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**POSTGAME QUOTES**

// 2018-19 KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

**#7/9 Kansas 77, #25/rv TCU 68**

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Allen Fieldhouse // Lawrence, Kan.

**KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF**

*Opening statement:*

"It was a great game. It was well played. You take away our turnovers, Lagerald (Vick) had six, but we took care of the ball. Devon (Dotson) didn't play much the first half because of fouls. We rebounded the ball at least average-to-above average. I thought our defense was pretty good. They made some shots late, which usually happens when you're behind and driving and playing with a freer mind. It was encouraging to see us execute the way we did the last three minutes. Certainly, they're a good team, top-25 team, and we got it done. It wasn't the most artistic thing, but it felt pretty good. Detric (Lawson) was great, the best player in the game. And then Ochai (Agbaji), it was unbelievable how that kid responded and kept balls alive and just gave us some energy."

*On Agbaji starting game with a lob:*

"We had three lobs in the first half. That would have been average or below average on all (of) our past teams, but that's like three above the norm without Doke (Udoka Azubuike), so that was encouraging. Detric missed nine shots, scores 31 points, but I think he should miss five shots of the shots he got. He spoils me and I don't think he should ever miss. We got the ball to him pretty well in the first half and came away empty some. He and Lagerald need to take better care of the ball. They're just so careless with the ball. It wasn't like that until recently; but even with that being said, we competed and had some really good defensive possessions. We've got Devon out there who's young, we've got Ochai out there who's never played before and those guys are figuring out how to win a big game."

*On forcing 20 turnovers by TCU:*

"I thought we really pressured them hard the first half and they had some surprise, uncharacteristic turnovers. Although we scored some in transition, we had numerous times where Devon had a one-against-two and there's no chance. We go and turn it over in the second half when Charlie (Moore) has a one-against-two and there's no chance. Usually, those types of plays lead to points on the other end, so we have to tighten that up. We were better than we have been and we certainly will have to get better in that area."

*On Saturday's upcoming game against Baylor in Waco:*

"I haven't watched a ton of them. They're playing more man (-to-man defense), but they'll play a ton of that 1-1-3 zone. It's so much easier to attack the zone if you have two bigs, so they have bigger targets to through to in the middle. I do think we'll maybe need to play two bigs more in that game. We have to do a good job packing the zone. I think we are 15 for our last 62 from (behind the) 3 (-point arc). That's not good enough to beat anybody and unfortunately we are 2-1 in those games. When we go up against the zone on the road, we need to make 10 or 11 threes to give ourselves the best chance. I know we have it in us, but we need to shoot it better than we have."

**KANSAS SOPHOMORE GUARD MARCUS GARRETT**

*On his defense against TCU senior guard Alex Robinson Jr.:*

"I know how good of a passer he is and how he's like a pro when he gets by his man. I was basically just trying to keep him in front with high hands to try and make him make a lot of passes."

**KANSAS RS-JUNIOR FORWARD DEDRIC LAWSON**

*On what he thought was the most impressive thing about Ochai Agbaji's debut performance:*

"The way he looks so comfortable out there. It's not easy to come into the Big 12 (Conference) and play your first game. Things like that; he was comfortable, he wasn't rushing, he was knocking down shots and he was making game-winning plays. You have to tip your hat to a guy like that, who wasn't highly recruited with so much talent to come in and produce for us. I'm glad he's here."

*On the energy Agbaji's brings to the team when he's on the court:*

"Yeah, (he does) definitely. When you come in and catch lobs, and (are) blocking shots, things like that. Those are game-changing plays that Coach (Bill) Self always talks about and Ochai brought that here today."



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### **KANSAS FRESHMAN GUARD OCHAI AGBAJI**

*On the process of removing his redshirt for the remainder of the 2018-19 season:*

"Sunday night I got a call from Coach Self, just saying how he wanted to remove my redshirt. After that, Coach Self said I would be practicing with the 'Blue Squad' and see how I feel for the next two days before the game. So it all came (about) really fast, but it was good."

*On if there was any hesitation about removing his redshirt at this point in the year:*

"A little bit (of hesitation), just on how much I would play and all that. He (Coach Self) trusted me, so I just went along with it."

*On how he thought he played tonight:*

"I thought I did well. It was really intense. It was just (a) fun (game) to play in."

*On what he thought allowed him to play so well:*

"It was really my teammates and coaches, they put me in the right position(s). Just having pressure on me and wanting me to make the right play(s) and play to my athletic ability. It was good to have that (support)."

### **TCU HEAD COACH JAMIE DIXON**

*Opening Statement:*

"Congratulations to Kansas. It's a good win for them and I'm sure they're excited to get that. Obviously, the 20 turnovers stand out for us and that's probably how they got it done. They were more physical than we were and they got the ball inside when they needed to, so you have to give them credit. I thought we would handle the pressure better and (the) aggressiveness they threw at us, but we didn't, so that's why they got the win. We'll learn from it and we'll be better. I told our guys we have a 1 p.m., game on Saturday (at Oklahoma) and that's what we're looking at right now and preparing for as we leave here. But give them (Kansas) credit for wearing us down, going inside and just being the more physical team completely. We've got to learn from this and we will."

*On what makes Kansas' Dedric Lawson so hard to defend:*

"Well, they killed us at the free throw line. They were 20-of-27 and that's clearly a number that stands out as well. There's a clear difference since they had 20 makes in 27 attempts and that doubles our attempts. They're good; we prepared for it and double teamed and he still had 31 points, so I'm not sure that's a good sign. We had a lot of guys in foul trouble and they had 13 fouls while we had 18. They're shooting those free throws and making them. He's a good free throw shooter too, so that's another problem as well. Again, it's not the first time he's scored points. He can play. He's old and experienced and they do a good job of getting him the ball."

*On KU freshman guard Ochai Agbaji's debut performance:*

"Yeah, he played well. Obviously, he made a shot and we knew a little bit about him. He had a couple layups too, but I thought our seven guys played their hearts out. I'm proud of them. We'll get ready and get better from this come this week(end). Congratulations to those guys."

### **TCU JUNIOR GUARD DESMOND BANE**

*On what contributed to TCU's 20 turnovers:*

"I mean, the ball was sticking. We haven't seen pressure like that yet this year and we just had 20 turnovers. We were loose with the ball, careless with the ball. There's no answer for it. (It was us) Just not taking care of the basketball."

*On if TCU can learn something from being down as many as 11 points, and coming back to make it a one-possession game:*

"Oh, for sure. I know that about this group, they're never going to give up. We've got a hungry group and we're just going to stick to it. We knew we had to get stops on the defensive end and we were able to get a few and that's how we got back in the game. Down the stretch we just couldn't get the stops we needed."

### **TCU RS-FRESHMAN GUARD RJ NEMBARD**

*On what losing to KU tonight and snapping their nine-game winning streak does to TCU's momentum moving forward:*

"It's a loss, it's tough, but we'll go back to the 'lab' tomorrow and watch film, and get better as a team."