

WVU vs. Texas Tech Women's Basketball Quotes – 1/9/16

West Virginia head coach Mike Carey

On today's game

I thought we played hard in the second and third quarters. The first quarter and the last quarter, especially when we had the lead, we started turning it over and not playing defense. Once again, we gave up way too many offensive rebounds. When we do that on Tuesday against Baylor, we're in trouble. If you want to know what we're doing the next two days, it's very easy. We're boxing out the next two days (in practice). I think we had five turnovers at halftime, and then we ended up with 15. We just got laxidassical. We had the lead, and we started throwing the ball all over the place. Overall, this team beat us twice last year. It was good to get a win here at home.

On sophomore forward Teana Muldrow

It was good to get (sophomore forward) Teana (Muldrow) back. She was tired, but it was good to get her back in the mix a little bit, especially heading into Baylor on Tuesday.

On freshman guard Tynice Martin

She was hot. I also thought (sophomore guard) Chania (Ray) played hard. She just was out of control there a little bit. I thought she played extremely hard. I thought (senior guard) Jessica Morton played hard at the point. (Junior center) Lanay (Montgomery) was in foul trouble once again. She has to quit doing that. We had 10 people play double figure minutes.

On players getting hot streaks

If they hit their first ball, especially young players, they think everything is going to go in. The problem with that is that they keep shooting whether it's going in or not. I like our freshmen. I like (freshman guard) Katrina (Pardee). I like (freshman guard) Alexis (Brewer). I like (freshman guard) Tynice (Martin). I like those three freshmen. I think our freshmen are going to have a lot of great games for West Virginia. (Sophomore guard) Chania (Ray) is a sophomore and (sophomore forward) Teana (Muldrow) is a sophomore. We have a good young base.

On having such a new team this year doing well

This just means that we're getting better. The good part about having players that can come in off the bench is you see who's playing well. Last year when we did bad, we didn't have a lot of people to put in. This year, we do. We have some pieces we didn't have last year. You can bring (freshman guard) Tynice (Martin) in because she's playing well. One game (freshman guard) Alexis Brewer is playing well. You can put shooters out there and put (senior guard) Bria (Holmes) at the four. She'll attack at the high post. There's a lot of combinations we can go with that we hadn't had in a couple years.

Texas Tech head coach Candi Whitaker

On today's game

West Virginia's a tough team. We came in here, and we obviously didn't shoot the ball very well. They had something to do with that, and that's on us as well. When you're 31 percent (32-of-72), you're probably going to struggle to win Big 12 games unless the other team is equally struggling through the field. You have to give West Virginia credit. They're a very good team, and it was a tough game.

On defense

There was definitely nothing that we didn't know. West Virginia is a man-to-man team. They switch everything one through four. I thought we had some good looks from the jumpers. We had some looks at the rim. They're athletic. They blocked some shots, and they took some away that we had either in the half or in transition. That's them making a great play and taking on from us.

On junior guard Ivonne CookTaylor

Ivonne (CookTaylor) is very capable of doing what she did in the fourth during the whole game. Going into this year, she was someone that was going to be tough to hang her hat on, her jump shot and her ability to make plays for our team. I was proud to see her continue to fight in the fourth quarter. We need that from her the whole game. We need (senior guard) Rayven Brooks to make plays, and we need (freshman guard) Japreece Dean to make plays. There is no secret there.