

POSTGAME QUOTES
NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
ARIZONA STATE vs. OKLAHOMA STATE
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ARIZONA STATE

Arizona State Head Coach Molly Miller

On Deborah Davenport's contribution to the game

“I will say something, because she will not toot her own horn. But this child right here: I tell them to talk, and she's the loudest. ‘I need more, Deb.’ ‘Yes, ma'am, I got you.’ ‘Deb, do all the intangibles.’ ‘No problem. Coach. I love that role.’ This is a winner. This is what we want our program to be built on. This is what we want to continue, the types of kids we want to recruit. So the fact that she had 18 (points) and nine (rebounds), it speaks volumes. She got that deflection when we needed it, and the ball bounced and time ran off. She got a rebound. She kept it alive. She was talking, all the intangible things that didn't show up on this box score is Deborah Davenport, and I'm so, so proud of her.”

On getting multiple players involved in scoring

“It's amazing when you're hitting shots, and then when another person can hit shots, right? We rely on (McKinna) Brackens and Gabby (Elliott) and (Helois Carrera) a lot, but then you can see the weapon that Deb can be, and others can be to hit shots and help our team. So the fact that we didn't take very many bad shots, we got good shots, so our percentages were up. And then Deb was a threat, so they had to guard her. They couldn't just focus on one or two of our players on the court. So I think that helps spread the ball around, but also spreads the defense and puts some pressure on them when we've got more scores on the court. So Deb was definitely that for us today”

On adjusting defensively to Oklahoma State based on scouting

“We're trying to help and tag on rollers and dribble penetration, but have a sense of urgency to get back out on shooters. So rush them a little bit more, maybe make them a little bit more uncomfortable by being in their face sooner. We said we had to have a sense of urgency this game, and I'm very proud of how they approached it. After our Kansas State game, we didn't have a physical practice. We had a mental practice. And actually, I turned over a blank sheet of scout papers, and they had to watch Oklahoma State, and they presented the scout, so things matter to us. We're talking about margin of error. So our margin is so small in these games, in any Big 12 games. We've seen it across the board. So I really wanted them to get a feel of who they were, and they did. I think it was a fun exercise for you guys, too. And they learned how much work goes into scouting.”

On the team's outlook with one month left in the regular season

“Down the stretch, we said the tougher team, the team that fights the most, will win this game. So there's no other option. We don't know if we're going to make seven threes next time, if we make 10 threes next time. If we're going to have five rebounds for Deb, or she's gonna have 10 rebounds. Who knows? There's effort that is involved in that. But really, you

can control the defensive end. You can control communicating and talking. You can control getting on the floor for loose balls. You can control, grabbing that thing out of the air. Every 50-50 ball is 100% ours. So the team that fights, the team that's the toughest and plays the hardest, I'll bet on them."

Arizona State Redshirt Junior Guard/Forward Deborah Davenport

On her performance tonight

"I'm very proud of myself and my teammates, for sure. Coach Molly, all week, she was speaking life into us and kept staying positive. So I think that really helped us a lot to win this game and bounce back from our loss. So I think that's what really pushed us, and me."

On the support from Coach Miller

"It means everything, especially coming from her, because she pushes me to be the best that I can be. So that speaks life into me to produce on the court and to be a better teammate, especially. They mean everything"

On having Diana Taurasi courtside supporting ASU

"I kind of forgot she was sitting there. I'm not gonna lie, because I forgot about the whole crowd, and can't hear anything while I'm on the court besides Molly or my teammates. But it's cool to have her there. She's amazing, and I appreciate her coming out and watching us and taking the time."

OKLAHOMA STATE

Oklahoma State Women's Basketball Head Coach Jacie Hoyt

Opening Statement

"Credit to Arizona State, I thought that they were definitely the tougher team. We were just out toughed, out hustled. I did not recognize my team tonight. We didn't have anyone step up, we struggled shooting, we had foul trouble. Pretty much anything and everything went wrong that could have, but the thing that we could have controlled was our toughness, and we just didn't have it."

On the overall depth of the Big 12;

"It's incredible. I'm in my fourth year now and I have not seen it be this competitive from top to bottom. Everyone's beating up on each other on any given night, there's upsets all over. The parity is on another level that I've never seen."

On game intensity rising as the tournament nears:

"I love where we are as a program, but we're in a place right now where we're playing for a seeding. We fully understood Arizona State's hunger. They're fighting right now and they're doing a hell of a job. For us, we need to have that same intensity and urgency to fight for that seed line."