

## **West Virginia vs. Baylor Women's Basketball Quotes**

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

##### **Opening statement**

Give Baylor credit they're the real deal. I watched a lot of games on TV of other conferences and I think they have as much talent as anybody in the country, if not more, so give them a lot of credit they keep throwing players at you. Can't get out rebounded by 30, give up 22 offensive rebounds. It is what it is, people aren't playing, I don't have a bench to put in and I have to put up with it. That's probably the most frustrating thing right now for me. I have to put up with people not playing hard because I don't have anyone to put in.

##### **On Baylor offensive rebounding**

It's lack of concentration and lack of effort. I thought Lanay Montgomery went at their post, I was happy to see that. I thought Chania Ray competed and I thought at times Teana (Muldrow) competed. But, even when we boxed out their post, their guards were getting off and our guards stood there letting them get offensive rebounds. It's just amazing to me. Looks like we don't coach them at all. I guess all of a sudden I'm a bad coach this year, it's amazing. What we have always had in the past, if they don't want to play hard put somebody in. Got another person sitting on the bench that will play hard, don't have that.

##### **On which end of the floor was more frustrating**

Both ends were frustrating to me. We wouldn't come off picks. We'd drive the ball instead of kicking it out and the people would get out of line for wide open shots. It's amazing, just amazing to me and like I told them after the game they didn't do one thing we didn't tell them they were going to do or work on in practice. It's just wanting to do it player against player and having a little bit of heart. Give Baylor credit they just keep bring players in, they have done a hell of a job recruiting.

#### ***Baylor University Head Coach Kim Mulkey***

##### **On how good Baylor really is**

I don't know. Sometimes when you're in the moment and you're coaching and you're trying to win another Big 12 championship and you're there to get past the Elite Eight that we've been stuck at for three years, you really don't have time to evaluate how good we are. You just get ready for the next opponent and you try to make each of them individually better, so that we can collectively get better. I know it's the most depth I've ever coached at Baylor in 17 years. I've got a heck of a talented team. We don't ever play anybody where we don't respect our opponents and that's why you can sometimes get big leads and maintain them because you're ready, you're prepared and you respect who you play. Then you make sure you develop players and I just think we've got about 11 kids I can go with any of them at any time.

**On their one loss**

I think people learn from losses. Hell, I don't like losing so I'm never going to say it's a good thing. We knew going there we going to be playing in Storrs (Connecticut), we knew early in the year our freshmen wouldn't be ready because it takes time it adjust to the college game. I thought it was a great game to learn how good we are and how bad we are. We've put it behind us and we've just continued to get in the gym and get better.

**On outrebounding West Virginia**

I certainly don't want to say anything about West Virginia because they're not my team but I can tell you we're big. When you take a shot we are going to be in your face and we're going to be there to alter it and if we don't block it we're going to try to alter it. We are big on the perimeter, Alexis Prince is 6'1, Dekeiya Cohen, 6'1, on the perimeter and then inside I can go as big as I need to and as small as I need to. Defense, a big thing for our program, is field goal percentage defense, that's the only national stat that means anything to us. That means you're committed to the defensive end of the floor every night. You're going to have bad nights shooting, you're going have great night's shooting, but your defense can be the one part of your game that can remain constant. I'm more proud of those things that we do on the defensive end then anything. We're not a team that's going to get a lot of steals. We're going to get into passing lanes. We're going to get in your face. We're going to make you work and we're going to get tremendous help outside because we're big.