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OKLAHOMA QUOTES

Sherri Coale, head coach

On having only a day to improve from the game vs. Central Michigan

"There really wasn't a lot of time to work on not turning the ball over. And there are only so many rebounding drills you can do. I think Jo [McFarland] said it eloquently when she said it's about making a decision to be better."

On the 24 turnovers vs. Central Michigan Saturday

"We have not done that in a long time. I attribute that to the fact that we haven't played in two weeks. That's uncharacteristic of us. The rebounding, however, has been our Achilles' heel all year."

On Cori Close's debut season as UCLA's coach

"They [UCLA] play with a great sense of pride and urgency. They're incredibly aggressive. They look like they know exactly what they're doing and what they're trying to do. They play with confidence. They're a little bit different since we faced them at the start of the season. I'm not sure that the matchup will be similar at all."

On the physical nature of the PAC-12

"I don't really think I have any right to rank the PAC-12, I don't have enough exposure to them. UCLA is very athletic though, they are very physical. They've earned their spot and they've earned their seeding and they're living up to it."

On Oklahoma's improvement since facing UCLA earlier this season

"We've grown exponentially since that game. Our execution is sharper and our spacing is better. I can go through a litany of things in which we have improved. The big thing, though, is the identity of our team. We have been through a lot since then. At that time, we were still trying to figure out who we were. Now, it's a completely different group led by Jo [McFarland] and her toughness and confidence. She is the player on the roster who most fits this matchup."

On Sharane Campbell as a key player

"Sharane is our X factor. I don't think we've lost a game all year when Sharane's been good."

Morgan Hook, junior guard

On her seven turnovers vs. Central Michigan

"That's really uncharacteristic of me. It was just me not being aggressive and being passive and making mistakes. It's something I need to learn from. I still should have kept the ball in my hands longer."

On facing UCLA again

"We know what we did wrong- rebounds. They had 28 offensive rebounds on us. They outplayed us in the physical aspects of the game. It's going to be cool to go out there and give them another shot."

On preparing for the game Monday

"We've been watching them on film. We got whipped on every offensive board [last time the two teams met]. It's not hard to rebound. You just have to want it. That's what we need to have in our mind, that we want the ball more than they do."

On improving from the game vs. Central Michigan

Rebounding, it keeps coming back to that. I don't know if it's good that we got exposed yesterday and now we have that in our minds for tomorrow, but that's one thing that we really need to learn from."

Joanna McFarland, senior forward

On facing UCLA again

"They're very athletic, they're very strong and physical and they're good athletes. Our biggest problem was rebounding; we couldn't get a rebound [last time the two teams met].

On how the match-up has changed

"We played UCLA our second game of the season. We've gone through struggles and we've grown a lot and they have too. I think it' will be a completely different game the second time we play them."

On how Oklahoma's team has changed

"A lot of us have had to take on new roles; it has changed the complete make-up of our team. Constantly, you get better. At this point, we're completely different."