



TEXAS TECH

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Sunday, Dec. 18 | Alcorn State

TEXAS TECH POSTGAME QUOTES

CANDI WHITAKER

Lady Raider Basketball Head Coach

Opening Statement...

"I'm proud of our kids consistency throughout the game. We had multiple people step up and make plays on both ends of the floor. I'm proud of our execution and effort."

On terms of execution in big wins...

"I tried to let our guards run it as much as possible tonight, and wanted to see their play calling and how they were able to get people organized. I thought they did a good job. We shared the ball well, got out and ran in transition, and stay disciplined in a lot of those areas. When you have a big lead, that's the challenge. For the most part I thought they did well."

On Ivonne CookTaylor's status...

"It was her knees. I think it was just the change of weather, she wasn't feeling great. We started her to see how the game was going to go, but decided it would be a good time for her to rest."

On critiques of the game...

"I thought we didn't always read screens that well. You've only got one chance to read a screen correctly, and when you don't it's ineffective. I think we can be better there as well as defensively and there were some awareness issues at times."

On playing less competitive teams...

"We've had so many competitive games up until this point that during this break it's good to have a mix. UTA is very good. It will be a very competitive game Thursday. We've had competitive games all year that have prepared us."

On which areas to improve before Big 12 play...

"The better you execute, the better chance you have to score. There is always room for improvement there. We are in a good place and have a good understanding, but defensive and rebounding are areas that we need to focus on. We need to make as few mistakes as possible because in Big 12 play, those teams will punish you when you make a mistake."

On playing talkative teams...

"We talked about that at half. You have to stay above, and not go there. Don't get yourself into a situation you don't need to be in. It's about basketball, we are playing basketball and we try to focus on that. Our kids understand that. They've grown up in gyms and although it is new for some, it's not new for many of them, but we just try to stay above it."



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SOPHOMORE GUARD RECEE' CALDWELL

On playing a non-competitive team...

"No matter who we are playing, we are just trying to work on us, that's what Coach Whitaker preaches. We use these games for film, and to correct and critique what we need to practice."

On what the team did well...

"I thought that we shared the ball well today, and rebounded okay. I think that we can get better on that but I just thought that we were very unselfish."

On staying motivated...

"I think that by staying motivated, it shows that we are growing in maturity. We use to play down, but we have heard Coach Whitaker say so many times that we are working for ourselves and towards conference. I think that has helped us keep ourselves in check."

On playing a talkative team...

"They were really competitive and we appreciate that. It makes the game fun."

JUNIOR CENTER JADA TERRY

On what the team did well...

"I think that we executed very well as a team. We made a lot of shots and shared the ball really well."

On staying motivated...

"We are more mature now. We try not to look at the team, but look toward the future and who we are going to play and try to prepare for that."

On the bench out scoring Alcorn...

"It's a good sign when they are coming off of the bench and playing like that because we are going to need them for conference. We are going to need all eight or nine players. For them to come and make an impact like that, it is going to make us very effective in Big 12 play."

On scoring in the paint...

"We had the size advantage. Our guards were good at seeing us and driving in the paint, which got us open."

On the Alcorn team being talkative...

"I think that is what kept us motivated. It made us prove something."