

West Virginia vs. Morehead State Quotes – Dec. 2, 2015

West Virginia University Head Coach Mike Carey

On today's game

Needless to say, the third quarter we played a little bit better. We started playing and getting up the lanes. We did what we knew how to do. (Junior center) Lanay (Montgomery) had a double-double once she started to attack in the second half. (Freshman guard) Olivia (Seggie) had nine assists and zero turnovers. She gave us energy plays. Even from the first half to the second half, we went to the ball and played stronger. We took a lot for granted in the first half. They think they can just show up. We have a lot of work to do. We turned it off, but we need to turn it on both halves to beat good teams.

On being the all-time wins leader

To be honest, I'm just glad we won the game. We've had a lot of great players, great assistant coaches and great administration. Since I have been here, this program has come a long way in 15 years, with the facilities and budgets. It's never one person. It's a bunch of people that take part in that. People told me that I wouldn't make it here a year after coaching the men.

On coaching women's basketball

I will never forget the first year. We played Kentucky in the NIT, and they were just picking us up and throwing us on the floor. The referee kept saying 'out of bounds,' so I thought that's fine. We were going to get physical and stronger, and from that point on, I thought good, I can coach what I know. We can be aggressive and we can be physical. If they let you play that way, that's right up my alley.

On former WVU coach Kittie Blakemore

I came here after three coaches in between (former coach) Kittie (Blakemore) and I. I can't imagine how it was when (former coach) Kittie (Blakemore) started out with facilities, uniforms and budget. Without a doubt, she did a tremendous job getting this program started, and I'm sure she had a break down and jumped a lot of hurdles.

On freshman guard Olivia Seggie

(Freshman guard) Olivia (Seggie) listens, and she plays hard. She tries to please. I can remember one play, she dove on the floor and saved the ball. We tipped it out and scored a layup on the other end. Those are the hustle plays that we need other players to make. She makes those plays, and that's why she's on the floor.

On learning new things about the team

You look at other games we played, and we play poorly the first half. Tonight, I thought we responded in the second half. The problem is when we play a really good team, we're not going to come back. We're not going to turn it on and off, because we'll be so far behind. I thought (freshman guard) Tynice Martin came in and gave us energy.