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Kansas Head Coach Bill Self

On his overall thoughts on the game...

"I thought we played really well tonight. I thought even when we missed shots early, we were getting good shots. I thought we played with good pace. We were obviously much better playing with four guards than we were playing with two bigs because we couldn't guard them and the way they shot the three, especially with the way #14 (Kyrin Galloway) shot the three. He was a hard guard for us but I thought we did well. I thought the big guys didn't do a ton as far as scoring, but David (McCormack) got four rebounds, Udoka (Azuibuike) got 10 and Silvio (DeSousa) got two, so there's 16 rebounds in the 40 minutes in those spots. That was good. If we make our free throws or shoot a decent percentage the first half, we would have had the chance to go up 10 at halftime and went up four. There were a lot of good things that happened. That is a really good team, that was a game that I would have been looking forward to more if we would have won on Tuesday. To me, there was a little bit of pressure on us to come out and perform well and I thought our guys did great."

On the talent at UNCG and how Kansas took care of the ball...

"They are definitely going to make the NCAA tournament. Dotson had one turnover and that was the easiest play of the game. You've got four guys on defense and that means there is one guy behind you and he didn't realize there was one behind him and they took his ball away. We didn't finish the game great, but getting up by 21 points against that team, we had to do a lot of good things in order to do that."

On the status of Jalen Wilson...

"That situation is not good. He broke his ankle and based on what I have been told, it is going to require surgery. That could take place early next week. It is probably a three-month deal so even the best chance scenario is late January at the earliest. We won't make a decision on the redshirt, but the reality is that we won't have much of a choice if it will take any time beyond that. We are down to nine guys, and all nine guys are going to play. We are going to need Christian (Braun) come in and play. He got off to a rough start tonight, gave up seven points to his man right off the bat. It wasn't that he was bad, they just kind of got open and shot the ball with no space. Silvio, David and Udoka, as much as I would like to play two bigs because I think it would probably be our most talented players playing two bigs, I don't know that that is going to be possible against teams like this very often. We were certainly much better playing with two guards today. I think everybody can see that Tristan Enaruna is going to be a really good player."

On Isaiah Moss...

"He did a lot more than I expected. Of course I didn't know what to expect, I didn't know if he would be close to full speed. I don't think he is at full speed, I think he has a gear that he can get to that will allow him to be quite a bit faster and quicker but for the most part I thought he did great. He has had such a good attitude, all of the guys have had great attitudes. I am happy with them. After a disappointment on Tuesday, they certainly came out with great energy. Starting the game, I think that was turned up as I remember a team being in quite a while."

On Tristan Enaruna...

"He is a good comparison to Kelly (Oubre Jr.) but he isn't as worldly as Kelly. Kelly really thought he belonged and he was the best player on the floor from the first day whereas Tristan hasn't been in that environment. He said the most fans he has played in front of was 200 before he got here so it is a little bit different between him and Kelly. Tristan is going to be a really good player, I am real pleased with him."

On looking forward to Monmouth...

"I haven't looked at a lot. I haven't had a chance to really look at anybody past this week, but we have a week to get ready for them. I know they play fast... That will be a big game for us and soon after we play East Tennessee State and they are actually picked to win the league that UNCG is in. You know they're good because if they are better than this team on paper then that will be a hard game"

Kansas Guard Devon Dotson

On the start of the game...

"We know what we didn't do Tuesday night and we wanted to correct it. You know, bring the energy. It was a home opener. We wanted to feed off the crowd and get going."

On the assist to turnover ratio...

"My teammates, they did a great job at getting to open spots and knocking down shots and making themselves available. I tried to get in there and make smart decisions. Really just play."

On the guard play...

"It was very successful because they had 4 guards that could really stretch the floor and shoot. That 4 guards that we put out there could defend and stretch out their defense. That is when we got rolling and knocked down shots and got down in transition. It worked for us tonight."



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Kansas Forward Tristan Enaruna

On Coach Self commenting on his aggressive play...

"He told me he played well. He always just tells me to go out there and not worry too much and just try to play hard. Just try to go after the glass, be an all around guy. He told me I did a good job at the end of the day. I think it is just a switch that you have to turn on and once you do that, it is just automatic, going after the glass, diving on balls, all that stuff."

Kansas Center Udoka Azubuike

On his double double...

"It was a press, I guess there was a little more space for me to cooperate."

On the four guard lineup creating extra space...

"It really does, it really works out for me because the floor space around. I got my teammates that can all shoot threes. That really helps me in the 2 big rotations. The 4 man rotation really opens up a lot of space for me to do what I have to do."

UNCG Head Coach Wes Miller

On KU's four guard lineup...

"We thought we could take advantage of our shooting at the four position when they had two bigs on the floor. We knew they had a huge interior advantage when we were trying to guard them. When they went four guards they matched up with us pretty well, they were able to switch the ball screens and keep our players in front. You kind of hope when people go small you can do a better job and I'm happy with 10 offensive rebounds at Kansas, but we need to be a better offensive rebounding team if people are going to switch into small line-ups."

On how much they prepared for the four guard lineup...

"We spent a lot of time preparing for both lineups. Part of our game plan was to play differently based on the lineup they were in, and we kind of hope they'd go back and forth between lineups like they did the Duke game and we would give them different looks on how we were guarding the posts or how we were guarding ball screens."

On how hard it is to press when the other team has a player like Devon Dotson...

"It's hard. I thought it was really effective for a good 16 minutes but in the last four minutes of the first half I thought he started getting through us a little bit. I thought the energy of our press was effective going into the second half, not just setting the press but also getting out of it and getting matched up. As the game went on Kansas got pretty good at attacking our press and Devon Dotson had quite a bit to do with that."

UNCG Guard Isaiah Miller

On what changed in the second half...

"I think our team got kind of relaxed and fatigued. We came out flat and they took advantage of us through that."