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KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

On tonight's game:

"We obviously played makeshift lineups tonight and didn't play particularly well at all offensively. They had a lot to do with that defensively, and we didn't have Marcus [Garrett] and had a couple starters really struggle and somehow found a way to hang in there. Charlie [Moore] and K.J. [Lawson] were great off the bench and played a key role. It was a good grind-it-out, tough win; it wasn't artistic at all but certainly I think we need to learn how to win that way and this team has never really done that but we were able to do that tonight."

On his conclusions from this week:

"We got to get a lot better than what we are. We certainly need to be mentally tougher in some ways. We have to execute better and carry out assignments better, but I do think this: it's ok to win ugly. Winning ugly is actually pretty at the end of the day and we won a game today where artistically it wasn't very good but we've won a lot of games over the years where we didn't look very good but we just hung around and found a way so I think it gives our guys some confidence."

KANSAS FORWARD DEDRIC LAWSON

On his performance:

"In overtime I just wanted to be aggressive. I came out and knew that the score was 0-0 and it was a new game. Originally I wanted to win. I wanted to win very badly and I tried to do everything I could to seal the deal."

On playing with his brother, K.J. Lawson:

"He had my back, I had his back and we look after each other. We've been playing this game so long and I'm just glad to see my brother get a chance to go out there and play. I thought he played terrific. He came out there with high energy... he's a competitor."

"It was a great feeling being back out there, playing in a tough game with K.J. [Lawson]. That's something that you dream of growing up – playing with your brother in a tough environment – so it was a fun experience being here."

KANSAS GUARD K.J. LAWSON

On tonight's game:

"[| enjoyed] the toughness of the game. I just like games like these when you go against guys that are going to compete and not going to back down.... It's just a great game, they're [Tennessee] a great team, and I'm just happy to get the W."

"Playing in New York, it's the mecca of basketball. It's a great feeling to be here and to feel the energy of the city."





TENNESSEE HEAD COACH RICK BARNES

On how he thinks he can get more from his team consistently:

"Again, we do what we practice. We didn't do one thing that we wanted to do in terms of when we run our initial hits and getting into our flow game. Guards were just shooting it as opposed to getting the good look that we wanted to get to the glass for, and that led to some easy baskets for them."

On the Kansas Jayhawks' performance:

"Kansas is a very talented. Bill (Self) does a great job. They stay within their frame of what they are trying to do. They didn't do one thing different because his teams execute at a very high level. Then they shot 50 percent and you will win a lot of games and that's because they are very efficient. They know exactly what they are looking for and they do it. We haven't gotten there yet and that's the next step that we can make."