't easy to make that many passes in a game like that. However, I am proud to see them make extra passes. Ivonne (CookTaylor) played really well by seeing the right read at the right time."

On Brittany Brewer...

"She is a fast learner. There is so much being thrown at her. These kids come in from high school with maybe four play calls, so that is a whole new world for her. Also, knowing two positions and the physicality level. She continues to grow and adjust. Just from Miami to today, I can see her ripping rebounds and chinning the ball instead of grabbing and keeping the ball high. She is going to continue to get better every day and every game. I told her today that by late January, she is not going to be a freshman anymore. I am very excited about the opportunities she is getting here as a freshman."

On the bench...

"We had nine kids playing in double digits tonight. I like that we were able to get everybody time. Our depth is going to be an issue all year. We are already adjusting a lot of things that we are doing, but kids want to play, and that is always an issue when you have too many people. In a lot of ways, not having a full bench takes away some of those issues."

On Arkansas...

"I thought it was really important that we just feel better about shooting the ball. It was good to see Larryn (Brooks) get going. That kid can really shoot it and you saw that tonight. It was good to see Reece (Caldwell) get some shots also. Ivonne (CookTaylor) played so well, more than anything, I wanted to come out of this game with them feeling better about their own game; same with Brittany (Brewer). I saw a lot of people get going and sometimes that is what they need: to see the ball go in and have some success and I think that it's great timing leading into Arkansas."



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On Prairie View...

"I watched a lot of their film. They can consistently score, and they have four kids in double figures. We were talking a lot about that in the scouting report. Those kids can get hot and loose, and they can drive. We knew that we would be able to dominate them with our posts, but when you have that many people on the floor it is a mismatch problem. We were very aware of their ability to score, and that they would keep fighting."

FRESHMAN FORWARD BRITTANY BREWER

On still competing even when they were in the lead...

"I think after the second quarter, we slacked off a little bit, but we saw how they were fighting and knew we had to get back into the game."

On the team sharing the ball...

"The passes were great. We were looking for each other a lot and it's good to be able to run and get the ball and get clear open shots."

On being able to play for 23 minutes...

"I think it was really good. I think it was good to see us rotate in. Everyone did a good job and played their part."

JUNIOR GUARD LARRYN BROOKS

On creating a large lead in the first quarter...

"I think that first and foremost our tempo was really good. We were getting in transition and playing fast. I think that's what we wanted to do. That's what Coach Whitaker's instilled in us. We really did good at getting out and running our lanes and finding the post players' inside out game. We were really getting our shots in and making the extra pass. We are really playing together and I think everybody is playing together and getting their shots up. I feel like we are getting our confidence back."

On building confidence after the Miami loss...

"We definitely needed that one for sure. It feels really good. We needed that confidence. Especially going into this next game against Arkansas. It will be a big game for us, so just getting that one under our belt, and it felt good to win again. Hopefully we will be able to continue that."

On 3-pointers and making shots...

"I was definitely feeling good. This whole season, everybody has been showing me a lot of confidence. Just trying to put that confidence in me and players, my teammates, coaches, everybody is just telling me to keep shooting and that's what I did. My team was really finding me and we were really sharing the ball tonight."