



TEXAS TECH

2016-17 LADY RAIDER BASKETBALL

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TEXAS TECH POSTGAME QUOTES

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Opening Statement...

Tough game on the road. Texas is obviously very talented, strong and big. You have to give them credit as they really got us out of sync. We have to do a better job executing. I'm probably most disappointed in our execution on the offensive end and our fight defensively in the third quarter.

On Caldwell's strong performance but the lack of anybody else showing up...

She has to have help, no question. I thought she played extremely hard; like she wanted to win. She had that about her and that look in her eye and that's who she is. She's a kid that can make big plays and she will for us. I just thought we were out of sync offensively. Other people have to get involved more and make shots, other people have to look to make plays. We'll go back and look at film and there will be times where what we are running in unrecognizable.

On being outscored in the paint...

That's just what Texas does. They're going to pound it inside and try to score in the paint. Everything they do is about getting it inside, getting it to the rim, getting it to the paint. It's just who they are and what they do. They've got great size in (Kelsey) Lang and (Joyner) Holmes and they've got great depth there. They keep their kids fresh and really run them in and out. I thought Jada (Terry) probably needs more touches at different times, better times with better spacing. And then she's got to go to work inside. I thought Brittany (Brewer) battled and was more physical than she had been. I was really proud to see that from her; she's just still so young. I thought she battled and missed some bunnies. She was going up against big strong bodies and that effects how you finish.

On being held scoreless near the end of the first half...

Yeah no question. I thought the second quarter was probably the worst quarter that we've played offensively. We were really out of sync – simple things that we've been running all year all of a sudden we aren't running correctly. Our lack of communication from one player to the next what we're in and getting organized. But I thought our second quarter was probably our worst as far as execution. That came across in our percentage. It still wasn't a high scoring game and we gave ourselves a chance. Then I thought we came out in the third quarter and were a little better offensively to start but then we weren't good defensively. You just have to put it all together.

On being a young team and the jitters of the Big 12 opener...

I saw that in a few. I think they were excited, they were ready. But it's different when you get out there. I think we had some that were like that and we figured it out as we went on. I thought we had some that had a much better fourth quarter, which was obviously too late, but it was good to see some fight there and some kids make some plays.