

West Virginia vs. Texas Tech Women's Basketball Quotes January 25, 2017

West Virginia University Head Coach Mike Carey

Opening Statement

First of all give, Texas Tech credit. They very easily could've not continued to play, but they played hard. They hit a lot of shots tonight. I thought we played extremely hard first quarter and then in the second quarter not so much. In the third quarter, I don't know what it is third quarter. I guess just have to act like the game hasn't started yet. Our third quarters all year haven't been good, but we were able to pull it out in the fourth quarter. I thought Lanay (Montgomery), Teana (Muldrow) our inside did very well. I thought Alexis Brewer hits some big shots for us and Katrina (Pardee) did, so you know it was a total team effort. We needed that win bad, so I'm just happy we got the win.

On Texas Tech's 3-point shooting

Some of their players, who were hitting them, never hit them all year. I don't know, I guess we do that to people, but we were able to pull out the win and that was the most important thing.

On the breakdown of the team in the second half

Well it's our rotation. First half, our rotation was very good because I'm down there talking to them. Second half, I'm not down on that end, and we just weren't rotating. That's why everybody was wide open, people weren't rotating on defense. We were helping so much on the girl coming off the pick when we had the rotation. Depends if they had somebody ball side, if they had somebody they cleared it, depending on the rotation, and we just didn't execute in the second half. I almost went out of it, what we were doing on ball screens, but I went ahead and stayed in it. On timeouts, I kept just drawing the board the rotation. First half, I thought we did an excellent job on rotation, second half we didn't.

On winning the game today

We've just got to get better. At times, we don't play hard on the floor and it almost cost us again today. I know I'm only playing seven people, so I have to get five out of those seven to play hard and they got to be consistently playing hard. Our next game is at Texas on Sunday, so we're going on up there to try and get a win.

Texas Tech Head Coach Candi Whitaker

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I'm proud of our team that we made that a game, came back had a great second half and really battled, and that's tough to do. I think it speaks to their character to make the right choice and continue to battle, look for every opportunity. We just can't have starts like that, it's hard to get down against a talented West Virginia team like that on the road and come back and win, but again really proud of our fight.

On the coach's message during halftime

That our second quarter was better and we dug ourselves a hole and we have a choice. We have to fight and when things aren't going your way it's who you are, what's your character, what are you going to do next and what are you going to do about it. Just continued to play together and worked hard to get stops. I thought we had some great defensive possessions. We were fronting (Laney) Montgomery and that wasn't part of the game plan, so we needed to make that adjustment and not give her anything easy at the rim. She scores well enough between her and the basket, we don't need to give her over the top lay-ups. That was not something we wanted to do and something we needed to get corrected.

On Teana Muldrow's play

I think when you have a Teana Muldrow on your team you can do a lot of things offensively. Her versatility allows you to run a lot of creative things offensively and her ability to step out and play inside and put it on the floor and pass it. She just a great all-around player.