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POSTGAME QUOTES

// 2018-19 KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

#2/2 Kansas 90, Stanford 84 (OT)

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KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

On the back-to-back overtime victories and Lagerald Vick's presence:

"Lagerald took over with more than one shot, he made some big ones. We were awful the first half from an energy standpoint with foul problems and the second half was about as poor as you could start one. They were up 12 (points) two different times, if I am not mistaken, and (we) had nothing going. They were obviously out playing and out coaching us. For whatever reason, you make a couple shots, and the building really gets into it and guys really play well down the stretch. We gave Stanford confidence, and after we gave them confidence, they really played to their capabilities. They are going to be really good. They are young and have some guys who can really drive it. Obviously, they take away threes and we had one guy make a shot outside of three feet. I do not think any guy had a shot outside three feet the entire time other than Lagerald. To win that game, 'miracle' is probably too strong (of a word to use), but that was a long shot win."

On Vick's poor first half and his play from behind the three:

"I watched him shoot today at shootaround and he was awful, just awful, but I did not say anything to him. I thought he was aiming it. In the first half he was not a factor at all. He took some bad ones (shots). We lucked into some threes in the second half, but I thought we did some really good things in the second half. From the second time we were down 12 (points) to the end of the game, how many free throws or open threes did they miss? Somehow we came back and won."

On Detric Lawson's game tonight:

"I did not think he had a great game, but he puts up numbers. He had 13 or so (points) the first half and kept us in it although we were down six. In the second half, I thought Doke (Udoka Azubuike) was a lot better because he played close to the basket and we were just waiting for Lagerald to take over. It was a good team win and is certainly one we look back on at the end of the season and be really happy that we got."

On not spending the timeout after Stanford made both free throws:

"I figured if we spent it, they would do something to elongate the possession and it would lead to a foul. We just ran what we run, truth be known, I have not seen it yet, but the wrong man shot the ball. Lagerald shot the ball and Detric's man ran to Lagerald, we ran a pitch-back play. Detric was wide open at the top but I am obviously glad Lagerald took it. It was pretty good execution. In that situation, I do not think there is ever a chance where there is a 50 percent chance you make it. It's a 20, 25 or 30-percent play. The percentages played to our favor."

KANSAS FORWARD DEDRIC LAWSON

On the team's reaction after Lagerald Vick hit his second 3-pointer in overtime:

"I knew it (the game) was over. I knew when I caught the ball that I would keep feeding him (Vick) the ball until he missed, and when he did miss I was going to be there to get the rebound. I was just so happy with the way we fought back as a team. That just brings so much spirit and happiness to see that. Being down 12 at one point, and the way we fought back, and I was just happy we won."

On Vick being unstoppable when he's in his zone:

"I haven't seen anyone that can stop him yet. Lagerald is Lagerald; he's been doing this since I met him in 9th or 10th grade. He's been a machine, and I'm glad everyone is getting to see it."

On being open on the last play of regulation:

"There were about six seconds left, so I went to the glass, and if he would have missed I would've grabbed it and kicked it right back to him."

On the team's mindset during the first half:

"I think Udoka (Azubuike) and I went to the five, and they were denying really hard. I thought (we needed) to just be aggressive and make a hard move, and try to get something going offensively. They were denying the wings pretty hard."

On going to the free throw line a significant number of times already this year:

"It comes naturally. I do put a lot of emphasis on making my free throws. I spend a lot of time shooting free throws. I know the value of free throws; it's a free shot. It's definitely a way to get going sometimes, when your shot isn't falling. It's a way to get some easy baskets."



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KANSAS GUARD LAGERALD VICK

On if there was any thought of passing the ball on last play of regulation:

"No, I was putting that one up."

On only scoring two points in the first half leading to second-half motivation:

"It was really just letting my game come to me. Our coaches always talk to me and keep me motivated and tell me to 'Let my game come.' I was able to just (do that tonight); when it came, it came."

On freshman point guard Devon Dotson's impact on the game:

"He was big. He made the plays that we needed, finding open players and being aggressive."

On if his 3-pointer to tie the game is the greatest shot of his life:

"That was the greatest shot of my life, I would say, since I have been in college, but I wouldn't say my (entire) life."

KANSAS GUARD DEVON DOTSON

On calling plays toward the end of regulation:

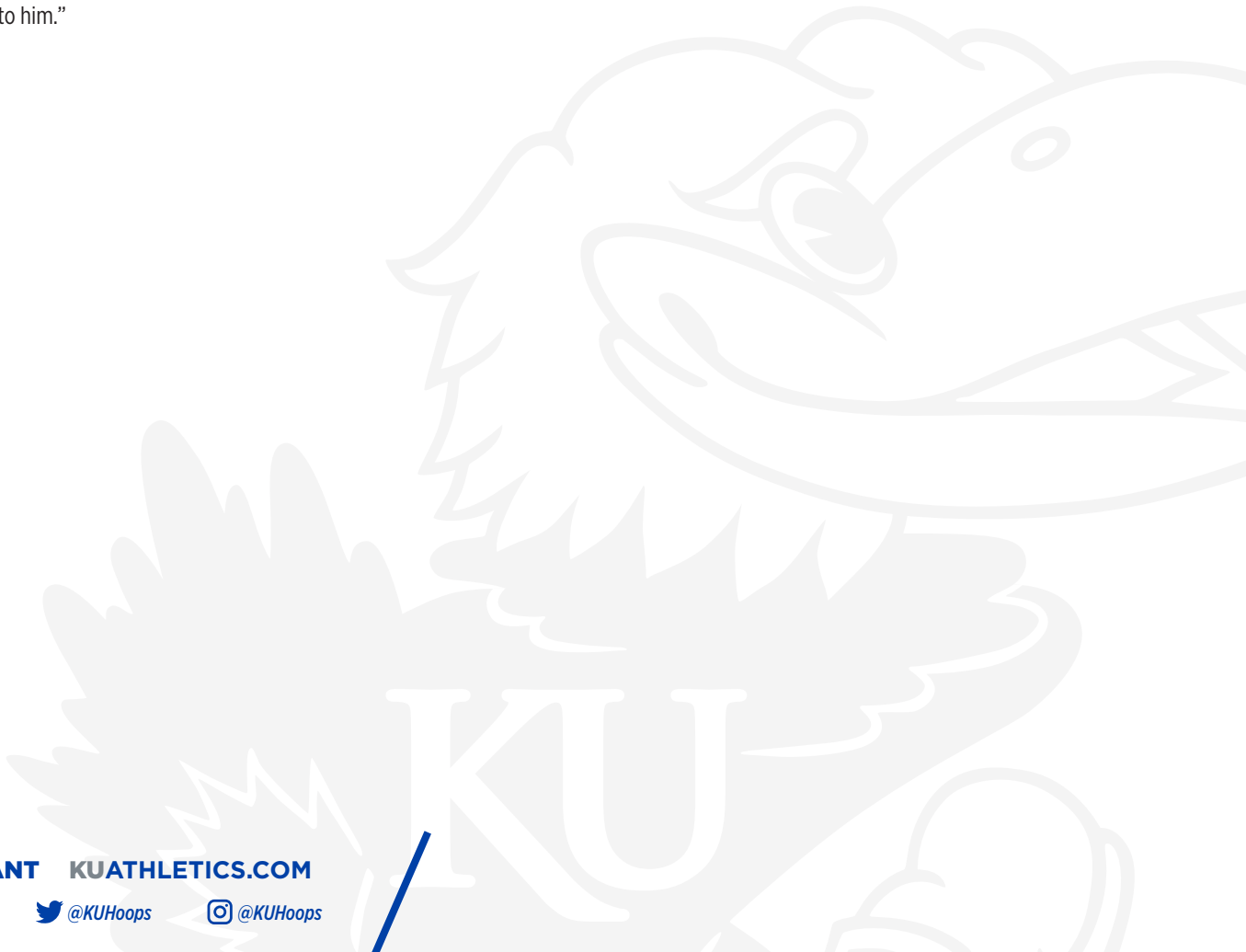
"It's a play, a situational play that we practice during practice. I just wanted to put pressure on defense and get it to the hot hand."

On driving the ball part being a part of Kansas' game plan tonight:

"It was definitely part of the game plan. Coach Rob (assistant coach Norm Roberts), he scouted (Stanford), so he told us we had to drive because they like to deny. We just had to make plays, whether that was driving and kicking, or attacking and finishing. It was definitely part of the game plan."

On setting up Lagerald Vick for last play of regulation:

"I tried to get a straight line and quickly. I knew Lagerald was on the left side, so in the back of my mind, I knew I had to get back left; he was there, and I kicked it back out to him."





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STANFORD HEAD COACH JEROD HAASE

On coming back to Kansas:

"I've had some great experiences. It's always a little emotional for many reasons. During the game I was able to lose myself in the game. I am so excited, to be honest with you, with what we are doing at Stanford. Coming here is always meaningful. My oldest son's middle name is Lawrence. I met my wife here and had great experiences here. Having said that, it's been a while since I've been back and walked through campus. All the memories are wonderful. I am, in large part, who I am because of my experience here. I also love what we are doing at Stanford too. (I was) Certainly emotional, but as soon as we got into the game I was locked in."

On how Stanford played tonight:

"The word that is probably the most meaningful to me is 'pride.' I am certainly proud of the team tonight. They played extremely hard and not just physically, but mentally. We are playing largely with freshmen and sophomores who certainly haven't been in this experience and hadn't seen that before. They bought into the game plan and tried to execute the game plan the best they possibly could and competed. The coolest part is they believed in me and believed in the plan and they gave it their best."

On Kansas senior guard Lagerald Vick:

"He's fantastic. He made big-time plays. There are only a few guys in the country that could probably do that. I would guess if you asked Coach (Bill) Self, he would probably speak to his work ethic and the time he put into the offseason. Guys who are doing things like that are putting in the work. I would imagine that's the case with him. He made tremendous plays, not only the last shot of the game, but throughout the end of the game. Obviously, we did not execute that part of the plan effectively and a part of that is on us, but part of that is he's one heck of a player."

On KU's last possession in regulation:

"All of the consideration was not to let them get a three off. I personally have a philosophy of when to foul. It was well before my plan. I think we had a chance to execute it better. The fact is that it was an unbelievable shot and we had quite a bit of time. We weren't really effective when we got the ball back. I think we had seven or eight seconds to be able to get it all the way down the court. I do have a personal belief in when to foul and it was well over that number. (If) We (could) go out there and do it again, I'd probably foul. I'll probably second guess certain things, but to be honest, with you that's one that I won't."

On Kansas freshman guard Devon Dotson:

"I thought he played well and has control of the game. (He) Has a good assist-turnover ratio that gets them into their offense. I like him a lot. I think he's going to be one heck of a player here for a long time."

On Stanford shooting well from behind the arc:

"I don't think the intent was to shoot more threes, but to shoot the right threes at the right time. I would say that it's way too early to talk about who we are and what we're going to be this year. Obviously, we haven't shot the ball well leading up to this game. We made some (3-pointers) this game and probably shot more than we normally do. I think our team is a work in progress right now. I think what you see at the end of the year is going to be different than what you see right now as the guys develop and work into their roles."

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