

POST GAME QUOTES

Head Coach Candi Whitaker

Opening Statement

"I'm really proud of the balance in our team and the tempo that we played with. The first half we really showed the speed that we can play with. We had four guards at times and sometimes we had a big lineup, so I loved the versatility, I loved the balance in scoring and the fact that we have a high number of assist on our shots is a great sign. I thought we shared the ball really well and it's always fun when it goes in. This is a team that we really believe in their ability to score and shoot it and they showed that today."

On scoring almost 100 points in three quarters

"I don't think so. Here, we've struggled scoring the last three seasons and we knew that was going to be a big change for us this year. We had so many more options that could help relieve some of the droughts that we've had in the past, but I don't think I've ever been on a team that scored like they did tonight."

On the efficiency across the board

"We made great decisions. I thought we took good shots, we ran the floor, and we converted when we turned them over. All those are great signs and good things to see."

On team improvement

"We have focused all week on rebounding and there were no questions at times that I thought people pursued the ball harder, rebounding it, whether that be offense or defensive. We will look at the film. Those are things that sometimes you don't really see as clearly as when you go back and watch film. I'm hoping that when we go watch film, we see a good attempt to put bodies on people, box and go board. We have to be more fundamental in that area, then we were last weekend. Oregon State was very, very big so that was something that got exposed, so I will have to look at the film to see how much better we were there. I think throughout, how much we shared the ball and how every time there was a pass to be made, it was made. We then rewarded each other by making open shots."

On Jada Terry's performance

"Jada was the one, that when I was talking about rebounding, really came to mind. There was a conscious effort to go board the ball on the offensive side. When Jada gets tired, and sometimes like all of us, we can stand and watch, but I thought she was really pursuing the glass and did a good job at trying to control the defensive glass as much as she could. She was very aggressive and very efficient with 7-for-10. She's going to get fouled and she has to practice a lot of free throws and feel really confident from the line, but I thought she played really well."

On 11 turnovers

"It is impressive because of how many possessions we played and how fast we played. When play fast, you are going to turn it over. This is a group that to me that really thrives in transition. I think the faster they play, the better they are."

On evaluating the effort

"I was happy with the entire first half effort and my assistants did a fantastic job at subbing in and subbing out and keeping everybody really fresh while getting good rotations. Then I thought we started a little bit flat, just on the defensive end, not the offensive end. I thought we ran to start the game, but we started in the zone and we kind of started a little flat. Finally, I thought we picked it back up,

understanding that we are trying to be the best we can be, regardless of the score or the situation. For the most part, I thought we picked it up in a lot of ways."

Sophomore Guard Japreece Dean

On what she saw today that pleased her

"I saw energy, people picking people up, people standing people's ears, and just a lot of togetherness. That's what the coaches preach, so that's what we did."

On how it feels to not be double and triple teamed all the time

"I feel fresh. I'm not as tired as I would normally be after a game, so it just feels good to be fresh."

On the ball movement today

"I feel like we found our open shooters."

On the changes from last year

"I think that we believe in each other to make shots, so we moved the ball around. It's a big difference from last year."