

West Virginia vs. Texas Women's Basketball Quotes January 14, 2017

West Virginia University Head Coach Mike Carey

Opening statement

At least we didn't quit playing. Give them credit for that in the fourth quarter. This is two games in a row, second and third quarter, the same thing. Texas Tech, we scored six points in the second quarter and we scored eight here. I told the players the last two days; the game is going to be won in the paint and if you look 48 points in the paint, 30 points off our turnovers. So that tells you all you need to know. Again, at least we kept battling, but it's not good enough. I told them we're not going to be happy because we only got beat by 10. That's not what our program is. It's awesome, some of us were happy because we fought back. I'm happy we didn't quit, but we got beat that's the bottom line. Give Texas credit, they have a lot of athletes. Their point guard is very good kept driving us and making plays on the offensive boards. Really, other than the rotations, we didn't do too bad, we had 15, they had 14. We just didn't guard anybody and let them get down the lane. They beat us up in the paint, not necessarily just our 4s and 5s they beat up our guards in the paint. They went and shot over our guards and got physical with our guards in the paint and that's the difference.

On Texas's defense

We stand and hold the ball, no ball movement, no nothing. We don't do a good job V-cutting, we do not do a good job coming off picks. They didn't do anything we didn't know they were going to do. When we overplayed what they did with us, they drove us to the paint. Their guards just drove us to the paint and made a play. When they overplayed us we just stood or picked up the dribble, we didn't drive them to the paint and make a play. Chania (Ray) did a few times, but other than that nobody else drove the ball to the paint and made a play. Too much standing around, no ball movement, no nothing. I just kept running quick hitters and even on quick hitters we weren't coming off picks. Things don't work when you don't come off picks or set up picks or don't set good picks.

On Tynice Martin's play

They were overplaying her. All teams are going to do that too her. Texas Tech did that too her. They are going to overplay her. She's going to have to learn to move without the ball and learn how to come off picks. If you look at bench points, we had three points off the bench. Once again, we have no scoring off the bench.

Texas Head Coach Karen Aston

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Really proud of this win, I think that West Virginia is one of the hardest road games that we all have and for Texas it's been a really tough game for us. I think last year was the first time we've won on the road here. 6-0 start for us is terrific. Just really proud of the way our team played today. I thought there were some moments in the game our starters struggled a little bit and players that came off the bench gave us a lot of lift, they gave us a lot of energy, they had the ability to make some plays off penetration and I just thought our bench probably was the difference in the game today.

On defense being the key to their success

If you asked our team they wouldn't think they played very good defense today. We didn't guard the ball very well and we take a lot of pride in how we guard the basketball. I thought Kelsey (Lang) did a really good job on (Lanay) Montgomery and our other bigs, but I think we can play better than we played today defensively, much better. But, they're also really tough to guard because they shoot the three and put the ball on the floor so it's sort of like pick you poison type of thing. I do think it's something we take a lot of pride in for sure.

On Teana Muldrow's play

I thought Muldrow really started the game great and we have a freshmen at that position which, maybe surprised her a little bit, even though you'd think we hadn't watched film. Still, when they get live then they really have to guard that person, they have to make an adjustment and sort of get a feel for it. It took us a little bit of time to just mentally adjust to Muldrow. I thought she played terrific, but I did think the difference was just again, I go back to our depth and the fact that we were able to put multiple people on Tynice (Martin) and their other guards, so we could just continue with defensive energy. I think that is key for us and that's something we've really been looking for all year long is just players to come in and have that same mentality as your starters do and I think we are starting to get there.

