



# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

## NOV. 10, 2017 • #22/21 OKLAHOMA 96, BELMONT 73 • POSTGAME NOTES

### TEAM NOTES

- No. 22/21 Oklahoma defeated Belmont, 96-73, to open the 2017-18 season Friday inside Lloyd Noble Center. Five Sooners scored in double figures as senior center Vionise Pierre-Louis earned her 11th career double-double with 24 points and 12 rebounds. The Sooners snapped Belmont's 21-game regular-season winning streak that dated back to Dec. 14, 2016.
- The Sooners improved to 34-7 all-time in home openers and 29-15 all-time in season openers. OU has won 19 out of its last 20 season openers dating back to the 1999-00 season. Under Sherri Coale, OU is 18-4 in regular-season openers and 20-2 in its first home game of the season at Lloyd Noble Center.
- The Sooners outshot Belmont, .500-.357, from the field and limited the Bruins to a .241 3-point percentage. Belmont finished the 2016-17 season 14th in Division with a .373 3-point percentage.
- OU has won 31 straight games when it outrebounds its opponent and has fewer turnovers than its foe. The Sooners have also won 10 straight games in the month of November.
- OU's 96 points in Friday's season opener were the most by the Sooners since scoring 111 against Sacramento State to begin the 2011-12 season.
- Five Sooners scored in double figures: Pierre-Louis (24), Maddie Manning (17), Mandy Simpson (12), Gabbi Ortiz (10) and LaNesia Williams (10).
- OU's starting lineup vs. Belmont -- Maddie Manning (G), Gabbi Ortiz (G), LaNesia Williams (G), Mandy Simpson (F), Vionise Pierre-Louis (C).
- Oklahoma head coach Sherri Coale is 466-227 in her 22 seasons at Oklahoma.

### PLAYERS NOTES

#### FRESHMAN GUARD ANA LLANUSA

- Made her OU debut, entering the game at the 6:23 mark in the first quarter. Llanusa scored nine points on 4-of-10 shooting and chipped in five rebounds and two steals in 23 minutes.

#### GRADUATE STUDENT GUARD MADDIE MANNING

- Played in 100th career game, finishing with 17 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Manning has scored in double figures six straight games dating back to last season. The graduate student guard has scored in double figures 45 times in her career (OU is 34-11 in those games).
- Manning finished 7-of-14 from the field and was 2-of-5 from 3-point range. Manning has hit at least one 3-pointer in 13 consecutive games, which is tied for the eighth-longest streak in program history.
- The Ankeny, Iowa, native has also made 14 consecutive free throws dating back to last season.

#### JUNIOR FORWARD IJEOMA ODIMGBE

- Tied her career-high with six points off the bench, while adding in five rebounds, two blocks and two steals. Odimgbe's 15 minutes played also set a career high.

#### SENIOR GUARD GABBI ORTIZ

- Played in her 100th career game and made her 91st career start against Belmont, scoring 10 points and finishing with five rebounds.
- Finished 4-for-4 at the free throw line and extended her streak of consecutive made free throws to 29 (dates back to last season).
- Has 37 career double-digit scoring games, OU is 24-13 in such games.

#### FRESHMAN GUARD SHAINA PELLINGTON

- Appeared off the bench at the 6:23 mark in the first quarter and scored eight points in 23 minutes.

#### SENIOR CENTER VIONISE PIERRE-LOUIS

- Led the Sooners with a 24-point, 12-rebound performance to earn her 11th career double-double. Pierre-Louis' 24 points are the second-most scored by the senior during her OU career. OU is 9-2 when Pierre-Louis earns a double-double during her career.
- Was 10-of-11 from the field and 4-for-4 from the free throw line against Belmont.
- Has 38 double-figure scoring games and 12 double-digit rebound games at OU.

#### FRESHMAN FORWARD MANDY SIMPSON

- Became the 10th true freshman to start a season opener in the Sherri Coale and the first since Gabbi Ortiz (2014-15 season). Simpson is the first OU forward to start the season opener since Leah Rush (2003-04).
- Logged first career double-figure scoring game with 12 points on 4-of-6 shooting. Also posted five rebounds and three assists in 28 minutes.

#### SENIOR GUARD LANESIA WILLIAMS

- Made her first career start since Nov. 13, 2015 against Winthrop and finished with 10 points. Williams' 10 points marked her first double-figure scoring game since Nov. 27, 2014 versus South Florida.