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**POSTGAME QUOTES**

// 2018-19 KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Kansas 84, Vermont 68**  
Monday, November 12, 2018  
Allen Fieldhouse // Lawrence, Kan.

**KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF**

*Opening statement:*

"I tell you what, it was a heck of a win. We knew they were good before the game started and obviously (we) were nervous because they can play basically five guards at once. (Junior forward Anthony) Lamb is such a hard match up and he just toyed with us all night long. He got the best of everybody who was guarding him, with the exception of maybe Marcus (Garrett) there in the second half. We had some great individual performances, considering we got up six to nothing and they go on a 14-2 run. After that, we actually played pretty good. They got a little tired late, which we definitely needed that to happen. We made some bonehead plays. We got the ball to Udoka (Azubuike) where he wanted it and he had a lot of good finishes. He missed some shots that he normally makes, that's the worst he's shot it since he's been at Kansas, 10-for-17, which tells you how good he usually shoots it. Lagerald Vick, that's the best offensive game that I've ever had a player have, whenever I've coached them. He missed a three-foot jump-hook that was in and out, he missed a lay-up that was a dippy-doo, which he didn't go strong at all, and other than that he goes 12-for-12 and two of his four makes, that wasn't a three, his toe was on the line. It was incredible. We need every one of them, he and Udoka just carried us tonight."

*On Lagerald Vick's career high, going 8-for-8 from 3-point range:*

"He had 28 against Washington and on his worst night, the worst he could have got was 28, they dared him to score. Tonight, they didn't, he made some hard plays and I'm so happy for him. Especially after he didn't have a great game offensively against Michigan State. He was good, he was so good, and he carried us. If we didn't have him early in the game we would have be down 12 or 14. Certainly not having Udoka in foul trouble was a blessing. We saw the very worst that Dedric (Lawson) will ever play in his life. Even when he's playing rec ball when he's 55 years old, he will never have a game like he did tonight. It was a good win, we'll take it. We'll look back on this one when they (Vermont) go 15-1 in their league thinking, 'That was a good win.'"

*On having a lead going into half:*

"Yes, we did. We were fortunate to have the lead at half because they had out-played us for the most part in the first half, until the last five or six minutes. It was a good game. Our defense was really good the second half. We fouled too much, that's a common trend. There were some good things that happened, and certainly we can execute and do some things a little better. Except for walks early in the game by our bigs and a couple of bonehead plays late, we actually took care of the basketball and did some nice things. I don't know what the previous record was from 3-point land but 8-for-8 is pretty impressive. It was good to see Lagerald obliterate that tonight."

*On concern about Dedric Lawson after his performance tonight:*

"I do worry a little bit. I thought he played very unathletically tonight. He got every shot blocked it seemed like. When they had him pushed off the spot, he shot some marginal shots. Then he had some decent looks that didn't go in. He had a drive to a lay-up that he's got to make. The biggest thing is that he wasn't engaged tonight. We have got to have him engaged. He's way too good of a player to have nights like that. I think it's good for us. I think it's good that different guys have to step up. How about Lagerald? He had two points against Michigan State and tonight he gets 32. Quentin (Grimes), who carried us the other night, he had 10 assists tonight. Devon (Dotson), who had 16 (points vs. Michigan State), and tonight he only gets seven. Really, when you look at it, the one consistent performer we've had is Udoka. He's just getting better and better every day."

**KANSAS JUNIOR CENTER UDOKA AZUBUIKE**

*On his performance:*

"I'm just trying to play my game. I mean, this is my junior year. I know what's going on and all that stuff. I know what I'm doing and what I'm capable of doing (in the paint). I just go out there and do it."

*On if he's worried about his free throw percentage:*

"No, I'm not worried about that. Every day and every time I'm in the gym I work on my free throws. I have confidence in myself more than anybody else, so I'm really not worried about it."

*On if it was easier scoring in the second half:*

"Coach (Self) spoke to us after the first half. I talked to the team a little bit, saying we need to come out and play. We are at home. They're (Vermont) a good team."



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### **KANSAS FRESHMAN GUARD QUENTIN GRIMES**

*On trying not to be over-aggressive:*

"Lagerald (Vick) had the first three 3-pointers. You see that his confidence is going sky high, so I'm not going to go out there and just force threes. Whoever has the hot hand, I'm giving them the ball."

### **KANSAS SENIOR GUARD LAGERALD VICK**

*On how he got off to a quick start:*

"It was just confidence, (my) coaches and teammates just giving me words before the game and just going out there and really just playing for the team and shooting the ball."

*On what he did differently to prepare for the game:*

"I put up a lot of shots after the game we played against Michigan State. We had an off night, but I didn't sit back on that. I just came out ready to play."

*On if there was an emphasis on playing through Azubuike tonight:*

"There was a lot. They were kind of small on the inside. We ran a lot of sets for him."

*On scoring over 30 points:*

"It feels good. I got a rhythm going. It felt good. Next game I've got to come out harder."

### **VERMONT HEAD COACH JOHN BECKER**

*Opening statement:*

"(It was a) Hard-fought loss tonight. I was proud of my guys. I thought we played pretty well for our second game of the year in this environment with a young, inexperienced team. Obviously, (we) got off to a great start and I just thought the first eight-to-10 minutes of the second half we just got a little stagnant offensively. Probably had a much to do with Kansas upping their pressure. (Lagerald) Vick was unbelievable tonight, shooting 8-for-8 from three; sometimes you just have to tip your hat to the guy. (Udoka) Azubuike was a monster down low, it is hard to know what to do with him. If you double him, they have guys who are making threes, they shot 12-of-19 from three. We tried to give him some different looks. Azubuike was catching a lot of them right at the rim, he is a big kid and a really good player. I am proud of my team, I thought we battled the entire game. I want to thank Bill Self and Kansas Athletics for giving us the opportunity to play (here). Competition against a team like Kansas, in a venue like this, we have been here for three days and have been able to practice here a bunch. It is a special place and hopefully we will be able to take a lot from this loss and it will help us down the road."

*On the possibility of fouling Azubuike to put him on the free throw line late in the game:*

"Toward the end we thought about it, with a couple minutes to go, but we do not have much depth. One of our bigs is injured, so if we would have (had) him maybe we would of tried to do something different. Azubuike is shooting better free throws this year, to his credit. We just did not have the depth up front unfortunately. In the first half, we did a great job with only five fouls. We raised our pressure in the second half and we got five fouls right away to start the half. We could not afford to have Anthony (Lamb) in foul trouble and Ra (Kpedi) had four. Our other two bigs are freshmen and they played like freshmen."

*On the road opponents the Vermont team faced last season:*

"We played a lot of road games. We are a good program. We have played in tough environments, playing Kentucky to a four-point game last year. If you look at our schedule and look at our record, we are pretty good. We played good teams 'toe-to-toe.' We expected to compete tonight and expect to compete in all of our games. We hope to get back to the NCAA Tournament this year. We are used to playing in these types of environments. I did not think we looked rattled tonight."

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## VERMONT JUNIOR FORWARD ANTHONY LAMB

*On Coach Becker's assistants having played in Allen Fieldhouse:*

"They gave credit to the fans and this crowd in how it is a wonderful place to play. The home court advantage here is unbelievable. It was an amazing experience to play here."

*On if their hot start turned Kansas up a bit:*

"Yes, I think we came out hot from three shooting 6-of-10. I think that grabbed their attention. We could tell a difference as they turned it up a notch with their intensity after we put up a couple buckets."

## VERMONT REDSHIRT-SENIOR GUARD ERNIE DUNCAN

*On Coach Becker's assistants having played in Allen Fieldhouse:*

"I was aware of that; they did not share a whole lot, but they did share how they played and the three they hit in the corner. They did not share a whole lot about their experience, but they did know it is a hard place to play."

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