

WVU vs. K-State Women's Basketball Quotes – 2/6/16

West Virginia Coach Mike Carey

On today's game against Kansas State

We got the win that's the most important thing. I thought Bria Holmes played very well. I thought Arielle (Roberson) played well on the boards. We had too many turnovers. The point guards have to do a better job. We have to get in our steps. You have those turnovers and missed foul shots like that; that's an Oklahoma second half. Too many turnovers and missed shots and you get beat. We have to work on it.

On the zone not attacking

Draw two, kick the ball. Don't stand there and hold it or they'll start two and kick it, hit it, reverse. Every time we moved the ball, we got everything we wanted. Our point guards were taking it down one side and holding the ball until they trapped them. We couldn't get our movement. I thought Olivia (Seggie) came in and moved the ball better than the other point guards. When she came in we moved the ball better.

On coaching a player like Bria Holmes

She is so quick, and she has such long arms. She's got size in the open court. I've had smaller guards, but they couldn't get to the rim. It's the length that she has. I have never coached another girl like her.

On the third quarter

We had shots, all we had to do was move the ball. It's frustrating that we couldn't come down on three passes and everyone was open. Sometimes our point guards are just putting their head down and driving it to the corner and picking up the dribble. It's ridiculous. You have to keep the ball centered, you got to pass the ball, you have to go high-low and you have to kick it away. You don't need to reinvent the wheel.

On 20 points off the bench and winning

We're usually 37-38 off the bench. You're exactly right. We have people coming off the bench that can score, and it really helps us. I don't think Tynice (Martin) scored the first half, but in the second half scored three or four shots in a row. That's when we broke it open right there.

On future games

It's good to get the win. We didn't play well, but we got the win. We have to get ready for Iowa State. We have four home games left and three games on the road. We have to take care of business here at home. I will say we need to thank the crowd for a great cause, but these next four games we need to get people in here and get excitement in this building because we could make a run right here at the end of the season. We would love to have people in the gym.

Kansas State Coach Jeff Mittie

On today's game against WVU

I think we were able to get West Virginia to turn the ball over, but they scored at a pretty high rate when they took care of the ball. For us, we needed to get the turnovers and at the other end we needed to knock some shots down in the arc, and we struggled today. Their quickness defensively and their size has certainly something to do with that.

On what changed the game for K-State

We would have beaten them today if it was soccer. I think we kicked more balls today than any game I've ever seen. I would have been frustrated too if I were West Virginia. Unfortunately, they get the ball back after all of those kicks. I thought that our defense did some decent things, but I think they did a nice job of making shots along the baseline. The baseline hurt us on that defense. They just pounded us on the glass. We were one and done on the other end, and they were very good on the glass.

On playing against West Virginia's Bria Holmes

I would say off the defensive glass and taking it themselves there is no player like (Bria) Holmes in the league who does that and does it very well. She is a special player. Today she gets a double-double, and it's a pretty quiet double-double for her today. She's having a heck of a year, and she's playing at a really high level.

On WVU shooting in the 3rd quarter

What I think separates them with some teams is that they bring a lot of scoring off the bench. I think (Teana) Muldrow hit a big three up top. I thought (Tynice) Martin had a couple jumpers along the baseline. I thought we had done some good things and came close to a turnover, but they made us pay at the end of shot clock a couple of times. Mike's got a good rotation I think. They play their roles very well, and I think if they have some players have an off night, they have some players to overcome that.