

The Washington Post on Saturday released an in-depth profile of Louisiana State University women's basketball head coach Kim Mulkey, which paints the coach as a leader with single-minded determination whose behavior often leaves the basketball community, and her own players, divided. Anticipation for WaPo's report was high after Mulkey a week ago threatened to sue the Post over a "hit piece" she said the newspaper had been working on for more than two years. The Post's story does not contain the type of bombshell revelations that many were expecting following Mulkey's fiery tirade last Saturday ahead of LSU's second round game in the NCAA women's basketball tournament. Instead, it paints a picture of a coach whose brash manner and tendency to hold a grudge make her one of the most polarizing figures in college basketball history, and of a life devoted to the pursuit of basketball excellence that has left in its wake a series of fractured relationships. Mulkey briefly spoke to tournament broadcaster ESPN as her LSU team was preparing to tip-off its Sweet 16 game, with Mulkey saying she'd just learned that the article had been published "You're telling me something I didn't know," Mulkey told ESPN.