

## **WBB: Baylor Crushes Iowa's Final 4 Dreams Hawkeyes Lose 85-53 to Top-Ranked Bears**

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### **Final Score: Baylor 85 – Iowa 53**

(1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: Baylor 21-13)

(Halftime: Baylor 41-27)

(3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: Baylor 65-42)

### **Game Storylines**

Bears to the Final 4 - played like the top-ranked team in this game. Runs vs. Droughts - Runs will almost always win. Baylor had many runs. Iowa had many scoring droughts, missing way too many easy shots close-in.

Nevertheless... A terrific and memorable season for Iowa - and for its 3 seniors Megan Gustafson, Hannah Steward, & Tania Davis.

- The outcome was never in doubt in the 2nd Half. This one will hurt for a while - and then the wonderful memories will control.

Megan Gustafson scored 23 PTs in this game - giving her 1001 this season. She's just the 4th player in NCAA history to do that.

Gustafson came up 1 RB short of another double-double. In fact, she didn't get a single rebound in entire the 2nd Half.

Iowa had 3 players finish in double figures:

- Gustafson was the game's leading scorer with 23 PTs + 9 RBs
- Kathleen Doyle 10 PTs + 6 Assists
- Tania Davis 10 PTs (surpassing 1000 career PTs)
- The Hawks other 2 starters were not as productive as they have been recently...
  - Hannah Stewart scored 8 PTs and grabbed just 4 RBs
  - Makenzie Meyer scored just 2 PTs and was 0-2 beyond the arc

Baylor had 4 players finish in double figures, 3 of them exceeding their season averages:

- F Lauren Cox 22 PTs + 11 RBs (+9.3 PTs)
- G Didi Richards 16 PTs + 10 RBs + 6 Assists (+9.2 PTs)
- G Chloe Jackson 14 PTs + 5 RBs (+2.6 PTs)
- C Kalani Brown 14 PTs + 7 RBs

Uncharacteristically this season for the Hawkeyes, Iowa was badly out-rebounded 47-26 and was dominated by the Bears inside, getting outscored Points-Per-Rebound by a whopping 52-24.

| <b>Key Stats</b>     | <b>Iowa</b>    | <b>Baylor</b>   |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Field Goals          | 18-56 (32%)    | 37-70 (53%)     |
| 3-Pointers           | 3-10 (30%)     | 1-8 (13%)       |
| Free Throws          | 14-20 (70%)    | 10-13 (77%)     |
| Leads                | :23            | 38:02           |
| Lead Changes: 1      |                |                 |
| Rebounds             | 26 (O=7; D=19) | 47 (O=14; D=33) |
| Assists              | 12             | 16              |
| Turnovers            | 16             | 17              |
| Points Off Turnovers | 15             | 13              |
| Points In The Paint  | 24             | 52              |
| Bench Points         | 0              | 14              |

### **Records:**

Iowa 29-7

Baylor 35-1

### **Next Games:**

#8 Iowa (2-seed) finishes the season 29-7 – and ties the school record for most wins in a season and will go into next season as the defending Big Ten WBB Tournament Champion.

- Today's loss broke an 8 game win streak for the Hawks, including 6 victories in tournament play (3 each in the B1G & NCAAW Tourneys).
- This was the 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa WBB Team to make it to the Elite 8 – and the first since 1993.

#1 Baylor (1-seed) improves to 35-1 and earns a Final 4 berth where it will face Oregon, which defeated Mississippi State 88-84 earlier this afternoon. That game will be played Friday evening in Tampa Bay.\

- The Bears have now won 27 straight games – their only loss all season was at Stanford.



(Photo by Brian Ray/Hawkeyesports.com)

### **Post-Game Notes**

(From Iowa Athletic Communications)

#### *Game Notes:*

- *Senior Tania Davis scored 10 points to surpass 1,000 career points. She is the 36th Hawkeye to reach the milestone.*
- *Senior Megan Gustafson became just the fourth student-athlete in NCAA history to surpass 1,000 points in a single season. She ends the year with 1,001 points.*
- *Iowa ends the season with a 29-7 overall record. The 29 wins matches the highest win total in program history.*

### **Final Box Score, Game Metrics, Updated Season Stats, and Post-Game Presser Transcripts from Both Teams are Below**

(From Iowa Athletic Communications / NCAA)

**Official Box Score**  
**Iowa vs Baylor**  
**Game Totals -- Final Statistics**  
**April 01, 2019 at Greensboro Coliseum - Greensboro, NC**



**Iowa 53**

| No.           | Player           | S | Pts       | FG           | 3FG         | FT           | OR       | DR        | TR        | PF        | A         | TO        | Blk      | Stl       | Min        | +/- |  |
|---------------|------------------|---|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|-----|--|
| 03            | MEYER,MAKENZIE   | G | 2         | 0-5          | 0-2         | 2-2          | 1        | 1         | 2         | 3         | 1         | 2         | 0        | 2         | 34         | -23 |  |
| 10            | GUSTAFSON,MEGAN  | C | 23        | 9-17         | 0-0         | 5-10         | 0        | 9         | 9         | 0         | 0         | 5         | 1        | 0         | 37         | -25 |  |
| 11            | DAVIS,TANIA      | G | 10        | 3-11         | 1-3         | 3-4          | 0        | 3         | 3         | 2         | 2         | 4         | 0        | 0         | 36         | -28 |  |
| 21            | STEWART,HANNAH   | F | 8         | 3-10         | 0-0         | 2-2          | 1        | 3         | 4         | 3         | 2         | 2         | 0        | 4         | 25         | -20 |  |
| 22            | DOYLE,KATHLEEN   | G | 10        | 3-11         | 2-4         | 2-2          | 1        | 2         | 3         | 5         | 6         | 2         | 0        | 4         | 38         | -30 |  |
| 01            | TAIWO,TOMI       | G | 0         | 0-0          | 0-0         | 0-0          | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0          | -2  |  |
| 05            | SEVILLIAN,ALEXIS | G | 0         | 0-1          | 0-1         | 0-0          | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0        | 1         | 10         | -9  |  |
| 24            | SANDERS,ZION     | G | 0         | 0-0          | 0-0         | 0-0          | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          | -4  |  |
| 25            | CZINANO,MONIKA   | C | 0         | 0-0          | 0-0         | 0-0          | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 2          | -7  |  |
| 43            | OLLINGER,AMANDA  | F | 0         | 0-1          | 0-0         | 0-0          | 2        | 0         | 2         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 14         | -12 |  |
| <b>TEAM</b>   |                  |   |           |              |             |              | 2        | 1         | 3         | 0         | 0         |           |          |           |            |     |  |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |                  |   | <b>53</b> | <b>18-56</b> | <b>3-10</b> | <b>14-20</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>198</b> |     |  |

*Shooting By Period*

| Period      | FG           | FG%          | 3FG         | 3FG%         | FT           | FT%          |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1st Qtr     | 6-17         | 35%          | 0-1         | 00%          | 1-2          | 50%          |
| 2nd Qtr     | 5-16         | 31%          | 2-5         | 40%          | 2-2          | 100%         |
| 3rd Qtr     | 3-13         | 23%          | 1-3         | 33%          | 8-12         | 67%          |
| 4th Qtr     | 4-10         | 40%          | 0-1         | 00%          | 3-4          | 75%          |
| 1st Half    | 11-33        | 33%          | 2-6         | 33%          | 3-4          | 75%          |
| 2nd Half    | 7-23         | 30%          | 1-4         | 25%          | 11-16        | 69%          |
| <b>Game</b> | <b>18-56</b> | <b>32.1%</b> | <b>3-10</b> | <b>30.0%</b> | <b>14-20</b> | <b>70.0%</b> |

*Deadball Rebounds: 3,0*  
*Last FG: 4th-02:24*  
*Biggest Run: 6-0*  
*Largest lead: By 2 at 1-09:37*  
*Technical Fouls: None.*

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|---------------|-----------------------|---|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|-----|--|
| 02            | RICHARDS,DIDI         | G | 16        | 7-10         | 0-0        | 2-3          | 4         | 6         | 10        | 3         | 6         | 3         | 0        | 6         | 38         | 30  |  |
| 15            | COX,LAUREN            | F | 22        | 10-16        | 0-2        | 2-3          | 5         | 6         | 11        | 2         | 5         | 2         | 2        | 2         | 38         | 26  |  |
| 20            | LANDRUM,JUICY         | G | 5         | 2-9          | 1-4        | 0-0          | 1         | 3         | 4         | 2         | 1         | 3         | 0        | 1         | 31         | 24  |  |
| 21            | BROWN,KALANI          | C | 14        | 6-11         | 0-0        | 2-3          | 2         | 5         | 7         | 3         | 1         | 2         | 3        | 0         | 36         | 24  |  |
| 24            | JACKSON,CHLOE         | G | 14        | 7-16         | 0-1        | 0-0          | 0         | 5         | 5         | 4         | 3         | 3         | 0        | 2         | 33         | 26  |  |
| 01            | SMITH,NALYSSA         | F | 6         | 3-4          | 0-0        | 0-0          | 0         | 3         | 3         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1        | 0         | 7          | 8   |  |
| 03            | OLIVER,TRINITY        | G | 0         | 0-0          | 0-0        | 0-0          | 0         | 2         | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          | 4   |  |
| 04            | SCOTT-GRAYSON,HONESTY | G | 4         | 0-0          | 0-0        | 4-4          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          | 4   |  |
| 10            | DECOSTA,AQUIRA        | F | 0         | 0-0          | 0-0        | 0-0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          | 4   |  |
| 12            | URSIN,MOON            | G | 4         | 2-4          | 0-1        | 0-0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 2         | 0        | 1         | 10         | 0   |  |
| 25            | EGBO,QUEEN            | C | 0         | 0-0          | 0-0        | 0-0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          | 6   |  |
| 51            | BICKLE,CAITLIN        | F | 0         | 0-0          | 0-0        | 0-0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          | 4   |  |
| <b>TEAM</b>   |                       |   |           |              |            |              | 2         | 3         | 5         | 0         | 2         |           |          |           |            |     |  |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |                       |   | <b>85</b> | <b>37-70</b> | <b>1-8</b> | <b>10-13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>198</b> |     |  |

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|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1st Qtr     | 10-19        | 53%          | 1-2        | 50%          | 0-1          | 00%          |
| 2nd Qtr     | 9-16         | 56%          | 0-2        | 00%          | 2-3          | 67%          |
| 3rd Qtr     | 11-21        | 52%          | 0-3        | 00%          | 2-2          | 100%         |
| 4th Qtr     | 7-14         | 50%          | 0-1        | 00%          | 6-7          | 86%          |
| 1st Half    | 19-35        | 54%          | 1-4        | 25%          | 2-4          | 50%          |
| 2nd Half    | 18-35        | 51%          | 0-4        | 00%          | 8-9          | 89%          |
| <b>Game</b> | <b>37-70</b> | <b>52.9%</b> | <b>1-8</b> | <b>12.5%</b> | <b>10-13</b> | <b>76.9%</b> |

*Deadball Rebounds: 3,1*  
*Last FG: 4th-01:14*  
*Biggest Run: 8-0*  
*Largest lead: By 32 at 4-00:24*  
*Technical Fouls: None.*

Game Notes:

Officials: Cynthia Brooks, Joseph Vaszily, Amy Bonner  
Attendance: 4164

Start Time: 2019-04-01 23:10:16  
End Time: 2019-04-02 00:53:02  
Game Duration: 1:42  
Neutral Court;

| Score | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | TOT       |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| IOW   | 13  | 14  | 15  | 11  | <b>53</b> |
| BAY   | 21  | 20  | 24  | 20  | <b>85</b> |

**IOW led for 0:23. BAY led for 38:02.**  
**Game was tied for 1:16.**  
Times tied: 2      Lead Changes: 1

| Points from  | IOW | BAY |
|--------------|-----|-----|
| In the Paint | 24  | 52  |
| Off Turns    | 15  | 13  |
| 2nd Chance   | 6   | 20  |
| Fast Break   | 8   | 9   |
| Bench        | 0   | 14  |

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| ## | Player    |   | EFF | Game Score | +/- | Pts Prod | Pts Allw | Net Pts | Floor% | Use% | FDr | Min | Min% |
|----|-----------|---|-----|------------|-----|----------|----------|---------|--------|------|-----|-----|------|
| 3  | MEYER     | G | 0   | -1         | -23 | 2.4      | 14.8     | -12.4   | 12.4   | 10.9 | 3.1 | 34  | 85.9 |
| 10 | GUSTAFSON | C | 15  | 11.1       | -25 | 12.7     | 8        | 4.8     | 37.7   | 28.6 | 9.6 | 37  | 93.4 |
| 11 | DAVIS     | G | 2   | 0.6        | -28 | 10.8     | 15.7     | -5      | 29.2   | 23.2 | 5.2 | 36  | 90.9 |
| 21 | STEWART   | F | 9   | 6          | -20 | 8.8      | 5.4      | 3.4     | 31.6   | 18   | 4.1 | 25  | 63.1 |
| 22 | DOYLE     | G | 13  | 9          | -30 | 12.1     | 16.6     | -4.5    | 32.6   | 20.3 | 4.1 | 38  | 96   |
| 1  | TAIWO     | G | 0   | 0          | -2  | 0        | 0        | 0       | 0      | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0    |
| 5  | SEVILLIAN | G | 0   | 0          | -9  | 0.4      | 4.4      | -4      | 8.1    | 3    | 1   | 10  | 25.3 |
| 24 | SANDERS   | G | 0   | 0          | -4  | 0        | 0.4      | -0.4    | 0      | 0    | 0   | 1   | 2.5  |
| 25 | CZINANO   | C | 0   | 0          | -7  | 0        | 0.9      | -0.9    | 0      | 0    | 0   | 2   | 5.1  |
| 43 | OLLINGER  | F | 1   | 0.3        | -12 | 0        | 6.1      | -6.1    | 0      | 1.4  | 0   | 14  | 35.4 |

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| ## | Player        |   | EFF | Game Score | +/- | Pts Prod | Pts Allw | Net Pts | Floor% | Use% | FDr  | Min | Min% |
|----|---------------|---|-----|------------|-----|----------|----------|---------|--------|------|------|-----|------|
| 2  | RICHARDS      | G | 31  | 22         | 30  | 19.1     | 8.2      | 10.9    | 61.8   | 20.4 | 4.7  | 38  | 96   |
| 15 | COX           | F | 33  | 23.8       | 26  | 24.6     | 8.2      | 16.4    | 60.9   | 26.6 | 4.7  | 38  | 96   |
| 20 | LANDRUM       | G | 1   | -1         | 24  | 5.6      | 13.9     | -8.3    | 18.6   | 16   | 2    | 31  | 78.3 |
| 21 | BROWN         | C | 17  | 10.8       | 24  | 14.5     | 16.1     | -1.6    | 51.6   | 18.8 | 3.7  | 36  | 90.9 |
| 24 | JACKSON       | G | 12  | 6.6        | 26  | 15.7     | 7.1      | 8.6     | 39.5   | 25.8 | 4    | 33  | 83.3 |
| 1  | SMITH         | F | 9   | 5.6        | 8   | 3        | 1.5      | 1.5     | 60     | 3.2  | 2    | 7   | 17.7 |
| 3  | OLIVER        | G | 2   | 0.6        | 4   | 0        | -0.7     | 0.7     | 0      | 0    | 0    | 1   | 2.5  |
| 4  | SCOTT-GRAYSON | G | 4   | 4          | 4   | 4        | 0.4      | 3.6     | 100    | 2.1  | 12.2 | 1   | 2.5  |
| 10 | DECOSTA       | F | 0   | 0          | 4   | 0        | 0.4      | -0.4    | 0      | 0    | 0    | 1   | 2.5  |
| 12 | URSIN         | G | 1   | 0.6        | 0   | 4        | 4.5      | -0.5    | 33.3   | 7.8  | 4    | 10  | 25.3 |
| 25 | EGBO          | C | 0   | 0          | 6   | 0        | 0.4      | -0.4    | 0      | 0    | 0    | 1   | 2.5  |
| 51 | BICKLE        | F | 0   | 0          | 4   | 0        | 0.4      | -0.4    | 0      | 0    | 0    | 1   | 2.5  |

**Key**

**EFF:** Efficiency Stat as calculated by Manley's formula: PTS + REB + AST + STL + BLK - Missed Shots - TO

**Game Score:** Hollinger's measure of productivity, on a scale of 0-40.

**Net Pts:** Oliver's formula for Points Produced - Points Allowed

**Floor%:** Floor Percentage is the percentage of a player's possessions on which at least one point is scored.

**Use%:** Usage Percentage estimates the percentage of team plays that used a player while they were on the floor.

**FDr:** Fouls Drawn estimates the number of fouls drawn by the player.

**Min%:** Minute Percentage measures what percentage of the game the player was on the floor for.

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| ## | Player    |   | Pts | Ast | TO | FG   | FG% | 3FG | 3FG% | eFG% | TS% | Sht% | FT   | FT% | FT Rt | ORtg | ARt | TRte | FDr |
|----|-----------|---|-----|-----|----|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|------|-----|------|-----|
| 3  | MEYER     | G | 2   | 1   | 2  | 0-5  | 0   | 0-2 | 0    | 0    | 17  | 10   | 2-2  | 100 | 40    | 30.2 | 7   | 25   | 3.1 |
| 10 | GUSTAFSON | C | 23  | 0   | 5  | 9-17 | 53  | 0-0 | 0    | 53   | 53  | 33   | 5-10 | 50  | 59    | 61   | 0   | 24   | 9.6 |
| 11 | DAVIS     | G | 10  | 2   | 4  | 3-11 | 27  | 1-3 | 33   | 32   | 39  | 22   | 3-4  | 75  | 36    | 63.5 | 15  | 24   | 5.2 |
| 21 | STEWART   | F | 8   | 2   | 2  | 3-10 | 30  | 0-0 | 0    | 30   | 37  | 28   | 2-2  | 100 | 20    | 66.8 | 24  | 15   | 4.1 |
| 22 | DOYLE     | G | 10  | 6   | 2  | 3-11 | 27  | 2-4 | 50   | 36   | 42  | 21   | 2-2  | 100 | 18    | 81.8 | 42  | 14   | 4.1 |
| 1  | TAIWO     | G | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0-0  | 0   | 0-0 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0-0  | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| 5  | SEVILLIAN | G | 0   | 1   | 1  | 0-1  | 0   | 0-1 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 7    | 0-0  | 0   | 0     | 17.6 | 22  | 46   | 1   |
| 24 | SANDERS   | G | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0-0  | 0   | 0-0 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0-0  | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| 25 | CZINANO   | C | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0-0  | 0   | 0-0 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0-0  | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   |
| 43 | OLLINGER  | F | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0-1  | 0   | 0-0 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 5    | 0-0  | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   |

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|----|--------------|---|-----|-----|----|-------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|------|------|
| 2  | RICHARDS     | G | 16  | 6   | 3  | 7-10  | 70  | 0-0 | 0    | 70   | 70  | 15   | 2-3 | 67  | 30    | 121.5 | 21  | 19   | 4.7  |
| 15 | COX          | F | 22  | 5   | 2  | 10-16 | 63  | 0-2 | 0    | 63   | 63  | 24   | 2-3 | 67  | 19    | 120.1 | 20  | 10   | 4.7  |
| 20 | LANDRUM      | G | 5   | 1   | 3  | 2-9   | 22  | 1-4 | 25   | 28   | 28  | 16   | 0-0 | 0   | 0     | 45.4  | 4   | 24   | 2    |
| 21 | BROWN        | C | 14  | 1   | 2  | 6-11  | 55  | 0-0 | 0    | 55   | 56  | 17   | 2-3 | 67  | 27    | 100.5 | 4   | 14   | 3.7  |
| 24 | JACKSON      | G | 14  | 3   | 3  | 7-16  | 44  | 0-1 | 0    | 44   | 44  | 27   | 0-0 | 0   | 0     | 79.2  | 13  | 15   | 4    |
| 1  | SMITH        | F | 6   | 0   | 0  | 3-4   | 75  | 0-0 | 0    | 75   | 75  | 32   | 0-0 | 0   | 0     | 120   | 0   | 0    | 2    |
| 3  | OLIVER       | G | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0-0   | 0   | 0-0 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0-0 | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| 4  | SCOTT-GRAYSO | G | 4   | 0   | 0  | 0-0   | 0   | 0-0 | 0    | 0    | 105 | 0    | 4-4 | 100 | 0     | 250   | 0   | 0    | 12.2 |
| 10 | DECOSTA      | F | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0-0   | 0   | 0-0 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0-0 | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| 12 | URSIN        | G | 4   | 0   | 2  | 2-4   | 50  | 0-1 | 0    | 50   | 50  | 23   | 0-0 | 0   | 0     | 66.7  | 0   | 33   | 4    |
| 25 | EGBO         | C | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0-0   | 0   | 0-0 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0-0 | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| 51 | BICKLE       | F | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0-0   | 0   | 0-0 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0-0 | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0    | 0    |

**Key**

- eFG%:** Effective Field Goal Percentage adjusts for added-value of 3PT FGs
- TS%:** True Shooting Percentage adjusts for added-value of 3PT FGs and FTs
- Sht%:** Percentage of team's shots taken by player, adjusted for minutes played.
- FTRt:** Free-throw Rate is the ratio of foul shots to field goal attempts.
- ORtg:** Offensive Rating is points produced by a player per 100 possessions
- ARt:** Assist Rate is the percentage of possessions that the player assisted a basket while on the floor.
- TRt:** Turnover Rate is the percentage of player possessions that ended in a turnover.
- FDr:** Fouls Drawn estimates the number of fouls drawn by the player.

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**Iowa 53**

| ## | Player    |   | DRtg  | Stp % | Stp | TR | OR | DR | RebR | ORR  | DRR  | B | S | B%  | S%  | PF | FCom |
|----|-----------|---|-------|-------|-----|----|----|----|------|------|------|---|---|-----|-----|----|------|
| 3  | MEYER     | G | 118.4 | 0     | 3   | 2  | 1  | 1  | 4.5  | 4.5  | 4.5  | 0 | 2 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 3  | 3.5  |
| 10 | GUSTAFSON | C | 58.4  | 100   | 9   | 9  | 9  | 0  | 18.5 | 0    | 37   | 1 | 0 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0  | 0    |
| 11 | DAVIS     | G | 118.4 | 0     | 3   | 3  | 3  | 0  | 6.3  | 0    | 12.7 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2  | 2.2  |
| 21 | STEWART   | F | 58.4  | 100   | 7   | 4  | 3  | 1  | 12.2 | 6.1  | 18.3 | 0 | 4 | 0.0 | 8.7 | 3  | 4.8  |
| 22 | DOYLE     | G | 118.4 | 0     | 6   | 3  | 2  | 1  | 6    | 4    | 8    | 0 | 4 | 0.0 | 5.7 | 5  | 5.3  |
| 1  | TAIWO     | G | 118.4 | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0    |
| 5  | SEVILLIAN | G | 118.4 | 0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0 | 1 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 0  | 0    |
| 24 | SANDERS   | G | 118.4 | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0  | 0    |
| 25 | CZINANO   | C | 118.4 | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0  | 0    |
| 43 | OLLINGER  | F | 118.4 | 0     | 0   | 2  | 0  | 2  | 10.9 | 21.8 | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1  | 2.9  |

**Baylor 85**

| ## | Player        |   | DRtg   | Stp % | Stp | TR | OR | DR | RebR  | ORR  | DRR  | B | S | B%   | S%  | PF | FCom |
|----|---------------|---|--------|-------|-----|----|----|----|-------|------|------|---|---|------|-----|----|------|
| 2  | RICHARDS      | G | 55.2   | 100   | 12  | 10 | 6  | 4  | 14.3  | 12.6 | 15.6 | 0 | 6 | 0.0  | 8.6 | 3  | 3.2  |
| 15 | COX           | F | 55.2   | 100   | 8   | 11 | 6  | 5  | 15.7  | 15.8 | 15.6 | 2 | 2 | 4.5  | 2.9 | 2  | 2.1  |
| 20 | LANDRUM       | G | 115.2  | 0     | 4   | 4  | 3  | 1  | 7     | 3.9  | 9.6  | 0 | 1 | 0.0  | 1.7 | 2  | 2.6  |
| 21 | BROWN         | C | 115.2  | 0     | 5   | 7  | 5  | 2  | 10.5  | 6.7  | 13.8 | 3 | 0 | 7.2  | 0.0 | 3  | 3.3  |
| 24 | JACKSON       | G | 55.2   | 100   | 7   | 5  | 5  | 0  | 8.2   | 0    | 15   | 0 | 2 | 0.0  | 3.3 | 4  | 4.8  |
| 1  | SMITH         | F | 55.2   | 100   | 3   | 3  | 3  | 0  | 23.2  | 0    | 42.4 | 1 | 0 | 12.3 | 0.0 | 1  | 5.7  |
| 3  | OLIVER        | G | -184.8 | 500   | 2   | 2  | 2  | 0  | 108.5 | 0    | 198  | 0 | 0 | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0  | 0    |
| 4  | SCOTT-GRAYSON | G | 115.2  | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0  | 0    |
| 10 | DECOSTA       | F | 115.2  | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0  | 0    |
| 12 | URSIN         | G | 115.2  | 0     | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0 | 1 | 0.0  | 5.4 | 1  | 4    |
| 25 | EGBO          | C | 115.2  | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0  | 0    |
| 51 | BICKLE        | F | 115.2  | 0     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0 | 0 | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0  | 0    |

**Key**

**DRtg:** Defensive Rating is points allowed by a player per 100 possessions

**Stp%:** Stop Percentage estimates the rate of defensive possessions where the opposing team did not score

**Stp:** Stops estimates the total number of defensive possessions where the opposing team did not score

**RebR:** Rebound Rate estimates the percentage of missed shots the player rebounded while on the floor.

**ORR:** Offensive Rebound Rate estimates the percentage of their team's missed shots the player rebounded while on the floor.

**DRR:** Defensive Rebound Rate estimates the percentage of their opponent's missed shots the player rebounded while on the floor.

**B%:** Block Percentage is percentage of possessions player records a block on, adjusted for minutes.

**S%:** Block Percentage is percentage of possessions player records a steal on, adjusted for minutes.

**FCom:** Fouls committed per 40 minutes.

**Iowa Women's Basketball**  
**Iowa Combined Team Statistics (as of Apr 01, 2019)**  
**All games**

Overall record: 29-7 Conf: 14-4 Home: 17-0 Away: 7-5 Neutral: 5-2

| #              | Player             | gp-gs | min  | avg  | Total     |      | 3-Point |       | F-Throw |      | Rebounds |      |      |      | pf  | dq | a   | to  | blk | stl | pts  | avg  |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|------|------|-----------|------|---------|-------|---------|------|----------|------|------|------|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
|                |                    |       |      |      | fg-fga    | fg%  | 3fg-fga | 3fg%  | ft-fa   | ft%  | off      | def  | tot  | avg  |     |    |     |     |     |     |      |      |
| 10             | Megan Gustafson    | 36-36 | 1231 | 34.2 | 412-592   | .696 | 1-1     | 1.000 | 176-223 | .789 | 100      | 381  | 481  | 13.4 | 79  | 1  | 62  | 58  | 63  | 15  | 1001 | 27.8 |
| 21             | Hannah Stewart     | 36-36 | 1029 | 28.6 | 179-319   | .561 | 0-0     | .000  | 43-56   | .768 | 72       | 169  | 241  | 6.7  | 91  | 2  | 82  | 79  | 25  | 42  | 401  | 11.1 |
| 11             | Tania Davis        | 36-36 | 1238 | 34.4 | 124-294   | .422 | 53-137  | .387  | 71-83   | .855 | 6        | 91   | 97   | 2.7  | 38  | 0  | 162 | 73  | 0   | 34  | 372  | 10.3 |
| 22             | Kathleen Doyle     | 29-27 | 981  | 33.8 | 124-313   | .396 | 36-118  | .305  | 64-86   | .744 | 10       | 77   | 87   | 3.0  | 79  | 2  | 170 | 76  | 11  | 66  | 348  | 12.0 |
| 03             | Makenzie Meyer     | 34-33 | 1112 | 32.7 | 103-247   | .417 | 62-175  | .354  | 45-51   | .882 | 15       | 62   | 77   | 2.3  | 62  | 0  | 143 | 76  | 16  | 19  | 313  | 9.2  |
| 05             | Alexis Sevillian   | 36-12 | 642  | 17.8 | 60-166    | .361 | 33-106  | .311  | 18-24   | .750 | 8        | 53   | 61   | 1.7  | 42  | 0  | 79  | 58  | 0   | 18  | 171  | 4.8  |
| 43             | Amanda Ollinger    | 36-0  | 454  | 12.6 | 35-75     | .467 | 4-12    | .333  | 12-22   | .545 | 37       | 60   | 97   | 2.7  | 49  | 0  | 33  | 25  | 12  | 17  | 86   | 2.4  |
| 25             | Monika Czinano     | 34-0  | 181  | 5.3  | 28-51     | .549 | 0-0     | .000  | 10-20   | .500 | 11       | 19   | 30   | 0.9  | 27  | 0  | 5   | 13  | 3   | 5   | 66   | 1.9  |
| 01             | Tomi Taiwo         | 19-0  | 113  | 5.9  | 8-20      | .400 | 4-9     | .444  | 6-9     | .667 | 1        | 15   | 16   | 0.8  | 6   | 0  | 12  | 7   | 1   | 4   | 26   | 1.4  |
| 24             | Zion Sanders       | 20-0  | 134  | 6.7  | 8-21      | .381 | 4-10    | .400  | 4-6     | .667 | 4        | 10   | 14   | 0.7  | 10  | 0  | 17  | 11  | 0   | 3   | 24   | 1.2  |
| 23             | Logan Cook         | 17-0  | 66   | 3.9  | 4-8       | .500 | 4-7     | .571  | 1-2     | .500 | 5        | 9    | 14   | 0.8  | 5   | 0  | 7   | 12  | 0   | 1   | 13   | 0.8  |
| 31             | Paula Valino Ramos | 13-0  | 21   | 1.6  | 0-1       | .000 | 0-0     | .000  | 0-0     | .000 | 3        | 5    | 8    | 0.6  | 3   | 0  | 3   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0.0  |
| Team           |                    |       |      |      |           |      |         |       |         |      | 72       | 70   | 142  |      |     |    | 9   |     |     |     |      |      |
| Total.....     |                    | 36    | 7202 |      | 1085-2107 | .515 | 201-575 | .350  | 450-582 | .773 | 344      | 1021 | 1365 | 37.9 | 491 | 5  | 775 | 498 | 131 | 224 | 2821 | 78.4 |
| Opponents..... |                    | 36    | 7199 |      | 941-2344  | .401 | 231-755 | .306  | 309-455 | .679 | 450      | 745  | 1195 | 33.2 | 642 | -  | 482 | 433 | 82  | 271 | 2422 | 67.3 |

| TEAM STATISTICS        | IOWA      | OPP      | Date       | Opponent            | Score    | Att.  |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|---------------------|----------|-------|
| SCORING                | 2821      | 2422     | 11/09/18   | ORAL ROBERTS        | w 90-77  | 3644  |
| Points per game        | 78.4      | 67.3     | 11/13/18   | at Western Kentucky | w 104-67 | 1301  |
| Scoring margin         | +11.1     | -        | 11/17/18   | N.C. CENTRAL        | w 106-39 | 3238  |
| FIELD GOALS-ATT        | 1085-2107 | 941-2344 | 11/23/18   | vs West Virginia    | w 84-81  | 0     |
| Field goal pct         | .515      | .401     | 11/24/18   | vs Florida State    | L 67-71  | 325   |
| 3 POINT FG-ATT         | 201-575   | 231-755  | 11/29/18   | at Notre Dame       | L 71-105 | 7968  |
| 3-point FG pct         | .350      | .306     | 12/02/18   | ROBERT MORRIS       | w 92-63  | 3457  |
| 3-pt FG made per game  | 5.6       | 6.4      | 12/05/18   | IOWA ST.            | w 73-70  | 6289  |
| FREE THROWS-ATT        | 450-582   | 309-455  | 12/08/18   | IUPUI               | w 72-58  | 3571  |
| Free throw pct         | .773      | .679     | 12/16/18   | UNI                 | w 83-57  | 6860  |
| F-Throws made per game | 12.5      | 8.6      | 12-21-18   | at Drake            | w 91-82  | 6107  |
| REBOUNDS               | 1365      | 1195     | * 12/30/18 | at Michigan St.     | L 70-84  | 9520  |
| Rebounds per game      | 37.9      | 33.2     | * 01/03/19 | NEBRASKA            | w 77-71  | 4391  |
| Rebounding margin      | +4.7      | -        | * 01/07/19 | WISCONSIN           | w 71-53  | 3428  |
| ASSISTS                | 775       | 482      | * 01/10/19 | at Purdue           | L 57-62  | 5843  |
| Assists per game       | 21.5      | 13.4     | * 01/14/19 | at Minnesota        | w 81-63  | 5439  |
| TURNOVERS              | 498       | 433      | * 01/17/19 | MICHIGAN            | w 75-61  | 6287  |
| Turnovers per game     | 13.8      | 12.0     | * 01/20/19 | at Illinois         | w 94-75  | 3019  |
| Turnover margin        | -1.8      | -        | * 01/23/19 | RUTGERS             | w 72-66  | 6035  |
| Assist/turnover ratio  | 1.6       | 1.1      | * 01/27/19 | PURDUE              | w 72-58  | 9319  |
| STEALS                 | 224       | 271      | * 02/01/19 | at Michigan         | L 81-90  | 2160  |
| Steals per game        | 6.2       | 7.5      | * 2/3/19   | at Penn State       | w 81-61  | 2815  |
| BLOCKS                 | 131       | 82       | * 02/07/19 | MICHIGAN ST.        | w 86-71  | 6287  |
| Blocks per game        | 3.6       | 2.3      | * 02/10/19 | at Ohio St.         | w 78-52  | 5344  |
| ATTENDANCE             | 115546    | 78274    | * 02/14/19 | ILLINOIS            | w 88-66  | 6877  |
| Home games-Avg/Game    | 17-6797   | 12-4867  | * 02/17/19 | MARYLAND            | w 86-73  | 10716 |
| Neutral site-Avg/Game  | -         | 7-2839   | * 02/21/19 | at Indiana          | L 73-75  | 3812  |
|                        |           |          | * 02/25/19 | at Nebraska         | w 74-58  | 5071  |
|                        |           |          | * 03/03/19 | NORTHWESTERN        | w 74-50  | 12051 |
|                        |           |          | 03/08/19   | vs Indiana          | w 70-61  | 0     |
|                        |           |          | 03/09/19   | vs Rutgers          | w 72-67  | 4415  |
|                        |           |          | 03/10/19   | vs Maryland         | w 90-76  | 4427  |
|                        |           |          | 03/22/19   | MERCER              | w 66-61  | 10720 |
|                        |           |          | 03/24/19   | MISSOURI            | w 68-52  | 12376 |
|                        |           |          | 03/30/19   | vs NC State         | w 79-61  | 6544  |
|                        |           |          | 04/01/19   | vs Baylor           | L 53-85  | 4164  |

\* = Conference game



## NCAA WOMEN'S REGIONAL SEMIFINALS AND FINALS: GREENSBORO

April 1, 2019

Lisa Bluder  
Tania Davis  
Megan Gustafson

*Greensboro, North Carolina*

**Baylor 85, Iowa 53**

COACH LISA BLUDER: Baylor was just obviously too much for us today. I told the team that I'm not going to define our season by the last 40 minutes. I don't think we played our best game. Did Baylor have something to do with it? Absolutely. But I just wish that we could have shown a little bit more of Iowa Basketball.

But I'm not going to -- I'm going to try not to remember this game. To me, I'm going to remember cutting down the Nets with these guys after winning a Big Ten Championship. I'm going to remember Tania's results coming back. I'm going to remember Hannah Stewart's journey. I'm going to remember getting the opportunity to coach one of the best basketball players in America in Megan, and that's what I'm going to remember about this season. I'm going to remember the relationships and just the -- the great memories with these young ladies.

So I'm very, very fortunate and very blessed to coach them (tearing up).

**Q. They kept you off of the offensive glass and they kept you without a rebound in the second half. What did they do to bother you on the boards tonight?**

MEGAN GUSTAFSON: Yeah, they were just throwing, you know, extra people at me, and they knew ahead of time that I was a pretty good rebounder and they had a little bit of size advantage, and so yeah, they were just throwing extra bodies at me, yeah. Is.

**Q. How tough was it to get the ball inside with those big bodies in there?**

TANIA DAVIS: Personally, for me, it wasn't really that tough. I felt like I got the ball in there pretty easily. It was just after that, just, you know, making decisions on our part whether we speed cut, things like that.

But I don't think that their pressure bothered me at all when it came to getting the ball inside.

**Q. What legacy do you think this class leaves behind? What are your memories from the four years?**

TANIA DAVIS: For me personally, I felt like the legacy that we left is completely different depending on who you're talking about.

Obviously Megan, coming in as a freshman, and you know, turning out, the type of

player that she is, first team All-American and being the all-time leading scorer, rebounder, in Iowa history.

Then you look at me, and I'm thrown and dealt a really bad hand, and had to overcome injury after injury; and to be able to fight back and make Big Ten Honorable Mention and to do things that I wasn't supposed to do and be in the position and be in the Elite 8, places I wasn't supposed to be.

And then you look at Hannah Stewart, not playing her freshman year and to be a starter and keep playing for us.

I feel like our legacy just completely different, but at the same time I feel like we're all just great people. We're great individuals off the court and I feel like that's the legacy we'd rather leave, as opposed to, you know, the players that we have.

MEGAN GUSTAFSON: Yeah, definitely what Tania said. We've all three had different journeys. Tania is one of the toughest warriors I know to be able to battle back from three injuries, with the shoulder and two back-to-back ACLs. Tonight she got her thousandth point, so that's amazing (tearing up).

Hannah, if I had to go to battle with anyone else -- she's going to do great things when she's done, and I just try to do my job here in Iowa and just trying to work hard every single day (sobbing).

God has just blessed me with an amazing ability to play basketball, and I'm just so, so pleased and thankful that the University of Iowa chose me and I chose to play for them.

**Q. Just how good is this Baylor team?**

COACH LISA BLUDER: Yeah, you know, I looked at their numbers and obviously watched them on film and I thought their defense was good. I didn't realize it was that good, until you're out there playing against them, how good their defense is.

I mean, I hope they win it all. I hope they go on and win it all, definitely. But again, I thought they were a very good team today, as well, and I just wish we would have played our best game and we didn't, but again, I know that part of that has to do with Baylor.

**Q. This is the farthest Iowa has gone under you. Obviously you lose a lot. How do you sustain this now?**

COACH LISA BLUDER: Well, it all begins with recruiting. It all begins with getting the talent in. You know, I think the culture is there. I think people want to play with the type of women that we have on our team.

So I think, you know, as long as we continue to pass that culture down and keep it, but it really comes down to getting the athletes in, as well. Culture is one thing, but you have to have talent to go with it.

**Q. This is kind of not about the game itself, but you have an all-female**

**coaching staff, and there aren't that many that have that. Is that important to you to be coaching a lot of women? How intentional is that, and is that something you plan to continue?**

COACH LISA BLUDER: It's very intentional. It's something I'm really proud of. I think that young women need to have female role models to look up to and to see leaders in action that are women. I'm not saying that men can't be role models, but we all know that when you have somebody that looks like you, it's a little bit easier.

I'm very intentional about that, and I'm very proud of the fact that we have an all-female staff.

**Q. You had about a seven-and-a-half-minute stretch there in that second quarter where you didn't make any field goals, made some from the free throw; how critical is that stretch with a chance to kind of stay in the game?**

COACH LISA BLUDER: Yeah, there were several of those, I felt like, where we just had the long droughts. You know, I thought that Megan did her part; I said coming into this game that we needed everybody to contribute, and unfortunately we didn't get a lot of contribution from other people.

You know, again, I know they gave me all. I know that they worked as hard as they could. I know that they believed and came in here wanting it, but today, we just didn't get the job done. It would have been nice to be able to hit some threes and be able to knock some of those down, but again, I think Baylor did a really good job of getting out there and taking that pass out away from us.

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**[Kim Mulkey](#)**  
**[Chloe Jackson](#)**  
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**[Lauren Cox](#)**  
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***Greensboro, North Carolina***

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THE MODERATOR: Opening statement?

COACH KIM MULKEY: I haven't done it in 19 years and I'm going to pass again.

THE MODERATOR: Thought I'd give you a chance, Coach.

COACH KIM MULKEY: Thank you.

**Q. Now that you're there going to the Final Four, just your immediate thoughts after the game is over when you were celebrating?**

KALANI BROWN: I don't know, I was just overwhelmed, excited, just happy. We were just hugging each other. I wasn't thinking about anything, honestly.

CHLOE JACKSON: I just felt extremely blessed. It was a surreal feeling. Just a lot of excitement.

**Q. Just how much motivation was there going up inside against Megan Gustafson, and just tell me about your defensive effort, I think about 31 percent from the field they shot, and y'all rebounded them by a lot, also.**

LAUREN COX: It was a team effort. Kalani obviously started on her and I was playing on her some, too. We just tried to limit her touches and do whatever she could. I mean, she's a good player. She's going to get her points, and we just couldn't let that second and third player go off for them.

KALANI BROWN: Piggybacking off what she said, Megan is real crafty with the ball. Very talented player.

We just took turns on her, you know, you guard her for a possession and I'll guard her for a possession, but she's a great player.

**Q. Another really great game for you, if it hadn't been or Saturday, this would have been your highest-scoring game. Did you expect a weekend like this coming, and was this anything different that happened or did things just click?**

DIDI RICHARDS: It's not something you expect, just something that kind of comes, I guess. But without my teammates I would not be able to do what I do, because without the -- without the attention they get in the inside, I wouldn't be so wide open under.

**Q. They hit seven three-points the other day. They are a pretty good three-point shooting team. Talk about y'all's defense and how you were able to stay out there on them?**

DIDI RICHARDS: You know, we're kind of known for our defense, I would say, so we didn't do anything different. We just stayed outside and guarded them like we normally guard because most teams shoot threes on us, so it's something we're used to, I would say.

CHLOE JACKSON: Yeah, piggybacking off of her, we just stuck to our defenses -- defensive play, and just played the same defense we always do. Yeah, we played against a lot of three-point shooting teams before, so it was nothing that we hadn't seen.

**Q. You did a whole lot of things well in both games, and therefore, were**

**the most outstanding player. Just your thoughts and were you especially active, did you feel like in the last two games?**

LAUREN COX: I think I was pretty active, but I mean, I think I've been doing a little bit of everything throughout the season, and I mean, it could have been any one of us, MVP, and it's just a blessing and I'm just excited.

**Q. For any player that wants it, you guys have won all four games in this tournament by 25 points each, average margin of victory, 38 points. What are you learning about yourselves with all those blowouts?**

LAUREN COX: We're just learning that we're determined to make our Final goal, which we did, to make it to Tampa, and now win a National Championship. I think it says a lot about our defense and the way that we score the ball. We're getting up and we're not letting people get back into the game.

KALANI BROWN: Also that we have a lot of weapons, you know, not just coming from the paint but on the perimeter.

Didi shocked the world, so you know, and the depth of the bench, as well.

CHLOE JACKSON: I agree with LC, yeah.

**Q. This was it for you. You have two more to go, maybe one or two more to go. Did you ever doubt you would enjoy this moment and was there frustration along the way? Does it make it more sweet that you get there now?**

KALANI BROWN: Definitely frustration along the way, but it's all paid off for now. Finally check out the Final Four off my checklist.

**Q. Kind of the same question I asked Kalani and Chloe, but how excited are you for those seniors to be going to the Final Four? You've been talking about it for a while now?**

COACH KIM MULKEY: Certainly, you start with seniors. I am so happy for those seniors. I am so happy for those players, and I'm happy for Baylor University. I'm happy for Baylor University. Plaster that on the front page of every national newspaper. It doesn't get any more positive than this.

**Q. As you're winning this game, the game is finishing, were there any thoughts to some of the players that came before them that maybe didn't make it?**

COACH KIM MULKEY: Absolutely. What you want for every kid you coach, when they come there, they want to come to win championships. They want to come to win Big 12 championships, and we've won 20 of those.

But some of those great players missed out on a chance to go to at least one, and for that, as a coach, you always think about them. But I will always tell you this: They are a part of this. I think to that first group I coached in the very first NCAA Tournament, we were in Cameron indoor (ph) but we got there. We took a program that had won seven games prior to us getting there and we went to the NCAA Tournament. They are a part of every bit of this. That's what makes this special is

because even though they physically may not have been able to get there themselves, truly, we're all a part of the program. They are all a part of it.

**Q. Given the margin of victory y'all have enjoyed in every game so far this tournament, how do you go about preparing the team for a situation where they might have a little closer score a little late in the game in a more high-leverage situation?**

COACH KIM MULKEY: First of all, you go against each other. I've got the No. 1 recruiting class in the country sitting over there not getting as many minutes as probably they would at other schools, so there's nothing greater than to watch them go every day against Kalani and Cox and the battles that are fought in that practice.

I think practice prepares you for the games. If you're your practices can be harder than games, then we're doing something right, and they get after it. They are as competitive against each other, but then when we go play games, they are pulling for each other. Our practices are intense.

The second thing I want to give credit to is our Dream Team. You have a bunch of guys at Baylor that volunteer and go through the entire NCAA certification process and they come out there and they help us prepare. This is for those guys, as well.

**Q. That defense prevailed again tonight. Is that the core of your team, or was it tonight?**

COACH KIM MULKEY: I liked your article and I agree with you. Texas Tech again get after you, too, defensively.

It has to be, Chad, because we don't know that we're going to score this many points every night. What we do know is we can defend you and we're going to give everything we have on the defensive end of the floor. That's the way I was taught and that's the way I believe, and all these high-octane offenses now, nobody wants to believe post game is effective any more; I do.

But I also go back to old school basketball, is that -- think about it. Nobody likes to be guarded for 40 minutes. It's work. It's hard. And that's why you look at a kid like Didi Richards, who is our defensive stopper, and what she sacrifices on the offensive end, you're seeing her be a big contributor for us.

So let me say this about Iowa -- I want to say Iowa State because they are in our league. But what a great year Iowa had. What a great player Gustafson is. Just classy. Their comments were classy all the last two days. They had a tremendous year.

And I've been in that locker room on the losing end, so my heart goes out to them, as well.

Any more questions?

**Q. You said Didi has done this before, but she has not scored this many**

**points before. Is it a matter of her being more aggressive or what clicked with her?**

COACH KIM MULKEY: Well, transition for one thing. Offensive rebounding the second thing, and thirdly, she and those post players just have to going on right now that they find her.

Sometimes Cox and those guys will look for her too much because if you watch film on us, people tend to not guard her. They think she's the least offensive threat that we have, so instead of being a liability on the offensive end, we have helped her figure out how to be effective and not be a liability and not take her man and go double on the post as much as they were earlier in the season.

**Q. I love your orange.**

COACH KIM MULKEY: Thank you.

**Q. The talk going in about was about the battle in the post. You scored 25 more points in the paint. Do you feel like you sent a message tonight?**

COACH KIM MULKEY: I don't know that there's any message. This is who we are. Y'all just haven't seen us play in person. This is our basketball team. I have two of the greatest post players in the country, and they are so unselfish and wanted it to play together, and there's no message to be sent. I have said from day one, it's all about championships, and when I can recruit kids and parents who still believe in team first, and not stats, and we -- you know, those kids don't care. Kalani just wanted to get to a Final Four. You know, it's a joy to coach and be around kids and parents who honestly just want their kids to experience what it's all about and it's about championships, Final Fours and those types of things.

Lauren Cox, Most Outstanding Player. If you would have asked me, I couldn't take just one, usually I can pick just one Lauren Cox was the No. 1 player in the country coming out of high school -- Notre Dame and more. And the thing that is so impressive about Lauren Cox is we had like four or five post players that she had to come in and play with as a freshman. But it didn't scare her. It didn't scare her. I mean, we had Nina Davis, KK, Kalani was there, the list goes on. And that kid's self-confidence was the most impressive thing to me. It's like, "That doesn't scare me, Coach, my time will come and I will work until you have to play me."

The second thing about Lauren Cox is, at her size, she can honestly play any position on that floor. If I got in foul trouble and had no guard to bring it up the floor, I would look at her and say, you go get the ball. She can do it. She can defend any position on that floor. And she's got a little oomph in her. She's going to guard you and get you. It's funny because the freshmen post players will watch and I'll be down there watching her and if someone hits Lauren hard and she thinks it was a cheap shot or the referee made a bad call, she will go, oh, who are we going to get in the other end. That's the competitor in that child.