



ROCK CHALK JAYHAWK QUOTES

// 2019-20 KANSAS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Head Coach Brandon Schneider

On how to establish goals for the newcomers

"We talk a lot about getting just a little bit better every day. As a coach it's fun to have that many newcomers and see all the teaching going on. The thing that is really positive is the attitudes they've had everyday and they are a very coachable group. They understand the challenges of coming into this level and playing as a freshman so they have to take the challenge everyday of coming in and preparing themselves."

On what the coaching staff brings to the table

"First off, I couldn't be more proud of coach Aqua (Franklin) and coach Jory (Collins), it's pretty rare when you have three assistants that you lose two to other head coaching jobs, it speaks well to what we are trying to do here."

"I'm really excited about coach Tidwell, he has been around for a long time and knows everybody. Also has a wealth of knowledge has recruited kids from over 40 different countries. I don't think there is a high school coach in the country he hasn't established a relationship with."

"Jasmine Player was a terrific player at Baylor and was a long time pro in both the WNBA and overseas. She has built a reputation as one of the top overseas recruiters in the business, so as we continue to grow our recruiting base she will continue to be a tremendous asset. When you've been a really good player you have instant credibility with young women who want to be where you've been."

On Larry seeming to be all in on being a Jayhawk

"He loves it, he's been a division one head coach at two different places, he's been an assistant at TCU, Texas Tech, and Baylor, and he's pretty excited to coach at a place where basketball is so important. He's really been re-energized in this atmosphere."

Freshman Chisom Ajekwu

On her recruitment process and becoming a Jayhawk...

"I got the Jayhawks' offer when I was a sophomore. I always knew I wanted to be a Jayhawk, obviously, I live in Lawrence and this is home."

"I've been going to games ever since I was in 2nd grade, it was a must for me to come here and I was really excited to commit here."

On hopes for the season and personal development as a player...

"I'm young and I have a lot of things to learn. I just need to keep progressing every day, working hard every single day, learning from those who are older than me. I just have to find my role and play that role as best I can."

Junior Bailey Helgren

On being one of the older girls on the team...

"I think right now I have more of a leadership role, I am being more vocal in practice and I have been a freshman, so I know it's a hard transition, especially from high school. There's a lot of details you don't think about, it's a faster paced game. I think I have been a good resource for them to ask questions."

On Chisom and what to expect from her...

"Just little steps every day, you can tell when things start to click. It's a lot thrown at you and it can be overwhelming, but I think that she's done a good job, I think all of the new girls have transitioned well."

On all the new players on the team...

"I think our practices have been really high energy, everyone is excited to get going. All of them have been doing really well, and our team chemistry is good too. Every day I want to get better and work together. There will be highs and lows, but I'm excited and I think it'll be a good year."

Senior Mariane De Carvalho

On how practice has been...

"We've been together since the summer and we have so much chemistry outside of the court. I'm a senior and we have another senior and some juniors, but we are so young, with the freshman, we have so much fun."