

## **West Virginia vs. Iowa State Women's Basketball Quotes**

### **February 4, 2017**

#### ***West Virginia University Head Coach Mike Carey***

##### **Opening Statement**

Needless to say Iowa State came in here on our home floor and played five times harder than we did. Give them credit.

##### **On if this is the best you've seen Iowa State play**

We make people play their best. We don't play any defense. We don't care about defense. We don't play defense. We look so one on one defensively, one on one offensively. I don't have any answers.

##### **On what adjustments defensively need to be made moving forward**

I don't know. I can't do heart transplants can I? It's all about heart. It's all about wanting to do it. It's all about team basketball. They don't do what we do. This team is not built to do what we do. They do what they want to do, and the only one you can blame is me. I can't kick them all off. They just don't come out with any energy. I have no idea why. It looked like they had energy in the walk through this morning. I have no idea why we come out with no energy. You saw what our defense is when we pull Lanay (Montgomery) out. Lanay is not there helping them all the time and they got exposed. Our other four got exposed because Lanay wasn't there helping them all the time. That tells them all they need to know.

##### **On Iowa State guard Bridget Carleton's play**

She did the same move. We left her open for threes and then when she drove she did a step through. We stand there and let her step through us and three point plays. It's just unbelievable. We get the ball inside and they block it because we don't get space and we don't go up strong. I don't know. Back to the drawing board.

#### ***Iowa State Head Coach Bill Fennelly***

##### **Opening Statement**

Obviously, that's as good as we can play in a lot of ways. I have great respect for West Virginia and the way they play. It's hard to simulate but I thought our kids did a really good job of taking care of the ball and for us. It sounds simple but our team is really predicated on making shots, they're open. We're not going to overpower you in the post. We're not going to turn you over so when their looks are there we have to hit them and obviously this afternoon we did. I don't know if we've ever had a game where we had four quarters where we were 50 percent or better in every quarter. Especially against a

quality defensive team like West Virginia. Proud of our team and a really big win for our kids.

### **On defending Lanay Montgomery and Teana Muldrow**

They're a huge part of it. We got lucky. Tynice (Martin) missed a couple of open looks early but we really wanted to pack it in and (Lanay) Montgomery has hurt us so many times. (Teana) Muldrow has the ability to score in and out so I thought defensively our four and fives were good and we helped just enough. We were trying to stunt and not just commit people behind because they're going to make open shots, but I thought our wing players were active. We were switching a lot trying to make sure we had people around to make them a little uncomfortable. We got lucky. They missed a couple. We got lucky they missed a couple of free throws but the game for us was as efficient offensively as we've played all year. When you're efficient offensively you're defense is better and you have a little more pep in your step when the ball is going into the basket. Certainly that was the case for us.

### **On Iowa State's second half play**

I was really proud of them. We've had troubles finishing games. We've played well for 32 or 34 minutes but we run out of gas. I thought in the third quarter the way we played, and again, we outscored them in every quarter, which was important. The third quarter to come out and extend your lead right off the bat was critical because we know how it is. They score the first two baskets, it's like we played Baylor the other night. It's a seven point game at halftime and we're kind of hanging around, and the next thing you know we're down seventeen. It can change that fast but luckily today our offensive efficiency in the third quarter matched our defensive intensity and we were fortunate enough to get out of the third quarter.