



ROCK CHALK JAYHAWK
POSTGAME QUOTES

// 2018-19 KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

#13/14 Kansas 78, Baylor 70

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Lawrence, Kan. // Allen Fieldhouse

KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

Opening Statement:

"I'm tired because that was painful and tiring to watch. That was not very pretty at all. Even though we got the shots we wanted offensively we got the ball in the middle of the zone at will, we got it on the block, and when we played down there we were 9-of-13 from 3(-point attempts) and today we were 6-of-16. But the ball went where it needed to and we came up empty so many times in the first half. We should have been up 10 or 12 (points) at half time. Dedic (Lawson) missed seven wide-open shots in tight and missed some layups and we didn't finish some possessions like we should and there was no energy. The building didn't have a lot of energy and our guys, a couple of individuals maybe didn't have the same energy they been having just because of the situation, maybe fatigue, or whatever. But it was a good win. I'm not going to apologize for beating Baylor by eight (points) at home. They've played us much closer than that each of the last three or four years, so it was a good win and we'll take it, certainly, but we have to get ready to go to Kansas City."

On what the approach for the next five days will be:

"Well tomorrow is going to be off for sure and probably won't do much. I don't know, we'll go hard maybe one day next week, maybe Monday or Tuesday, but I don't think we'll go hard two days in a row and we'll go light on Wednesday. You know, Texas can easily beat us, they already have, and they got beat today if I'm not mistaken by TCU, which will probably put TCU in the (NCAA) Tournament and probably Texas is now thinking they've got a must-win situation and the last time we played a team that was desperate was OU and we saw how we showed up in that one. It'll be good, we need to go over there (Kansas City's Sprint Center) with a free mind and win one game at a time. I'd certainly would like to stay over there through Saturday."

On David McCormack play today:

"I thought he played terrific, I should've played him more, he was our best offensive player in the first half and made some good strong moves. The first move he had, he didn't go to his left hand jump hook and ended up taking a bad shot but after that I thought he was really good."

On Dedic Lawson's play after being hit in the face, which was much more assertive:

"I think that's probably right. You know, Dedic gets numbers. He had 23 (points) and 14 (rebounds) tonight and I told him that he should've been (at) 32 and 18. He missed a lot of bunnies in the first half. He got seven good looks in the first half that he didn't make that we would sell out for every day. I actually thought our offense was the best it's ever been versus their zone. But we missed a lot of easy shots. And it was a boring game, not a lot of flow, but we were able to keep them at arm's length the entire game. But the reality is we had a chance to put our foot on the throat and we let them off the hook."

On if he believes Dedic Lawson will be named the Big 12 Player of the Year:

"I think that Dedic is the best player in our league. But I'm not sure that that's always the reason guys win awards. I've been a big proponent in the past that it means something to be the best player on the best team. I think there are three people who have a chance to win it; Dedic, obviously (Jarrett) Culver (of Texas Tech), and obviously (Barry) Brown (Jr., of K-State). I could make a case for Dedic, but I could make a case for the other two as well. I hope he does (win the award), because selfishly it would be great for him and it'd probably guarantee his jersey getting hung in the rafters. But the reality of it is that the other two kids are deserving of it too."

KANSAS REDSHIRT-JUNIOR F DEDRIC LAWSON

On the difference between his performance today and his performance during the first meeting with Baylor:

"I just wanted to be aggressive. I think the first time I only had two rebounds and Coach (Self) got on me about that. It's going out there and being aggressive, going after the ball and just finishing plays on the defensive end."

On his chemistry with freshman F David McCormack:

"At practice we mix up the teams. Dave and I have been playing a lot with each other, so has Mitch (Lightfoot), so you know the chemistry of playing with each other in practice going into the zone that we did a lot this week. Just finding Dave around the rim, he's a big body, he's got a great touch, most of the time when you go to him, he'll finish. I try to get him in areas where he'll be the most productive."

On McCormack's back-to-back big-game performances:

"He's been playing with confidence, he's been patient. They're not really doubling him so he's taking his time, making his move, and a good shot is a good shot, no matter if it's hit or miss."



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LAWSON (CONT.)

On what it means to go undefeated at home this season:

"It means a lot. We lost a couple games in my collegiate career at home that we should've won, but just being here. Allen Fieldhouse is a great place to play. The fans, they call them the 'Sixth Man' and they definitely are because they help us out a lot and give us the energy that we need to go out there and win at home."

On if today was one of the more physically demanding games on the year:

"Definitely. Baylor is a very physical team, they crowd the glass pretty hard so it's all about being mentally tough and physically tough. Coach (Self) said just going man-to-man and going after balls and being tough."

On if the flagrant foul fired him up:

"I think that was the turning point of the game. I think we were up four (points), made two free throws, come back and get a steal, get two more free throws and then we just had a little bit more momentum going forward. I think people fight back harder once they get punched and things like that."

KANSAS FRESHMAN G DEVON DOTSON

On the challenges going into the zone:

"It was kind of challenging at times, but from the big's standpoint, they did a great job. The middle was wide open because they were spread out around the 3 pretty well so (we) just (tried to) get through the middle and try to work the bottom rim and get easy buckets."

On the key to getting more assists than turnovers:

"Just taking care of the ball more, settling down, being smart with your decisions, really. Just playing under control."

On what it means to go undefeated at home:

"It's great. Just playing in front of the home crowd, the fans have been unbelievable this year, just supporting us throughout the whole year. Just winning in front of them, in front of the home crowd, it's a great feeling."

On how his basketball IQ has evolved throughout the season:

"I think it has improved, just letting the game come to you a little more and trying to run the team and be vocal. Being more vocal, Coach (Self) has been on me about that, saying, 'This is your team, you're the point guard and you have to make sure everybody is locked in.' It's really about just bringing a lot of effort. You know if there's a bad possession, that's on the point guard, so just taking responsibility of different things on the floor."

KANSAS FRESHMAN F DAVID McCORMACK

On if his improved performance is due to the game starting to slow down for him, or his confidence increasing, or a bit of both:

"I'd say it's a little bit of both. Having the advantage to watch Dedric (Lawson) and Dok (Udoka Azuibuike) early on, when I didn't get as much playing time, was an advantage to me. I watched how they played and there were situations where I would do the same."

On the importance of getting baskets early in order to get into a rhythm:

"I don't think it's really important. I think that taking every opportunity that I can, whether it's late in the game or if it's in the beginning, I just feel that once you get an actual feel for the game at any point you can turn it on."

On the importance of Dedric Lawson in the second half:

"He had a major impact. Like he said, we were up four before the flagrant (foul), and then from there he just kind of was tormenting everybody and was snatching every rebound that we needed offensively and defensively, so he really helped the team against a big-time opponent."

On the difference for him the past two games:

"I've always had the same touch, always had the same feel for the game. I was just being more patient and building my confidence and it just came with more playing time. The more you play, the more you will get a better feel for the game, and it's been happening."

On if he has been asserting his size better:

"Definitely. It is definitely have an impact on the post, it really helps the team and spreading out the floor when they (the opponent) wants to collapse the side, I have an easy dish to someone on the perimeter so it makes a hole in the defense."

On his confidence making him a different player:

"I have a right-hand jump hook, left-hand jump hook, some face-up game, and a fairly good 15-foot shot and with all that, (I also believe I have) good court vision and knowing where to pass the ball."



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BAYLOR HEAD COACH SCOTT DREW

Opening Statement:

"I thought for a game where conference tournament seeds are already determined that both teams really fought and played hard. I was proud of our team's effort and I thought that at the end of the day (when we go) 6-for-31 from 3(-point land) you're not going to beat a great team like Kansas. (I'm) Proud of our effort and we had some looks, we have to do a better job. We had some defensive breakdowns but now we have to get some guys healthy and get ready for the Big 12 Tournament."

On Kansas' David McCormack's play in the first half:

"He's gotten better all season long and plays really hard. When you watch film it's easy to cheer for him, coaches love guys who compete and play hard; and he does."

On the momentum swing of the Flagrant One call:

"It was pretty big. It's hard to come back on Kansas here. We've done it a couple times but it's really hard to do, they're too well coached."

On Kansas' Detric Lawson being the potential conference Player of the Year:

"He's worthy. I don't know if he will end up winning it or not, but every coach respects the heck out of him. Bill (Self) always does a great job of getting his best players shots. He inserts himself all the time. Even if he's not scoring, he commands so much attention that he's getting other people open. Whenever he is on the floor, he is doing work."

On facing Iowa State in the Big 12 Championship next week:

"(It) Doesn't matter who you get in the tournament. It's our third time seeing them and you know everybody at this point. You can call each other's set plays and tell guys where they need to be, so it really comes down to who makes shots and who doesn't have any mental breakdowns defensively."

On bringing a team into Allen Fieldhouse:

"In the Big 12 you get a lot of great environments. One thing I have always respected (about) here is it's a really knowledgeable crowd. I've always been appreciative because after we've played well they're very cordial to our team and you really respect that. I think they appreciate good basketball and I think they do a good job of helping motivate their team when they need to."

BAYLOR FRESHMAN GUARD JARED BUTLER

On what stood about the young Kansas team and the way they played:

"They definitely played hard on both offense and defense. They do a great job running their stuff and of course they're talented, that's why they're starting as freshmen. They play hard and they listen to their coach really well and I think that's the good thing about Kansas."

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