

Auburn Head Coach Terri Williams-Flournoy

Opening Statement . . .

“Wes, our SID, just gave us a great stat. He told us that we had not had six people score to score in double figures since the year of 2008. It is now 2018. Ten year later, we can find some scoring. I thought we did a very good job tonight. It took us a while. It may seem like our defense really wasn’t working because we weren’t able to turn them over right away. One thing about our press, we continue to wear teams down. That’s what we did. The point guard finally got tired and we were able to wear them down.”

On second chance points . . .

“Twenty-eight points off of second chance points with 20 offensive rebounds. That’s one of our T.O.E. (Team of Excellence) goals. You say, “What is our T.O.E.?” Our team of excellence. We have about six goals and five of those six are all offensive goals. One of our T.O.E. goals is to get in there to the offensive boards and rebound.”

On high offensive output . . .

“We knew that we could put five people out on the floor that could score. We didn’t know how much they could score, but we knew we could put five people on the court that could score. We’ve learned with Robyn Benton coming off the bench we can now add six to that. As you can see, Robyn Benton, our freshman, is not shy at all. We knew that we would be a better scoring offensive team this year. I still think that we can be even a little bit better. She (Unique Thompson) only got eight attempts. Unique Thompson, our post player, only got eight attempts.”

Janiah McKay #33, G, Sr.

On her mindset during the game...

“It’s easy to get assists when my teammates are knocking down shots. You learn to be patient and to put your teammates in the position to score. That’s what I did.”

On being pre-season All SEC...

“Honestly, I try not to think about it. I try not to put pressure on myself. I just try to be the best point guard that I can for this team. Whatever happens in the end, happens. Hopefully, with how efficient I played tonight and continuing to be consistent, I’ll put my team in a better position to have a good season.”

Unique Thompson #20, F, So.

On being pre-season All SEC...

“I would say it’s not really about putting pressure on yourself, but just knowing what you’re capable of and knowing that everyone else knows what you’re capable of. There’s a reason why I’m here. It’s not saying I’m going to go out there and do all this, but knowing that if everybody on my team can score, then I can get the rebound and I can help the team finish strong. Like

Coach Flo says, I'm not a surprise anymore. It's just knowing that I'm here and doing it. I'm going to keep doing it."

Grambling State Head Coach Freddie Murray

On execution...

"There were a lot of mistakes tonight. It was evident. We had a few players that did not show up to make this trip. We knew it was going to be ugly early on, but we have some things we can go back and work on. Auburn did a great job of playing their game, playing comfortable and getting what they wanted out of the basketball court. I think what we didn't do tonight is correctable. We can go back and talk about it. Ironically, it was the things we have been talking about all week, but we got in the game and forgot everything we were going over."

On rest of season...

"The rest of the season is going to be tough. That's the way we want it. We don't want any cake teams like a lot of teams in our conference are playing. We want to play the best because at the end of the year, those are the teams you'll see in the tournament. So in order to prepare, we have to play these type of games. We have our first home game on Friday and then go back on the road again and don't have another home game until January. It will prepare us for conference."

On progress...

"We need to work on chemistry. Chemistry takes time. When you try to infuse eight new players in, chemistry takes time. It won't happen right away. We've only been together two months. It will take time, but it's going to get there. We will learn from this and play another game this coming Friday."