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POSTGAME QUOTES

// 2018-19 KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

#9/10 Kansas 63, #8/9 Kentucky 71

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Lexington, Ky. // Rupp Arena



KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

Opening statement:

“(Kentucky’s) Reid Travis is a monster. He got 22 or 19, or whatever, rebounds against us the last time he came to Lawrence with Stanford. Detric (Lawson) fought him hard. Detric played his butt off. But it was two against one on every possession. We had to have some other guys maybe shoot the ball at” a pretty high clip. Q (Quentin Grimes) made some shots. We did some decent things there, but there were too many errors and too many naked possessions offensively where we didn’t get anything out of it and our shot selection was poor, I thought, in the second half. But we tried. If we’d won this game, I’d be happy going home, but trust me, it doesn’t mean that much. When we lose the game, I’m not happy going home, but it’s not going to affect us in any way, shape or form for preparing for our next game. We’ve got to do some things better but we’re so limited right now from a size standpoint. When we play teams who have two true bigs, and one of those bigs is a guard from a skill standpoint, that makes it awfully tough to deal with.”

On the fight Detric Lawson showed:

“It’s frustrating, because I’m not saying he got fouled, but gosh dang, he only shot four free throws. To me, that’s just unbelievable. But, certainly, he did a lot of good things, especially the first half, and then we kind of let things get away from us the second half. It was just a game in which we tried until the end, but we didn’t have enough ‘oomph,’ didn’t have enough juice to do enough things to put some real game pressure on them. The baskets that we had close to the rim, they wiped away by blocking our shots. Or, if they didn’t get blocked, we thought about them (the shots) getting blocked. There were so many times we got the ball inside and then when you play from behind like we did the last seven or eight minutes, when you get fouled, you’ve got to make your free throws. You have (very) little margin for error and we didn’t take full advantage of it.”

On Quentin Grimes’ 13 points being a silver lining in this game:

“He shot the ball really well, he did. Of course, he got two pretty quick fouls in the first half. The other difference is that we do not score at the end of the clock very well. I bet you they scored (on) five possessions with under five seconds (remaining on the shot clock). Those are possessions you’ve got to finish, you’ve got to close those possessions out. (Kentucky’s Ashton) Hagans makes 10 threes all year and he makes a three and we’re in a combo with one second left. They just had some guys step up and make some nice plays when they needed them, in late-clock situations.”

On finishing out nonconference play, and the tough stretch of the next three Big 12 games:

“That’s what I told our guys. I told them this before we left, that we were going to win the game. We’ve got to understand not to lose sight of letting this break the focus of (inaudible). Tuesday’s game is huge. We’ve got to be ready to go play in Austin and then, over a span of seven days, you’re playing three real (good) teams (at Texas, vs. Texas Tech and at Kansas State). I don’t even know who we play after that, but they’re going to be real (good) too. But it’s just a situation where we can’t let this get us down. We don’t have time to get down over this. When the Chiefs lost to the Rams, they couldn’t get down and let one (loss) become two. That’s exactly what we’ve got to do as well too.”