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## WKU & MTSU

Posted by daReporta - 2010/01/28 09:38

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It happened again... I typed an eloquent (IMO - of course!) summary of the game clicked submit and now it's hanging in cyberspace somewhere. Oh well.

The original (as close as I can get it) went like this:

As I have said in a previous thread "one step forward, two steps back".

Not too much to say simply because I say it all the time. They didn't take care of the ball (31 turnovers), they didn't share the ball (6 assists) and they didn't make free throws (54% from the line). The meltdown was because they were unable to handle the press. They cannot win if Godbolt only shoots 5 times. The inability to get her the ball (or even take shots so she could clean up and get putbacks), hurt them tremendously.

WKU is not 49 points better than UNT. I would like to remind everyone that "what comes around, goes around" and WKU pressing the ball when the score was 93-32 - could come back to haunt WKU in the future. This team is young and I'm sure it's a "lesson" they won't soon forget.

The three "C's": Consistency, Chemistry & Confidence. They had none of that as a team at WKU.

Let's hope for a major regrouping before Saturday.

MTSU has only been using 6-7 players - if SS can run on them first - it could work to our advantage. Whatever the case - the 3 "C's", plus all the other things I drone on about, and buying into the game plan has to be executed.

And to borrow a quote from Forrest Gump "that's all I have to say about that"

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## Re:WKU & MTSU

Posted by CMJ - 2010/01/28 21:33

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Thanks for the writeup. Pretty brutal score, but it's only 1 L.

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## Re:WKU & MTSU

Posted by daReporta - 2010/01/29 17:46

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I was just checking some of the previous box scores for MTSU.

They start 4 seniors and 1 junior and don't play the bench alot of minutes - even in the blowouts.

Size - we match up well. Experience - we're a little short.

Also helps MTSU that they have an AAU feeder program to bring in the top talent from the area. It's run by the head coach's son (TN Flight) and they are a nationally recognized Nike program that won Nike Nationals the year before last. Unlike WKU who has to work hard for their recruits, they're just going to re-load when their seniors leave.

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## Re:WKU & MTSU

Posted by daReporta - 2010/01/31 13:17

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Very similar response to WKU... starting to sound like wah, wah, wah... (you know, the teacher from the Charlie Brown cartoons).

Tough, tough loss - to say the least. They're making the record books for all the wrong reasons. Besides the same old thing (turnovers, assists, free throws), something happened last night that I haven't seen since some of the out of conference games. Some of the girls were "scared". I mean, "take me out, coach - I don't want to play"... SCARED. From what I could tell by watching (you can only see what the camera sees), the lack of aggression and lack of

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communication (confusion on defense) set the tone for the game and MTSU pounced all over it.

The bench produced 36 points. The starters had 15. It is now evident that not only has it hurt this team with lack of depth and experience at PG & Post - but lack of player leadership on the floor is allowing them to drown on the road.

Decent game by Hughes. Would have liked to see some assists from her - but, she did take care of the ball and stopped the bleeding from that 26-0 run. The freshmen played physical. Too many mistakes - but, that's OK - they didn't "quit".

I feel the same about MT as I did about WKU. They are not 68 points better than UNT... Their coach has the same philosophy as SS... run, push, and run some more... with some more experience - UNT has the weapons to be competitive with teams of MT's caliber. You can teach ball handle and how to shoot, you can't teach heart. The "youngsters" on UNT have heart.

Mark my words - this win will come back to haunt MT. He still had his starters on the floor and they were up by 60 (I'm sure to keep everyone's stats up). I hope there is a bitter taste in the mouth of the underclassmen and they never forget the feeling of humiliation that WKU & MT imposed on them. I'm not saying "revenge" is a motivator - but I think everyone can identify with "payback's a \*\*\*\*\*".

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