



PAC-12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MEDIA DAY SR. GUARD TARYN WICIJOWSKI AND COACH ANTHONY LEVRETS// UTAH

On this upcoming season...

AL: "Thank you all for being here, investing in our sport and making this a great day. I don't know how many games we will win this year, we can't predict that. But we like what we see when we walk in our gym. We have 14 healthy bodies, and we're deep. When you go through the stuff we went through last year, two things could happen: you can either jump ship or figure out what's going wrong and right. How did it feel to get picked last? It pissed us off. I think we have the ability to do something cool with this group that no one sees coming."

On Wicijowski

AL: "She's really special. It's really rare to have all she has wrapped up into one."

On Wicijowski coming back from second ACL injury...

TW: "My first ACL injury was a lot about sitting out and seeing the x's and o's, how to play, seeing what to read, and understanding the little things that your coaches tell you to do and you think aren't important and seeing that they are. Having last year taken away from me, going through that a second time, showed how much I love basketball, it is a huge year for motivation for me, and I'm thankful to get to play and have my sport back. We have an opportunity to do something special this year, but we will have some growing pains."

On what Levrets learned from last season...

AL: "I've learned we can't learn from the past, but we can only deal with what is in front of you. We feel like we have enough talent on the court to be playing come tournament time. It's a new team, it's a new group. We have four kids back from injury, four freshmen, one transfer: it's a new team."

On transfer Katie Kuklok...

AL: "She can shoot the basketball. She made 22 straight threes in practice then after practice shot five hundred more and made eighty percent of those. We always have room for people who can shoot on our team. Making shots is a good thing."

"She also made 113 free throws last year, ninety-six percent clip. She's not the best athlete, but she's a good basketball player. She can shoot it and drive it a little bit and she can make baskets and knows how to play."

On Utah's Offense...

AL: "We are always going to run five-man motion, and also some pick and roll stuff. Preparing them to play at the next level is about on ball screen stuff. Knowing we had so many new people, we're running a three out two in motion. As a basketball coach, you need new things to infuse your coaching and learning. It's been fun to implement, and it's hard to guard. It's fun for us to learn a new thing."

On the Pac-12 Conference...

"The Conference is really good, but it's been really good for a long time. The coaching is great, and the players are great. There are no easy nights in this league and no nights off. There will always be a challenge- if you don't like the challenge, you should be doing something else. There's as good of players in this league as there are in the nations"