



OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH SHERRI COALE

Opening statement:

"First and foremost, I want to apologize to our fans and to you guys who had to cover that, and to the Big 12 Conference because our representation was very poor. That's maybe the understatement of the night. The best apology is changed behavior. That's what we have to do, we have to figure it out and change a lot of things, obviously. All I know how to do and all I've ever done is come back to work and try to figure it out. That's what we'll do tomorrow."

On how to find answers:

"You have to break everything open and look at it. What we have to remember is that we were a pretty good basketball team about ten days ago. It's not that everything is broken and everything is wrong and nobody knows what they're doing. We played DePaul and scored 108 points, I believe. We can score the basketball. We're shooting right at 50% from the field and suddenly, in ten days, you can't make a layup. You can't make a three. You have 23 points at halftime. So, I think you have to be a little judicious in what you do there. It's not like we're incapable, it's not like we don't know what we're doing. We've been rocked honestly. And when you're rocked, you look for a leader. Who's your leader? Who's going to put the anchor down and say, 'This is who we are. This is who we are and this is what we're going to stand for and what we're not going to stand for. We're not going to settle.' You know where that starts? Practice. It starts in practice with us not having to challenge effort for an hour-and-a-half every day. Players coming in and playing hard and putting their heart in the middle of the 94 feet floor. Then we can work on execution. But as long as we coach effort every day, it's a problem."

On the offense:

"Very disappointed in the application of the offense tonight. The game plan was to reverse the basketball. We got our first reversal with about 2 minutes to play in the first quarter, the very first one. You should reverse it multiple times on every possession because they weren't guarding some guys. That wasn't a shock to us. We knew that, we talked about it. It doesn't matter. The guys they aren't guarding, go set an on-ball (screen). We talked about that, but it didn't look like it. It didn't matter what we did with substitutions, the trend continued to settle, settle, settle."

On practices since the Oregon loss:

"We have not had a good practice since the day before the Oregon game. We had a great practice the day before the Oregon game... Our preparation since then has been just getting all guys to play as hard as they can in practice to be committed and convicted about what they are doing in practice, it is hard to get better when you are doing that."

On Gileysa Penzo starting:

"Maddie (Manning) did not compete in Little Rock and Gileysa did. She took two charges and adhered to the game plan, she did all that she could do physically, so she earned that spot."

On Florida's ability to rebound today:

"They are big to start with, that is part of it. Also, their aggression and most of our shot selection – we don't even know that it is going to go up, so how can anyone get in position? They have four guys standing in the lane... we take a shot off one or no passes, it is impossible to rebound. The thing is if you are a player and you go make that shot, alright, fine, they have to do something else, but you have to be convicted about that and we weren't. We were shooting like we hoped it would go in and hope we wouldn't miss."

On Shania Pellington's performance:

"I thought she used her speed incredibly well, everyone in the gym knew she was going to the basket, as did all of Florida, and they still couldn't keep her from getting to the rim. If she could transfer the aggression to the defensive end, then we would be better. She still has so much learn. She's a freshman. She's going to be a really good player, and has a huge upside. Anybody could decide to be the guy who says, 'This is the way we are going to do it,' and it could be her. That is a lot to put on a freshman. We have four seniors on the team, but I will take it from anyone."