

West Virginia vs. Oklahoma State Women's Basketball Quotes February 11, 2017

West Virginia University Head Coach Mike Carey

Opening Statement

Needless to say, it was nice hitting shots. I mean when you hit shots, everything works so it was nice that we hit shots. I thought we played hard again, played with emotion so that was good to see. Oklahoma State, Jim (Littell), their coach does a great job. We were just hitting everything. I mean he does a great job, to me he does as good of a job as anyone in the league so I want to say that because he does a great job. We just were hitting shots.

On beating Oklahoma State defense

Well, it's the same thing. Iowa State packed in and we didn't hit them. They packed in, we hit them, so you're either hitting shots or you're not hitting shots. It was hard to get inside to Lanay (Montgomery) to get it in the paint because they were just like Iowa State. They were claiming it up. Teana (Muldrow) once she figured out she couldn't pass it in there because there were five people on Lanay, we started moving the ball and got good looks.

On sophomore guard Tynice Martin's play tonight

She's been very aggressive offensively and Chania Ray has done a great job of finding her. A lot of those shots, Chania Ray is setting her up, you have to give her a lot of credit too. I thought Teana (Muldrow) played well. The reason we had all those wide-open shots was because of Lanay (Montgomery). They were double and triple teaming her so people were open around her.

On rebounding from the Oklahoma loss

We talked about it. I thought we had two days of good practice and the girls were upset, but I saw positives out of the Oklahoma game. So when I see positives, I'm going to get more positive. We had two good practices and come in tonight and play with energy so hopefully we can continue to do that the rest of the year.

Oklahoma State Head Coach Jim Littell

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We didn't get any off the dribble-drive a lot so we decided to try to pack it in a little bit and try to stop the dribble-drive, stay out of foul trouble and keep our bigs out of foul trouble. Kaylee Jensen and Mandy Coleman have been getting into foul trouble because we've been getting beat off the dribble. They made us pay for it. At halftime, we tried to adjust and say get back and guard their shooters, but by then they were very hot, had a hot hand. Tynice Martin is a tremendous player, we had no answer for her on who to guard her or how to guard her. She is a pro there is no question about that. She rises so quickly, doesn't need a lot of space to do that but their other kids stepped up and made shots. (Teana) Muldrow, (Katrina) Pardee and (Alexis) Brewer, we all knew they were good shooters going in. We saw Iowa State kind of gamble, pack it in a little bit and try to force some good shots from the perimeter and they made the shots. We tried to make the adjustment, get our kids back out on them in the second half and we were always a step slow getting out. We didn't get an offensive rebound until about 28 minutes into the game and that's always been a big part of our game is when you miss it, go give yourself a second chance or get second chance points. When you look at that down there we got four second-chance points and that came late after the game was decided.

On West Virginia's three point shooting

They made quality shots. I don't think by any stretch of the imagination that it's a fluke. I think they shot the ball at will. They have three or four kids that can do that. When (Teana) Muldrow can stretch defense at a four and be able to step out pick and pop and do those types of things or trail at the end of the break it makes her pretty versatile. They shoot it pretty well in four positions and they have the option of going inside to (Lanay) Montgomery. I think we did a pretty good job of guarding her but she didn't need to touch it tonight the way the rest of them were shooting.

