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# POSTGAME QUOTES

// 2018-19 KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

## #13/14 Kansas 68, Oklahoma 81

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Norman, Okla. // Lloyd Noble Center

### KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

#### *Opening Statement:*

"They were so much better than us. The first possession started it all, when they got a dunk. We didn't guard them. I actually thought that we didn't play as poorly offensively as what it looked like, even though it looked awful, but God-dang, you've got to be able to make a shot. They were able to shoot it all night long while we weren't able to jump up and make a shot. When you're not hitting shots, you've got to make sure others don't. We probably didn't put enough pressure on them that they ever felt us, so that was disappointing, obviously. I thought OU played great. It was almost reminiscent of the Texas Tech game in how poorly we played, but I also think we contributed to how well they played."

#### *On David McCormack's performance tonight being a silver lining in tonight's loss:*

"I thought David did fine. I thought he did some good things. He was our best offensive player, probably. Detric (Lawson) got some numbers, but he didn't play as well (as David). I don't want to say this, because I don't want to speak for our guys, but, to me, it looked like we were tired. For us to play well, we've got to have a lot of energy and tonight we didn't have it. We talked about it; having the same energy in the locker room, so, if there's not, we've got to have a workman-like type effort; know what your job is and go do it. We never made them (Oklahoma) feel uncomfortable and feel us and they shot lights out. (Brady) Manek and (Kristian) Doolittle, were, by far, the two best players on the court."

#### *On being out of the running for the regular-season Big 12 Conference title and what the team has left to play for:*

"I'm not going to be remotely making excuses, but we've all been spoiled. We've been spoiled to have not only the players, but the teams, and the nature of those teams always getting everybody else's best shot every game. But the guys have got to weather the storm and figure it out; well, this team hasn't been able to do that yet. We haven't been able to figure it out and weather the storm. We could make excuses, because we don't have our full complement of guys, but would that have made a difference? Everybody knows it would have. Bad things happen in the course of a season and you've got to rally around that (and keep competing). The (Kansas City) Chiefs lost Kareem Hunt and they still went to the AFC Championship game. There's no excuses – it's the next guy up. We've got players who can be that 'next guy up.' You can't replace physical presence but this would have been a hard year to continue to the streak (anyway) based on a lot of things and we didn't get it done. But you know what? We've got to be like the other 95 percent of teams in the country right now and wrap up our Big 12 season and head to the tournament as whatever seed we are and try to perform well there. But this team is not talented enough that we can just 'show up.' And I'm not saying that's what we did tonight or at Texas tech, but when things didn't go well early, we didn't have the moxie to hang in there and so that's disappointing. That's what all of our teams have been able to do; that's why we've been such a good road team throughout the years. I think I figured it out where one year in the league we've been .500 on the road – one year. One year – our second year – we finished second in the league. (Winning) Three of six (this year on the road) is disappointing, especially since we don't have a chance to play for a ring on Saturday."

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