



TEXAS TECH

2016-17 LADY RAIDER BASKETBALL

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Thursday, Dec. 22 | UTA

TEXAS TECH POSTGAME QUOTES

CANDI WHITAKER

Lady Raider Basketball Head Coach

Opening Statement...

"It was a great win for us to finish up conference play. You could tell how ready they were to go in the first quarter. I'm really proud of their focus all week. We do a lot off the floor, and I would like to mention the impact they have made on this community, just in the last week. Whether, it was participating in Angel Tree-using their own money to make someone's Christmas or visiting a fan that can't get out, visiting the hospital or caroling to fan's homes. It was a great week for us on and off the floor. I am happy we could finish it off with a win before we hit the road for Christmas."

On struggling during the second half...

"I thought we had a great first quarter. We could see the energy on our defensive end. We shot really well in the first quarter, 71 percent and 85 percent from the three-point line, we can't sustain that, as far as scoring. We went into a little bit of a drought in the second quarter. I thought we made poor decisions. We handled the pressure in the backcourt well, but we just didn't make good decisions at the end of it. We weren't able to get organized and execute well during parts of the game. They are a good team. I thought they got hot, and made some threes that we weren't able to get to. We did a lot of good things, but there is a lot to learn from. We were able to get back going and make some great plays."

On the physicality of UTA...

"(Rebekah) VanDijk is someone who works the whole possession. She wants body on body. She is as physical as anyone in our league as far as constantly putting her body on you. It was a good look for Jada (Terry). Jada was really efficient in her points, she was 6-7, and 5-7 from the free throw line, 10 rebounds, and 17 points is a really good line. We need to do a better job from the glass. There were a lot of rebounds that we didn't get to."

On offense getting stagnant in the fourth quarter...

"We were trying to manage the clock. We were trying to not take quick shots, so that was partly by design."

On UTA getting 26 offensive rebounds...

"They have to be physical and go get the ball. When someone is shooting in the 20's, there are going to be a lot of rebounds, that doesn't mean that we don't want them all, but you're going to give up some up. That has been something that we have needed to work on all year."

On shooting 56 percent from the floor...

"We have a lot of people that can make shots. We did a good job of making extra passes, especially in the second half. Dayo (Olabode) made a three, and Larryn (Brooks) made a three back to back. We are confident in that area. We have to do a better job on boards, but our defense continues to get better, and we have confidence shooting the ball."

SOPHOMORE GUARD RECEE' CALDWELL



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On what the team did well in first quarter...

"We came out with intensity, intention, and execution. We had really good tempo, but got comfortable after the first quarter and they benefitted from that. I think we countered pretty well and made it a good game."

On their physicality getting to them in the second half...

"I wouldn't think so. I think our guards did a pretty good job. I didn't feel like we were rushed."

JUNIOR CENTER JADA TERRY

On playing a tough defensive team...

"I feel like I was still able to play my game. I finished with 17 (points), but that's what I am going to see in the Big12. I wasn't bothered by it. She was physical, but that's what I'm going to see in the next few games."



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CENTRAL ARKANSAS POSTGAME QUOTES

KRISTA GERLICH

UTA Head Coach

On returning to play at her Alma Mater...

"It's always a great time to come back and to see all of the people and see all of the friendships we had and all of those great things. So it was great to be back. Love that our kids have the experience to play here and see what it's all about... it was a good time."

On implementing the full-court press...

"We are a pressing team. I know we have Rebekah [VanDijk] on the inside but our one through fours are really small and quick so we have been using that. It wasn't very effective in the first quarter, we didn't follow our game plan on how we wanted to attack them. Obviously they made us pay and we are a team that has to cause some turnovers in order to score and transition so that really affected us in the first quarter."

On Texas Tech's quick start...

To be quite honest they took us out of our press which was actually our own fault because our kids weren't sending them to the sideline like we needed to and dictating the pressure the way we wanted to. I also think they knocked down some big shots. They were very hot from the three-point line to begin with.

Clearly, we knew [Recee'] Caldwell could shoot it and we weren't following our game plan as well as we needed to. You can't simulate her in practice; there is no way to do that. As much as we were telling them that she has a really quick release and that she is great at step backs. We were really wanting to force her right and instead of not giving her space, we were giving her space and she made us pay for that. That is why she is a great player.