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// 2018-19 KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

**#11/12 Kansas 79, #15/16 Texas Tech 63**

Saturday, February 2, 2019  
Lawrence, Kan. // Allen Fieldhouse

**KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF**

*Opening Statement:*

"The guys played great. I'm really proud and happy for them. The difference was that we played with a lot better energy and togetherness. You can try in your mind, but if you don't play with energy, your try is never as good as your try when you play with energy and passion. We played with a lot of passion tonight. Even when we made mistakes it seemed like, to me, that the second we are off they couldn't take advantage of it because we were flying around a little more. We made a lot of mistakes defensively and, obviously, rebounding the ball start of the second half was horrendous. But other than that, I thought we did some nice things and it was fun to see them compete. Obviously, some guys had some big games. Dedic (Lawson) was obviously terrific, especially the first half and then he got in foul trouble. (A) Large part (of that was) on him, but also (a) large part (was) because other guys couldn't rebound and (they) put him in a position to have to foul. Lagerald (Vick) got us off to a really good start offensively and then they face guarded him the rest of the way. But he was pretty patient, didn't really force it, looked to drive it and played the right way. Ochai (Agbaji) got 10 and 10, and guarded (Jarrett) Culver. (It was an) Unbelievable game by Ochai and (he) made some athletic plays we hadn't seen much this year. Q (Quentin Grimes) made a couple shots, Charlie (Moore) was really good off the bench, but the guy who controlled the game was Devon (Dotson). He wasn't good, he was great today. And I'm so happy for him because every time he made a mistake, he went and made up for it. Like I told our guys, 'It's great to get back in the win column, but we played at home. Now let's see what we can do with a renewed mindset to go play well in Manhattan.'"

*On Devon Dotson's game-changing steal:*

"On that play they could have called him for a clear out. It looked to me he may have used his off arm, so we got a break with the no call. And, of course, we get a terrible break with the intentional foul call like he was trying to grab his shirt. There was a lot of emotion (out there today) and I think frustration with Marcus (Garrett) getting hurt and Silvio's (De Sousa's) situation. I know our guys feel like they needed something good to happen today and they did it. The crowd was great. We certainly appreciate everyone for sticking with our guys because it's been a rocky last couple weeks, there's no question."

*On Silvio De Sousa's attitude:*

"You said it right. He's not good, he's great. He looked like a model today with his outfit. He's got a sweet spirit about it and I can't imagine what is going through his head because right now, he's thinking, 'Oh my god am I done? Am I done?' His dreams of playing in the NBA are toast unless he can go overseas and really turn it out to get chances after that, but that's not the best way guys make it. We are going to stick with him and I know our AD, Jeff (Long), has come very strong in his sentiment on how he feels like this was so wrongly done, and we'll fight it. It's a tough deal, but hopefully his attitude will stay straight. I don't think he will run from anything. There is going to reach a point in time where he's got to make a decision about his future. Hopefully we can work on something to put him in a situation that maybe the penalty can be reduced."

*On Tuesday night's upcoming game in Manhattan:*

"Texas Tech has a good defense. We made shots today and we actually executed really well offensively, especially in the first half. (In the) Second half, we didn't execute great, but we got enough easy baskets in transition and then lobs and we made some timely shots. But K-State is a different animal defensively when they are turned up and ready to go. They held this team (TTU) to 45 points in Manhattan, so we are going to have to go play with the same type of effort and intensity and really have a tight group ready to go fight because this is when it should start getting and little bit fun."

**KANSAS REDSHIRT-JUNIOR F DEDRIC LAWSON**

*On the amount of shots taken:*

"(Texas) Tech collapsed, they didn't want us to get to the basket so those shots were open and the guys stepped in and knocked them down with confidence."

*On how freshman G Ochai Agbaji played today:*

"He played great. (He had a) Double-double -- join the club! He is that type of player that goes out there and plays with an engine, a free mind. He played great. He went out there and played hard. Ochai is a great player and is especially talented. Look for him to just keep going up each and every game."

*On how tough yesterday was for the team:*

"That was definitely tough. Silvio (De Sousa) is a great human being. I don't wish that on anybody, no matter what the situation was. I don't know what the deal is with Silvio. That is a harsh punishment for a guy who is such a great person. You see him laughing the whole time, even with the situation he is going through. (He is) Coming to practice hard, making me better, guarding me. (He's) Just competing each and every day. I wish he could've played in this game today. And Marcus (Garrett) was just a freak accident where he stepped wrong while playing and that was hard. We definitely wanted to come out here (and play) hard and get the win for those two guys. (We wanted to) Lift those two guys' spirits, just be good teammates. Everything isn't just about basketball in life, so you just have to take it one day at a time and be good friends to those guys."



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### **KANSAS FRESHMAN G DEVON DOTSON**

*On the key to maintaining a big lead the whole game:*

"It was just taking every possession seriously and really locking in. When we're turned up like that on the defensive end, I think we're really tough to beat. We had our offense rolling tonight."

*On whether or not the team was encouraged to take more shots tonight:*

"No. Well, kind of. Devonte' (Graham) said some stuff before the game, (like) to shoot the ball, but the looks were open. You know, I'll take them if they're open and I'll keep shooting."

*On the K-State environment:*

"Our trainer told us some stories about it, how it can get super loud and the rituals that they do in that building. But we've got to lock in on the road. We have been struggling there. We've got to find a way to really focus in and get the win."

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

*On the statement the team made with a big win over Texas Tech:*

"We really came together. I think that's what our statement was. We had a lot of pressure going into this game and, obviously, we didn't have a really good week last week so we had a lot of pressure going into this game and I think we handled it well."

*On what it was like playing without an injured Marcus Garrett today:*

"We all knew going into this game it would be different defensively. But like Detric was saying, we have to pick up the slack for him, especially on the defensive end. I think we did that well."

### **TEXAS TECH HEAD COACH CHRIS BEARD**

*On what Kansas did during the game that was effective:*

"Victory favors the team that was more aggressive. They were aggressive more than us the whole game, on every possession, on offense and defense."

*On today being a game of runs:*

"I don't even think it was a game of runs. I think they beat us from the tip to the final buzzer. They were the more aggressive team."

*On Kansas' outside shooting:*

"No disrespect to their shooters, but I thought our defense had a lot to do with the open looks they were getting. We were getting driven, held up all over the place. And they were making the extra pass as all Bill Self teams do."

*On what he prepared his team for prior to the game:*

"You would have to be an idiot to not understand what we were walking into. Obviously, I didn't get it done. A lot of this is on me. But I explained to the players that when you play a Hall of Fame coach that has lost a couple of games in a row, and (a team) which has one of their best players hurt, that is one man down. The other player, the NCAA does what they do. Stuff like that makes no sense. That is another player down. You think we aren't going to come into a hornet's nest. To me, I woke up this morning excited about the opportunity to play against Kansas at its best. Texas Tech has come in here a lot over the years and it was probably not Kansas at its best. But tonight, it was. Their backs were against the wall. This is how good Coach Self is; (there is) too much pride in that locker room. And for whatever reason, we didn't hear the message."

### **TEXAS TECH SENIOR C NORENSE ODIASE**

*On how their senior leadership is planning to prepare for the next game:*

"We definitely can't take anything for granted. We haven't done anything yet. Every team in this league is good, every team in this league is coming to play no matter what their record is and they're coming to beat us every single night. So we have to set the tone for the other guys on the team. We can't come out like this, down t20 (points) at the half, and expect to beat Kansas at Kansas. We might as well pack up now if we're playing like that. We can never, ever, come out like that again."



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## TEXAS TECH SENIOR F TARIQ OWENS

*On playing in Allen Fieldhouse and trailing 10-2 early on in the game:*

"It's just a hostile environment and they (Kansas) came out ready to play. Like Norense (Odiase) said, it starts with us -- the four seniors up here -- and we just didn't have everybody ready to play, collectively. They (Kansas) came out hot."

## TEXAS TECH SENIOR G MATT MOONEY

*On his overall thoughts of the game:*

"Coach (Chris Beard) told us we were going to get their best pop and I guess we didn't listen. He told us what we needed to do to get off to a good start and they embarrassed us tonight. That's all I've got."

*On what will be taken from this game to prepare for quick turnaround:*

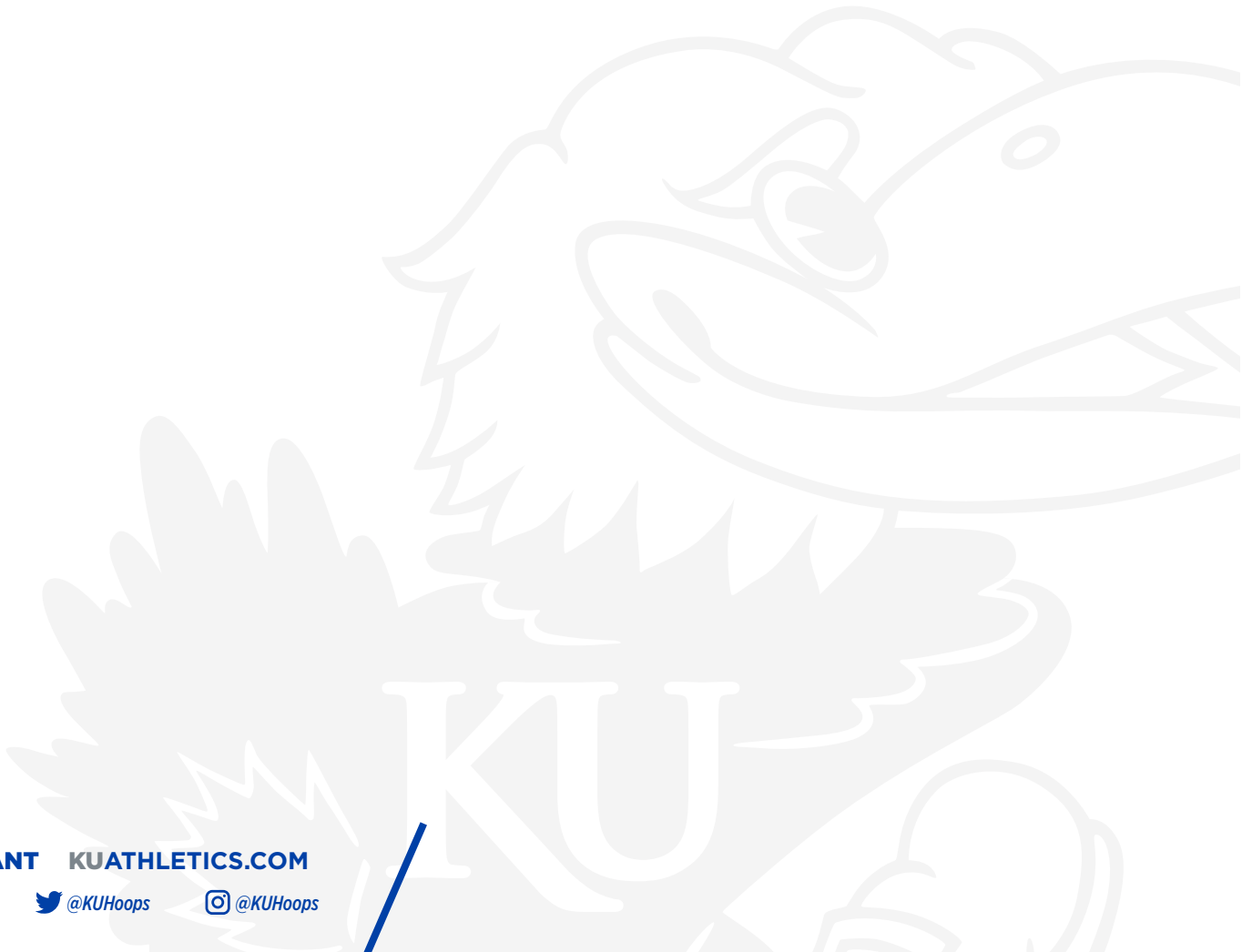
"We'll learn from the tape. We have to try to have a short memory. West Virginia is going to try to come and beat us on our home floor (Monday, Feb. 4). So (we need to have a) short memory, and move on. But we'll definitely learn from this tape and try to get better."

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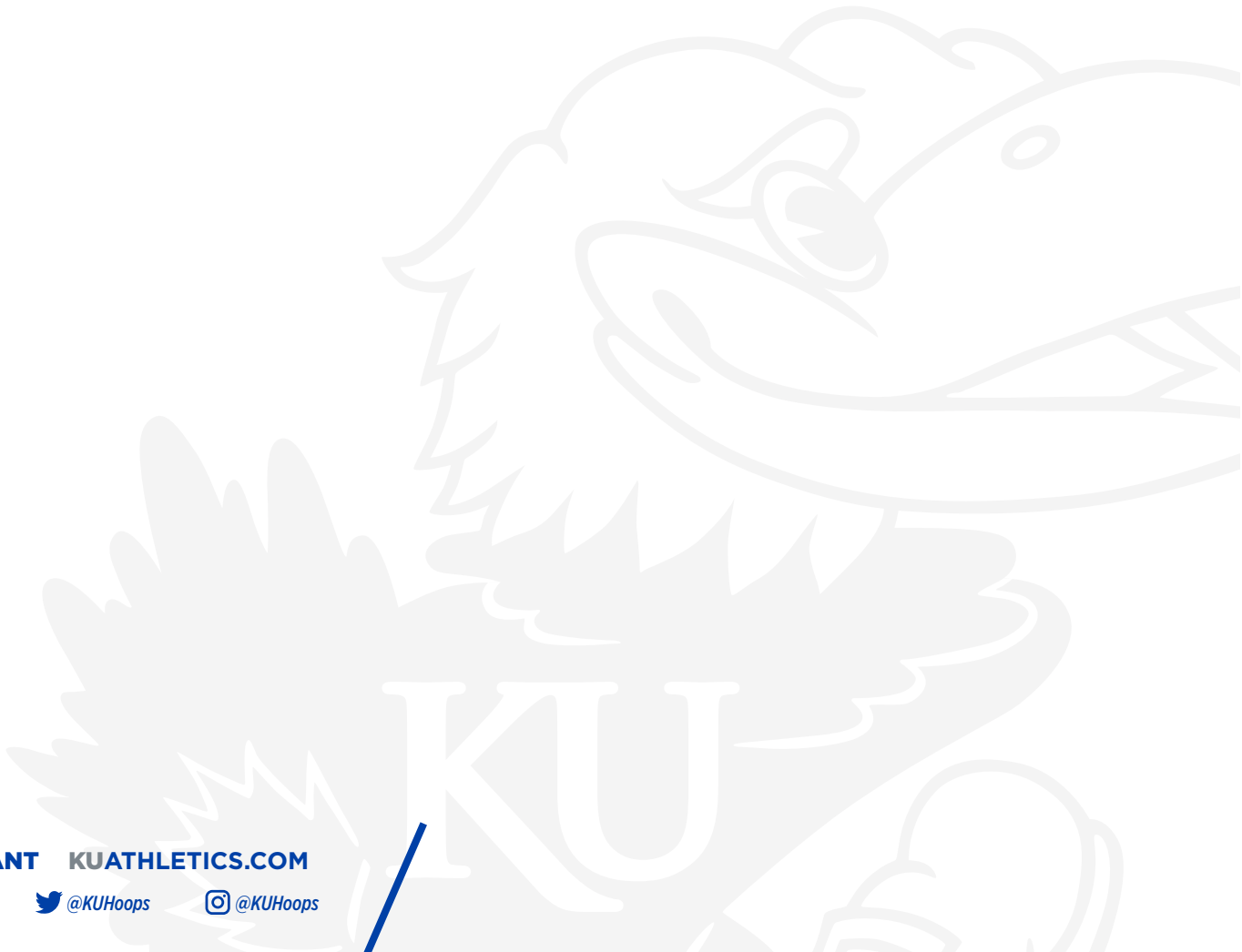




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