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// 2018-19 KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

#2/2 Kansas 72, Wofford 47

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KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

On the sluggish first half and the team's great play of the second half:

"It's the best game we played this year. Fans may disagree, even though we didn't score, we played the right way without Lagerald (Vick) and Doke (Udoka Azubuike). Who would have thought that Doke and Lagerald would combine for zero points, we get outrebounded by 10, and we win by 25 against a team that's really good? I am really proud of our guys that in a 72-hour period, we had a mindset that totally changed defensively."

On the play of sophomore guard Marcus Garrett:

"We didn't start Marcus the second half and then put him in at the four for K.J. (Lawson). K.J., played really well in the first half and then the game changed. He guarded their five man, he guarded their four; his activity level was terrific. I thought everyone played well. Lagerald played good perimeter defense and Devon (Dotson) was great and Marcus was great. If I am going to be pin-point critical, I thought the (Lawson) brothers didn't do a good job rebounding the ball to start the second half. Other than that, I don't know if we can play much better defensively against a team that is that hard to guard."

On freshman guard Devon Dotson's performance:

"You may forget about him, but we know. He's playing as well as anybody. He's playing downhill, getting to the rim, getting (in)to the paint. He's creating for others. He didn't have any assists tonight because we didn't make any shots. He got guys looks, and I thought those two freshman guards (Dotson and Quentin Grimes) were pretty effective tonight. Now Dedic (Lawson) got 20 (points) and eight (rebounds). The biggest concern coming out of this is Udoka (Azubuike) and his health. He sprained it (his right ankle) pretty good and he is going to be out (for a while). (The) X-rays came back negative, but he is going to be out; meaning not day-to-day. Hopefully we will have him back healthy, but we will (have to) wait and see. It was a very legitimate ankle sprain."

KANSAS RS-JUNIOR FORWARD DEDRIC LAWSON

On seeing Udoka Azubuike get injured and how it changes roles on the team:

"It's very tough seeing Udoka go down. He's a big part of our team and hopefully we get him back as soon as possible. It definitely is going to change a lot of roles. Like tonight, we went small. I think it gave David McCormack a chance to guard and play more and give him opportunities. That's something he's been wishing for."

On what he saw out of David McCormack's performance tonight:

"He played great. That's my roommate so I'm always cheering for him when he gets in. He got me out of my seat for no reason, he missed a pass and fumbled it, I thought he was going to dunk. He's a great person and great player."

On Devon Dotson's performance:

"I think he played great. He's always in attack mode and I think he gets out team going when he gets down and in the lane. I think he's the one that gets our team going really."

On what he saw from Quentin Grimes tonight:

"I think at one point during the game I told him, about time. I just wanted to see him go out there and play. That was his move in high school, the in and out, he got in the lane and finished and I just told him about time."

On thoughts of winning by 25 without Udoka and Lagerald going scoreless:

"That really shows just how special this team can be. We never know what might happen throughout the year, and throughout the season and everyone's always got to be ready."

On playing small in the second half:

"Four guards, I try to not get in those guys way as much as possible. Especially when Marcus has a four on him, things like that, I try not to set ball screens sometimes, just so he can get a rhythm going to the hole."



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KANSAS FRESHMAN GUARD QUENTIN GRIMES

On conversations through past struggles and improvements tonight:

"Coach just told me not to worry about those games, everyone's going to have bad games and go through a slump. I've been staying after practice, putting in extra work, extra shots, and staying aggressive in practice and translating it out there into the games."

On alley-oop's being a confidence booster:

"Definitely. Coach Self runs that play in practice every day. It shows off my athleticism and get my mo-jo going up a little bit."

KANSAS FRESHMAN GUARD DEVON DOTSON

On team's decision to drive the ball in the second half:

"Coach put out the stat at halftime, and said we only had made one three. That didn't matter, we still had to find a way to get stops on defenses end, focus in and lock up."

On setting up the alley-oop to Quentin on the fast break:

"There was no doubt. I saw him running beside me, and I know his athletic ability so I just wanted to throw it up there and make a play."

On what changed to be able to go on a 27-0 run:

"It was just us deciding to lock up and really focus in. On the defensive end, we know they like to shoot, come off the screens, different actions, it was really just locking in and focusing in."

On team's ability to drive the ball:

"There's endless amount of driving lanes, it's great when we do that. It opens up the court. When anyone can attack and drive and kick, we play off of each other and get it going."

On teammate's performance guarding Fletcher Magee:

"They did a great job. Yesterday and the day before at practice we knew they could shoot, come off of different actions, he's a great shooter, and we knew that coming in. They did a great job guarding him."

WOFFORD HEAD COACH MIKE YOUNG

On how different Kansas is as a team when it goes small:

"Oklahoma did the same thing. I hated to see the kid (Kansas junior center Udoka Azubuike) go down, I just hated it. But he (Kansas head coach Bill Self) has a lot of flexibility with (Marcus) Garrett and number 13, K.J. Lawson, and then number one (Dedric Lawson). That is a hard group to score on. I think he is even starting to mess around with some of the others, one through five, and he'd be able to do that with some others as well. To answer your question, (Kansas, even going small, was) good. We knew that we would see some of it, and obviously didn't handle it very well."

On how much of his attention went into trying to stop Kansas' Udoka Azubuike:

"A lot, so much whether they play seven, so much. Vermont and Michigan State, not as much Michigan State as some of the others; Lafayette, Stanford, so much of this Kansas team was throwing that thing in there to him in transition (during those games). (There were) So many different miss-direction plays to throw it in on the other side to him. So yeah, that was a great deal of focus. I was scared to death; number 33 for us (senior forward Cameron Jackson) is a very good player but I was scared to death (about him getting) fouls guarding the big kid. So you know you better be prepared for him. (When) He catches it in there at the rim, bad things happen for your defense."

On how rare it is for Fletcher to have that type of shooting:

"I've never seen it, he puts a lot into it, it is very important to him. With specific conversations with him, I know how important it was for him to come in here and play really well and he had hit some great shots, he had some great shots that were contested. He had a tough night. This will be a long night for him, he will be back in there tomorrow once we get home getting it squared away and squared away he will do."



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MIKE YOUNG (CONT.)

On anything defensively that they did:

"You know I mean they have big, long guys now. I mean Grimes, I was impressed with Grimes. You are playing Kansas, but you see some freshman, Devon, we have gotten to know Devon forever, he came to our team camp since he was a little fella. I think he might be able to do some things. I thought Grimes did a nice job with him and certainly LeGerald and his time here, he has guarded a lot of really good players. I thought all in they did a very nice job guarding all of us."

On if the four guard made different challenges after preparing for Udoka:

"Oh yeah, No. 13 Lawson young man, you have got to guard him on the perimeter. No. 1, Detric, he is fantastic. But you know, that is a different offense to prepare for without the big one down there. And they spread us out, and we did not guard obviously nearly as well in the second half as we did in the first."

On what stood out most about Quentin Grimes:

"Just such a big strong good looking athlete that really got going in the second half. You could see the flashes of brilliance there, we saw it from time to time. I think he had six made threes in his Michigan State. You know we struggled a little bit, that can happen with young people. The scouting part of it and take some things away from him. But I was very impressed with a lot of things not just the offensive end but I thought he was a presence defensively and did a nice job for the Jayhawks."

On the whiteboard use:

"We typically do them all the time. I got to scout so well it is harder for them to see, easier for our team to see. It is just something we have done for several years now."

On what he remembers the first time he saw Dotson:

"He was a little tiny fella, he was as quick as a cat and tough. Played for a great friend Bryon Fields at Providence Day and just a fine young man. Well spoken, sharp, great dad who would come down just really a nice family. I know Bill has really enjoyed coaching him."

WOFFORD SENIOR CENTER MATT PEGRAM

On what led to the second half KU run and victory:

"We turned over the ball and it turned into quick scores for them. It's hard to guard them on fast-break points when they just go up and get two easy points. We had a lot of turnovers that gave them confidence down the stretch."

On senior guard Fletcher Magee going 0-9 from beyond the 3-point arc:

"I've been with him my whole career, we came into school together. Sometimes the ball just doesn't drop. I have 100 percent confidence that he'll be ready to go when we play again in 48 hours. I think we had a lot of great looks, to be honest. We had a game plan going in and it worked, just some of them (the shots) didn't drop. It happens."

On the success of going inside to senior forward Cameron Jackson:

"Going to Cam is pretty much always a game plan. He's really dominant down there. He struggled in the first (half) but we kept getting him the ball and he started putting them in the hole."

On the difference of KU going to a small lineup after Udoka Azubuike's injury:

"There is definitely a difference. We had a big scouting report on him and tried to do everything we could to slow him down. When they went small, it changed some things but we put another game plan in place and tried to do what we could."