BAYLOR HEAD COACH KIM MULKEY

On winning on senior night…

“Well, they got a win for themselves. It’s so exciting because all four of them scored. All four of them were emotional for different reasons. They had their families here. There’s just something, unless you’ve put on that uniform. There’s something about taking it off for the last time. They don’t take it off for the last time, but that was their last regular season game on that floor. They’ll have an opportunity in the playoffs to host the first and second round here. The emotions of ‘wow, I won’t ever do this again’, just come oozing out. You certainly want to leave with a victory.”

On driving edge that sets Baylor apart…

I hope it’s the program and the expectations from the players before them. I think when you come in as a freshman you think you’re the worst player in America. You get pushed around by the upperclassmen. You learn. You persevere. Then the next group teaches the next group. It’s just a constant cycle. You teach them what’s expected here. We’re going to play hard. We’re going to guard you. We’re going to rebound the ball. I can’t tell you every game we’re going to win. I can’t tell you every game we’re going to be good offensively, but we’re going to hustle. We’re going to guard you. We’re going to rebound. I think that’s something that the players kind of teach the younger players. Practices are as competitive if not more competitive than our games. I’ve had to kind of get away from scrimmaging a lot. Particularly, this team. They’ll hurt each other, in a good way, because they’re that competitive with each other.

On Texas’ performance…

I thought Texas played defensively as physical as I’ve seen them on film all year. Kudos to them. Play physical like that every night. I love it. I just thought I saw a different Texas team tonight than when we came to Austin. Just very physical. Wouldn’t let us cut. Wouldn’t let us do some things. I know they got in foul trouble with a couple of kids, but they were much more physical. I thought a key to the game for us and for anybody playing Texas is keep them off the offensive boards. We did.

TEXAS HEAD COACH KAREN ASTON

Opening Statement…

“Obviously we’re disappointed. We’re not at a point in the season or even period to be finding a lot of good about a loss, but I did think that we were much more competitive than we were in Austin for a longer stretch of time. I thought that we were able to regroup a little bit at half time, and the lead was a little too much for us and we weren’t able to make enough shots. But, I did think that our second half was a better performance. I thought that the missed chippies that we had in the third quarter, we missed a couple of layups in a row and a wide-open three that really could’ve given us a lift, but we just didn’t make some easy bunnies that could’ve helped us. On the flip side of that I thought Baylor made some really big momentum plays that separated them where they just played plays out, saved balls, offensive rebounds that turned into and-ones, and picking up deflections where had we been a little more aware and played a few plays out I think would’ve helped us, but again credit to Baylor.”

Overall game…

“We are trying to find some positives out of it, I thought defensively we did some really good things. Again, timely offensive rebounds from their part and timely saved balls. I thought [Te’a] Cooper was good tonight and really set the tone for them at the beginning of the game, but we have to move forward. What you don’t want to do at this point in the season is let a loss devastate you and you’re not ready to play in your next game, or you’re not trying to move forward, and get ready for tournament play which is right around the corner. We will look at this and try to learn from it but again we’re not at the place.”