

**2008 Texas Tech Women's Basketball  
Lady Raiders vs. Washington State (United Spirit Arena, Lubbock, Texas)  
November 16, 2008**

**Texas Tech Postgame Quotes**

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**Head Coach Kristy Curry**

*On if they were prepared for a different Washington State team (than last year)*

"Yeah, you know they will learn to be good listeners. I think they probably were. Today was a good example for us. We are glad to come out on the positive side. We are dealing with a bit of adversity but these kids found a way to win, said a lot about them."

*On the depth*

"You know what, we are going to be much better. When you have this happen it's going to give someone else a chance to grow. As bad as it is you try to think in the long run when they come back we are going to be better. I think the biggest thing is I am so proud of the two next to me (Mallard, Barncastle), and tonight said why they wanted to be a Lady Raider so they could make an immediate impact."

*On the mindset at halftime*

"We had some frustration at the perimeter spot and having 10 turnovers. My thing was to let that go and we had to play a second half and win it by one. They got to learn and we we're a better team today at making some changes on the fly. We needed to focus on the second half and the things we had to do to win the game."

*On Washington State's aggressiveness*

"Today, like I said you would much rather learn from a win. They are so well coached; her teams in the past have always done different things so well. They are not the ninth place team in the preseason poll in the Pac-10. I love her recruiting class."

**Center Kierra Mallard**

*On if the starting was different than coming off the bench*

"It's the same as getting off the bench, you just play."

**Forward Jordan Barncastle**

*On if she practiced her free throws since Friday*

"Yes, I was very frustrated after Friday night's game. Free throws were a main focus for me; it was an emphasis in my game today".

*On her rebounding*

"We knew that they were at least as big or bigger than us. We knew that in order for us to rebound we had to get position, they had great athletic ability as did we, so we needed our position to pull them down."

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**Head Coach June Daugherty**

*On the game*

"Too bad basketball is 40 minutes. The Lady Raiders definitely turned it up in the second half. We did a good job showing poise but the second run got away from us. They turned it up defensively, and that was the ball game. The difference maker was (Jordan) Barncastle, she was a horse on the glass, and we couldn't keep her off of it. Every time we tried she made them (free throws), she was like 8-8. Barncastle was the difference maker as was turning up the heat defensively."

*On if they had a chip on their shoulder from last year's game*

"We came in with an enormous amount of respect for Texas Tech and the great history they have here with woman's basketball. So to me last year is total history. As you can see we have eight new players in our program and you got to see some of the freshmen tonight. We are actually more encouraged by what happened then discouraged. We had some positives happen, but we have to play 40 minutes."

*On the second half fouls*

"Unfortunately (April) Cook, (Jazmine) Perkins, and (Rosie) Tarnowski got in foul trouble and people tended to get a little bit passive. We have to keep playing with our feet not our hands. This is our first game for half of his team, and we played in a great environment. It's frustrating but encouraging."

*On the freshmen*

"I am proud of our kids, I think they came out strong and they showed good leadership from the upper classman. We had created some problems with our defense early. We have to be able to handle the runs a little better."

*On the defense early on*

"We didn't play this type of defense last year. They had no scout on us coming in, we were hoping it might surprise them a little but. (Kristy) Curry did a great job adjusting going down the sideline with their speed. We didn't get the turns we needed. If we can play against that kind of speed here in the Big 12, we can do that against other teams."

*On Tech's Jordan Murphree not playing*

"She's definitely a good player, she kept me up all last night. They are like us they have a few injuries, it's part of the game, unfortunately. You just move forward and get them healthy and get the kids playing to take advantage of the minutes they are playing. She would have made us stay more on them."

*On if Texas Tech is better than last year*

"No doubt, I thought that they have shown great improvement from when we saw them a year ago. I thought they showed their veteran leadership. They went in at halftime and didn't worry about being down one and came back and play hard. Coaches did a great job making adjustments. They are definitely better team than last year."