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Kansas Head Coach Bil Self

On the offense...

"It was good to see the ball go in the basket and everybody shot it well, except for Dot (Devon Dotson), Dot's been shooting it pretty consistently well for us day in and day out so that's not a major concern. But it's good to see the ball go in and I did think the ball moved a little better and we played better than we did last week so it's good to see improvement."

On Isaiah Moss...

"He played five minutes and it took him five minutes to get up four threes so he definitely wasn't gun shy but that's what he's in there to do. He can't move like he needs to be able to so Bill told me we could get him a max of ten minutes and it didn't really work out where he played that much but whether he played five or ten I just wanted him to get out there and have a little feel unless there's a possibility we can use him some on Tuesday."

On the numbers...

"No matter what it was good to take care of the basketball, I think at one time we had we had like 24 assists and one turnover or two turnovers so that was positive. Because you know in practice when we go five on zero we turn the ball over more than that, so I thought it was positive. I thought Doke (Udoka Azubuike) was much more active defensively, I thought he played really well. Obviously we've got to help him on the free throws because it's just in his head and he's watched it for four years now and he just hasn't gotten a lot better yet, even though his form looks better, and he makes them in practice but certainly we gotta do something to relax him a little bit on the line and let him see a couple go down, if it goes down then he'll be totally different after that, but I thought defensively he was much more active and certainly protected the rim better than what we did last week."

On playing Duke the first game...

"I like playing the game, I don't think it's the best situation to play this game because you don't have a chance to scout or get a chance to play to strengths and weaknesses or try to get matchups and things like that because you really don't know yet what they do well and don't do well and same thing them with us. So I wish we had a game or two under, but it's such a good event to be apart of, tipping off the season and having a lot of interest and all eyes on Madison Square Garden. We're going to be one of four teams soaking in the exposure that night so I wouldn't want to be not in the game even though I bet all coaches wish they had a little bit more time."

On running zone...

"I don't know, I think it could be okay, one thing about it that last team that was out there that did it, Tristen (Enaruna) and Christian (Braun) out front that's 6'6" and 6'8" out front with long arms and if our bottom guys can get the shooters and if Doke (Udoka Azubuike) or whoever can man the middle, I think it could be something we could use at times. That's not going to be who I hope we are but certainly I can't imagine us not being able to throw that in."

Sophomore Guard Devon Dotson

On how it felt about getting back...

"It felt good getting back on the court. It felt good to get back into the swing of things and progress."

On his four assists...

"It's great that we are moving the ball and finding the open man."

Sophomore Forward David McCormack

On the play of the forwards...

"I felt great. I felt that the bigs played well, we each bring something different to the table and we just played our game and played to our strengths."

On Ochai's play in the exhibition games...

"He was playing to his strengths and he plays with a lot of energy, a lot of passion, a lot of heart and it just spreads through the team and helps us grow."

On getting Devon Dotson back...

"First thing I think of speed. It helps a lot with him driving down hill causing double teams and opens up everything else."

On playing together with Udoka Azubuike...

"It can be effective in so many ways. We play to Dok's strength and my strength as well. And I think when I am up top, since I've been working on my shot, it takes defenders away from him; so I help spread the floor which takes defenders away from him and opens up the floor for him to do his job."

On his passing game...

"I think my passing game has definitely progressed. It expanded my game and created open looks for my teammates and myself."



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Sophomore Guard Ochai Agbaji

On what he gained from the first two exhibition games...

"It grew confidence and it helped the team moving into next week."

Pittsburg State Head Coach Kim Anderson

Opening Statement...

"Certainly very impressed with Kansas. I always am but I was impressed before I even got here. Certainly, we are beat up a little bit. We are missing three guys that probably would start but never the less, I don't think that would have made a difference. I think they shot the ball, really well, especially in spurts. We tried to zone them but they are just too big and strong. We had some guys that came in that don't get to play as much that did a good job. Maybe we learned something and that's what you try to get out of these games."

On what impressed him the most...

"Well, the bigs obviously. They are so dominant especially against a smaller team like we are, we just didn't have the answer for that. I was impressed tonight with the guard. I watched them play Fort Hays and you know we had said 'well we will go under ball screens and make them beat us at the three. They did that. Then we decided we would zone and they started moving the ball. Then we got tired and couldn't get to where we needed to get. If you ask me, I am impressed with the whole team. I just think their depth is good and getting Moss back and Dotson back, shooting the ball well. That makes a big difference from the other night."

Pittsburg State Sophomore Guard RJ Lawrence

On laughing with Silvo De Sousa during the game about the size difference...

"I was just asking him 'what does KU feed the boys? Because they are all swole and they're all tall."

On playing against KU...

"It was fun playing them. I played against Christian (Braun) and Ochai (Agbaji) in high school. It was fun seeing them and seeing that they're Division I players. KU has always been my favorite team, so it was just good seeing them play and playing against them."