

# POST-MATCH QUOTES

North Texas vs. No. 21 WKU | C-USA Semifinals  
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## ANDREW PALILEO - HEAD COACH

### On the difference in the offense compared to recent matches...

"We were way more tentative today and I think that caused a lot of uncertainty and doubts in our minds to start off with. That was the biggest disappointment. We just didn't come out with the confidence. We as a staff have to do a better job. We tried one thing last year to get them ready and this year we tried something different. By the results, neither one of them worked."

### On what's next for the team...

"We have to see how to come up with 600-something kills. Maybe not that many, but we have to move on like a lot of teams do when they lose their great players. That's the coach's job, getting them ready."

### On what the team has shown going into next year...

"The good thing is that we have everybody back. You hope that the experience works. We've been to the semis the last two years now, but I don't think we improved on it from last year. We have to do something different to prepare our team a little bit better."

### On what the returners need to improve on before next season...

"Everybody has to continue to improve individually, and then we have to learn how to play without Carnae. That means we need to get everybody to step up their kill percentage and kills. Everybody's going to have to chip in a little bit. We'll have to figure out where those kills are coming from."

### On his three years with Carnae Dillard...

"I just told her 'if we can keep bringing in players like her, not even as a player but as a person that has character and represents the university well, I'd be really excited. Obviously she's a great player and it's hard to replace someone like her, but that's where I think the character part is important."

### On Dillard's career as a whole...

"I didn't see what kind of player Corina [Marginas] was, but from what I know I think she's the best player that's going to play here in a long time. She was a great find by coach Ken [Murczek] and hopefully we developed her since she's been here."

### On what allowed WKU to put together so many runs...

"Our tentativeness. We didn't pass the ball well, and then when we didn't pass the ball well we were tentative in our swings because the sets weren't exactly where they should be. So it was a combination of things. Anytime you start being tentative, the passing becomes tentative, the swings become tentative and it's just a snowball effect."

## **CARNAE DILLARD - SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER**

### **On how the team has grown since the beginning of the season...**

"I think we overcame a lot of adversity. People thought we were young team and since I was the only senior we couldn't do some of the things that we did. I think we just grew as a team, we grew as a family and we proved a lot of people wrong. We took a lot of teams to five sets and won in those five sets. We beat Oklahoma. We did so many things that people weren't expecting, and overall I think we grew as a team."

### **On what's next for her...**

"Well I graduate in May and then after that I'm planning on playing overseas. I haven't talked to anyone yet, so we'll just have to see where that takes me."

### **On how she thinks the team will bounce back...**

"I think they'll be fine. They have a lot of good talent coming in. It's going to be hard not playing with them, but I think they'll do great. They're on the road to becoming a great team and doing something great at North Texas. I'm excited to see how they do next year, but it's going to take a lot of work and they're going to have to put in a lot of time to do it."

### **On how she'll remember her senior season...**

"It was just something to remember and enjoy. I feel like I broke a lot of records and so that was good for me, and the team just made it awesome. I loved playing for the girls I played with. They were always there supporting me and talking me through it if I had a bad game. There was just a lot of love and affection from the teammates. It's hard to let this one go, but I know they're going to continue to support me in whatever I do. My senior season was great."

### **On what she can say about her time at North Texas...**

"It's been a lot. I think for the program, for myself, for my teammates, it's kind of crazy that they get to see someone who broke records at UNT. I didn't get to see the person before me that broke all the records, so I think it's a privilege for them and for me. I got to play with such hard-working girls with so much passion. This year showed a lot for North Texas in that we're a fighting team and even though someone always graduates, it doesn't mean that's the end of the team. They just have to keep pushing."