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POSTGAME QUOTES

// 2018-19 KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

#14/14 Kansas 82, TCU 77 (ot)

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Fort Worth, Texas // Schollmaier Arena

KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

Opening Statement:

"We couldn't have screwed the game up more. I told the guys, 'We were up by eight (points) with 16 (minutes) left in the second half. We could have been up 15; we had missed layups, etc.' We did such a good job of getting the ball inside early, (to only) then screw it up. But then we played well, really well, and got up about 12 with nine (minutes) left and then that was about as bad as you could play there for about three minutes. It was awful. We missed every free throw, missed every opportunity, turned it over, to not get back on a missed free throw? Unbelievable. We screwed it up and then we really did a great job to basically unscrew the game, to be honest with you. K.J. (Lawson) made the unbelievable play to put the game into overtime, we got the stop on the last play and then K.J. made a huge shot – I think it was as big as a shot as there was in overtime. Then those two freshmen (Devon Dotson and Ochai Agbaji) were just incredible, Ochai (Agbaji) and Devon (Dotson). Hopefully we're becoming a team. Our energy was good, our enthusiasm (was good), our attitudes were good. Guys fought pretty hard and somehow we pulled it out. Give them (TCU) all the credit. They played so well for about 35 minutes and then played four of the last five and a great overtime."

On the play of freshmen Devon Dotson and Ochai Agbaji:

"They got 21 rebounds and Devon had some turnovers, but God he was good. He was good, 4-of-7 from 3(-pointers) and Ochai made that huge one (3-pointer) in overtime. That's four freshmen out there starting. Q (Quentin Grimes) had a hard time finding the bottom of the bucket. David (McCormack) gave us some good minutes; both he and Mitch (Lightfoot) gave us some good minutes. It was a grind-it-out game. It wasn't Detric (Lawson's) best today and certainly, other guys had to pick us up and they did."

On the good minutes of play the Jayhawks have gotten out of both Lightfoot and McCormack the past two games now:

"What happens if David got his fifth foul? He had four. We would have gone from a relatively big team to having all three bigs foul out and being the smallest team in the country. I think we can play a lot smarter, but hopefully this will help us turn the corner a little bit, get us where we are at least competing at a high level consistently."

On K.J. Lawson's huge plays in both regulation and overtime:

"Q (Quentin Grimes) gave K.J., a really good pass in there. It forced the (defensive) man to close out and K.J., drove in there and got to his right hand (for the shot). It's easier said than done, but if we could just defend the scouting report; don't let No. 5 go right, don't let No. 25 go left, it's just unbelievable how many times they hurt us on that. Because once we defended their five guys, I think that's the best ball-screen defense we've played. They didn't score off any runs to the rim and they didn't score off any pick-and-pops. So, obviously, our guys did a good job, but we've just got to pay attention to the scouting report a lot better."

On KU's February schedule being so different than in the past:

"We'll definitely rest tomorrow and get ready for West Virginia (on Saturday in Allen Fieldhouse). We owe them one. Hopefully it'll be a juiced atmosphere and people should know that these kids are going to battle their asses off. They're going to battle and hopefully it'll put us in a situation – you can't look ahead at all – but our conference aspirations and chances, just like a lot of teams in our league, are going to be pretty well-defined in the next three games. (Especially) For us. It's not over, but when you have West Virginia, a team that's beat you; then you're at (Texas) Tech and then you have K-State at home ... we're going to know a lot about our team in the next 12 days. Hopefully we can really focus and start playing our best."

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