



TEXAS TECH

2016-17 LADY RAIDER BASKETBALL

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Wednesday, Jan. 4 | Iowa State

TEXAS TECH POSTGAME QUOTES

CANDI WHITAKER

Lady Raider Basketball Head Coach

Opening statement...

"I am just really proud of our team. The fact that they continue to fight and grind when things were not going our way. They find a way to win. Again, we had a big fourth quarter. I thought that we responded well. They made nine threes in the first half and only one in the second. I think that they understood the urgency to get to people and do a better job defending to give themselves a fighting chance. Multiple people stood up and made huge plays. We got more second-chance points than we typically do, and I knew that that was going to be important for us in this game."

On the three point shots of the game...

"I think that there is always a shot here or there that we could have been more patient on, but for the most part we executed better in the second half. We looked at how they were guarding and attacked a little bit better. I thought that we got to the line more, got to the paint more, and finished at the rim pretty well."

On remaining undefeated at home...

"It is so nice to be at home, and we are so appreciative of the fan base we have and their loyalty. They've had energy in the last two games. It feels good. It feels like the atmosphere we should have. That really helps us to win the fourth quarter. You can feel that behind you. We want to continue to grow our fan base and continue to get the community excited about these young women because they are great kids and they are talented. They are fun to watch. I enjoy watching them."

On the response after halftime ...

"You don't want to let these opportunities to slip by. We only get nine home games in this league, and it is tough to go on the road, so you have to play, show up, and go as hard as you can when you are at home. You don't have enough opportunities. My message was 'You can't let this one slip. You have to get going. We need everyone involved and playing like we know we can.'"

On being disciplined...

"We were more in sync tonight than at the Texas game. The game was happening at us at Texas and we were not as in sync. I think that when that happens you foul more, are late to everything, and not executing well. But when you are in sync and are playing the game, I think that you see us be smart. It is definitely an emphasis in practice."

On playing in the fourth quarter...

"I think we have quite a few players that are gamers. Reece' (Caldwell) is someone who wants the ball when the game is on the line. There is just no fear there. I think that our team really fed off of her in the fourth quarter. Larryn (Brooks) and Arella (Guirantes) are like that too. That helps guide our young players. As long as we are in striking distance, I think that this team thinks that they can go finish a game."

On Dayo Olabode...

"She was unbelievable for us. She was just a spark off the bench and she had huge rebounds. For her to make back-to-back clutch threes in the fourth quarter for us, I think it is going to boost her confidence and in our team."

On the bench scoring 26 points...

"That is good to see. We have to have as much balance of attack as possible. We have to have multiple people score the ball. I think every Big 12 team does. You look across the board and typically there are three or four people in double figures, and you are not going to win if you don't."

On how the bench has progressed...

"I think they have more confidence. Understanding and accepting their roles, and then playing their roles to the best of their ability."



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On having resiliency...

"I think the mentality 'I want the ball' is hard to coach because it has to be a little of your personality. I think handling adversity is something that we have to handle in our lives. It can be something that can be taught, something that you experience and learn from. This conference is tough. They are going to have adversity, maybe every night, throughout the week that they are going to have to handle."

FRESHMAN FORWARD BRITTANY BREWER

On her consistency of scoring during games...

"I want to be a player we can depend on. In the preseason, I wasn't so much that. My teammates and coaches have been pushing me. Even when I have a good game, they keep pushing me."

SOPHOMORE RECEE' CALDWELL

On the team's fourth quarter success...

"The sense of urgency. In practice, we set situations: four-minute games where we are down by six, or down by eight. Those have really come into play on games like today."

On Brittany Brewer's performance...

"Brittany is very humble and mature. She works all of the time, and takes criticism better than any other player I've seen. She has a sense of maturity about her that is beyond her years."

JUNIOR DAYO OLABODE

On her three pointer in the fourth quarter...

"I've been working on (three pointers) during practice. My teammates have been passing me the ball and telling me to have confidence shooting."



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CENTRAL ARKANSAS POSTGAME QUOTES

BILL FENNELLY

Iowa State Head Coach

Opening statement...

"Some of the same things we've struggled with. We got pounded inside. You can't get outscored twenty-one points at the free throw line. Our bench production continues to be an issue. I thought we did a good job for most of the game defensively. You can't give that many offensive rebounds and put them on the free throw line that much. That was the difference in the game."

On not shooting as well from the three-point line in the second half...

"They were changing defenses a little bit but I thought we had some good looks. We got a little hesitant. We had a couple kids who missed a couple (threes) early and then passed on a couple. We were trying to attack the basket and get to the free throw line, which didn't work. That's disappointing to shoot that way in the second half. Most of the game we didn't make the shots we needed to make. We're a team that needs to make baskets because we're not going to outrebound you or turn you over on defense. When we're not making shots, we're going to struggle. We certainly struggled in the second half."

On never gaining a large lead ...

"We're on the road and got a little bit of a working lead, but we knew it wasn't anything safe. We had three possessions in a row where we had a five or seven-point lead. They missed a shot, we did a good job defending, but they got an offensive rebound and put it back in the basket or we fouled them. Those are plays that get them excited, they deflate your team, get the crowd back in the game. We missed free throws. You have to score to stop the other guy's momentum and we just couldn't do it."