



PAC-12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MEDIA DAY LARRY SCOTT // PAC-12

Opening Statement

“We appreciate all you do to cover the Pac-12 Conference and the women’s basketball program. This is an exciting time; I’ve seen the trajectory of the program and we’ve certainly gotten deeper and more exciting as a Conference. We certainly expect this year to be as deep and wide open as any in recent memory. We’re thrilled about that in terms of the caliber of play. It’s going to be fun to see the way the season unfolds. We’re going to have unprecedented number of women’s basketball games on television, 113 to be precise between ESPN and the Pac-12 Networks, more than any other conference by far. The future is bright.”

On relationship in Seattle with championships...

“We’re coming up on the last year of the first turn, and we’re really happy with the way that’s gone. We really feel like we have a good foundation there.”

On continuity in officiating...

“We have very good stability in woman’s officiating side that provide strong leadership. We focus on constant improvement, we’re certainly never satisfied and we never want to be complacent. Are we being self-critical? How are we looking at recruiting new talent? We’ve invested a lot in that.”

On improvements in officiating...

“We have felt like we’ve had improvement on both the men’s and women’s side, and we judge that by the grades. Every game is graded, and we judge it by what the national coordinators tell us. I would describe it as two steps forward, one step back. Across the board, there’s been good, steady improvement, but the work is not done.”

On non-conference scheduling...

“Different programs schedule differently depending on what stage they’re at. Our Conference is known for having some big matchups and scheduling tough. Being out in the west, it’s harder for us to break through, so it’s really important that there’s an impression that our Conference is deep, strong, and has elite teams at the top.”