

WVU vs. Kansas Women's Basketball Quotes – Jan. 16, 2016

West Virginia Head Coach Mike Carey

On today's game against Kansas

I thought we came out and played a little flat in the beginning. In the middle of the half, I thought we played hard. At the end of the half, I didn't think we played hard. At the beginning of the second half I thought we played hard, and then we stopped defending them. It's hard when you're up that much to continue playing hard. I thought (junior) Lanay Montgomery bounced back and had a great game for us on the board with scoring. We had four people in double figure. We didn't shoot the ball very well, but it's good to get this win even if you don't shoot the ball well. Foul shooting was not good. It's good to get a win, and we don't play a week until tomorrow, so I can give them a couple of days off here and then get back to start getting ready for TCU.

On the defense contributing to the game

I thought at the start of the game, we were letting them reverse over and over again. When we start getting up in passing lanes and not letting them reverse, they (Kansas) struggled a little bit. We came off in the beginning of the game. We came off their shooters. I mean, we have Lanay (Montgomery) standing there, and believe me, we don't need a little guard in there standing especially when you're on a shooter. When we start standing out on their shooters they really do have that kick out for a wide open three. We made that adjustment there.

On preparing for next week's competition against TCU

We have to get better spacing on offense. We have to take care of the ball a little better. Defensively, quit turning sideways and get over picks better and communicate better. We have to get some extra work on the foul line. It's just getting reps. We have to get reps on our own on the foul line. I think we're a little banged up, and we're a little tired. I thought it really showed the first five minutes of the game, and we started doing some substitutions and picked it up a little bit. The good thing is when we do have a couple of players tired, we have some more players to put in. That's something we haven't had in the last couple of years. You look at our bench, they scored 39 points. We're getting a lot of scoring, a lot of punch off of our bench.

On coach Mike Carey's 600th career win

I've always said about that – you need great players, great assistant coaches, and administration has to be on board, and I've been fortunate enough at both places, Salem and here at WVU to have that. It takes a lot of people to be successful. It's not just one or two. That was always important to me to stay in the state of West Virginia. That's where my family is. It's where I lived my whole life, and it was always important to me to continue to coach in West Virginia my whole life. I've been fortunate. Hopefully I can finish my career in this state.

Kansas Head Coach Brandon Schneider

On today's game

First off, I congratulate Coach Carey on his 600th win. That's obviously a significant achievement for any coach, and he's done a great job for a long time. I give him a tremendous amount of respect for how he operates his program and how hard he gets his girls to play. Again, completely disruptive for us, probably not the opponent that we need to be playing with the youthful team that we have and our ineptness on the offensive end. They were a big reason for that. They really make it difficult for you to turn the ball from one side of the floor to the other, and when you do turn it over and take a bad shot, they are terrific in transition.

On the defensive plan

We'd like to keep them in front of us. Not get beat to the middle of the floor. I thought we got beat entirely too much. Some of that was off ball screens, which of that coverage was not very good. In both games with these guys, I've been happy with some possessions of how we've played defensively. Our struggles are on the offensive end and our lack of ability to score really affects our defensive mindset.

On WVU junior center Lanay Montgomery

Lots of teams in the league have a lot of big centers. We were able to neutralize her better at our place because she got in foul trouble. I don't think there's question that coach Carey's got his team playing as well as any of the top-three teams in the league right now, and I'd really be surprised if they didn't finish in the top three.

On his impression of WVU freshman guard Tynice Martin

It's a rare thing in the game today to be a proficient jump-range shooter, and I think that's what makes her a really tough cover and the fact that she can just elevate over the top. I think we guarded her pretty well a couple of times tonight and she just made jumpers right over the top of us. In those situations you just have to tap a guy on the back and tell them nice play.