

# **West Virginia vs. Oklahoma State Quotes – February 27, 2016**

## **West Virginia head coach Mike Carey**

### **On today's game against No. 22 Oklahoma State**

I thought the three seniors played well. Bria (Holmes) without a doubt stepped up and played well, and Tynice Martin, too. We were hitting our shots tonight. It was a total team effort. I'm very proud of our team. That's a good team there. That team's 10-7 in the league and 28 overall. That's a good team, and they put it to us at their place. I'm really proud of our players, but I'm smart enough to know that we're only as good as our next game. We play Iowa State at Iowa State on Tuesday, so we have to enjoy this game today and then get ready tomorrow for practice and get ready for Iowa State. I'm very proud of our players, very proud of the effort, and we came in tonight ready to play. Great crowd, so that was good to see.

### **On Bria Holmes' proposal, and the other seniors**

I did (know about it), I was just hoping we would win the game. I'm happy for Bria. She's had a great career here. Jessica (Morton) has played well here. Like I said earlier, Arielle (Roberson), for coming in here in one year and learning our system and doing the things she did, she did a great job also.

### **On freshman guard Tynice Martin**

We just kept running the same play and getting it to her. She can score though. Between her and Bria, that's something we didn't have last year is a couple of options and we have that right now. I thought Lanay (Montgomery) was big even though she didn't score a lot. I thought she was big on defense. She blocked six shots and controlled the paint.

### **On sophomore forward Teana Muldrow**

When she's at the five that brings the five out of the paint and a lot of the time the five's don't like to come out of the paint, and if she's hitting that shot, someone else has to come out of the paint. Then if they come out of the paint, that gives us opportunities to drive. So if she's hitting that shot, we're pretty good offensively.

### **On maintaining the second half lead**

Anytime you have a big lead like that, you're always concerned. I thought we were a step slow at times, so I kept substituting a little bit and trying to find some people. Then we slowed the ball up a little bit instead of pushing the brakes apart and kind of slowed it up. Something that we didn't do well, is we didn't block out. We have to do a better job of blocking out. We gave Britteny Martin (OSU's guard), of all people, eight-offensive rebounds, you know she's going to go to the board every time. We knew that coming in, and we didn't concentrate on that. We have a long way to go, but I'm very proud of the players. Big team effort.

### **Oklahoma State head coach Jim Littell**

#### **On today's game against West Virginia**

West Virginia played extremely well and shot the ball extremely well. We were dominated in every phase of the game. West Virginia really defended well, took us out of a lot of things and played with a lot more energy and effort than our team did. Pretty disappointing that we had a game of this magnitude, and with so much on the line, that we threw out that type of performance. It's embarrassing, but West Virginia's got a great program. (West Virginia's head coach) Coach Carey does a great job with them and from shooting to the rebounding, to turnovers to blocked shots, we were dominated in every phase of the game. There's not a lot more I can say.

#### **On WVU freshman guard Tynice Martin**

She's a talent. She's got a very quick release. We had our hands down to our sides, and she was just pulling in our face, kind of laughing at us going to the other end. She is definite talent that is a force to be reckoned with in this league for a long time.

#### **On WVU senior guard Bria Holmes**

She's one of the premier players in this league and has been for a long time. To be that long, that athletic and have the ability to shoot the three like she does, and take people off the dribble. She's had a great career here at West Virginia, and she's going to be great at the next level as well. She's going to make money and be a very good pro at the next level.