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#5/3 KANSAS vs MONMOUTH
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019
LAWRENCE, KAN. // ALLEN FIELDHOUSE



KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

Opening Statement:

"We were turned up today to start. We played well and they obviously didn't make any shots, but we defended. I don't know if they had their first field goal until the about 10-minute mark and of course we made shots. In the first half, we were pretty efficient. I thought everyone played well."

On the bigs:

"David (McCormick) was good. I thought Silvio (De Sousa) did okay. I thought Dok (Udoka Azubuike) was better. In a game like that, there were a lot of people open so a lot of guys shot it. The one thing I would say that we didn't do a very good job of was I didn't think we were very good post feeders. I thought Dok could have had 20 tonight the way they fronted the post and we didn't do a good job of that at all, but other than that I thought everyone played well. Ochai (Agbaji) didn't have his best night, that's OK we didn't need him tonight, but I thought everybody else pitched in and shot it well."

On Isaiah Moss's performance:

"You get 21 points on six shots, now there is not going to be a lot of teams that don't guard him and he got off some open looks, but still though you got to make them. It's very encouraging to have a guy like that - that you have to guard and that will be able to stretch the defense as we continue to go. There were some good things that happened tonight and certainly it was good to see him get out there and play well."

On Silvio De Sousa's game tonight:

"I thought he did fine and that is not a knock to David (McCormick) at all and we haven't decided, by any stretch, what we are going to do moving forward. David has had a chance to start the last three games, counting the exhibition, and Silvio just started the first one. I just wanted to see how he looked and I thought he did fine. I was hoping Monmouth would set a lot of ball screens so we could work on it, but they didn't hardly set any ball screen. We didn't get a chance to work on our ball screen defense. If I was playing us that would be something I would, probably, look to try to do, but we were turned up. We made them play bad and I think that is a big key for us to have a chance to be good is to make sure our opponents aren't very good."

On the team's next match-up against East Tennessee State:

"I know their coach. He is a JUCO guy that has been around a lot. He was at Barton County for a while and a lead recruiter at Tennessee and then was with Gregg Marshall and most recently at Wichita State before he got the job there at East Tennessee, but he is good. Their team is good. They are definitely an NCAA tournament team, just like how I feel (UNC) Greensboro will be, but if they are better than Greensboro, then they must be pretty good because they are predicted to be better. Tuesday, just so you know, is not a tune-up. Tuesday is a real game and it will be as hard to beat them, and people will think I'm nuts, but it will be hard to play well against them as it will be Duke. I hope our fans get turned-up for this one because that is a big game for us."

KANSAS SENIOR ISAIAH MOSS

How it feels to have a big night and getting into the rhythm:

"Definitely. Seeing the ball more early, definitely good for my confidence. My teammates got me the ball."

On his mentality of coming off the bench and scoring:

"We just want to bring energy, starts with defense, just talking, and then just let the game come to us offensively."

On recovering from his hamstring injury:

"Yeah, it's been a process. With me re-injuring it, it's just been a process of me trying to get back up and get treatment. Every day, multiple times a day. It's getting better, so I'm just gonna keep getting treatment."

On how the injury has affected his playing:

"Just my quickness, right now. It's not really sore anymore, it's just as far as me getting those reps back in getting back as quick as I used to be."

On Silvio De Sousa's play:

"I thought he played great. His energy is great for us. We definitely need that from him every night. I know he's gonna continue giving that to us, so I'm looking forward to it."

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KANSAS JUNIOR SILVIO DE SOUSA

On his 3-pointer:

"That moment, I felt like I was Isaiah. I kinda felt that energy going. I actually wanted to hit another one, but I had to slow it down. But it felt great."

On scoring eight points and the three in the first four minutes of the second half:

"(Coach says) If you play hard, you can do whatever you want to do on the court, as long as you try hard. Today, I was just trying to play defense to see what's going on in the front so I can help me teammates. It just came natural."

KANSAS JUNIOR SILVIO DE SOUSA

On Isaiah Moss's shooting ability helping the post players:

"It makes everything so much easier. When he shoots, people have to close out to him, and when people have to close out to him, it spreads the floor and gives up more space to do what we do."

MONMOUTH HEAD COACH KING RICE

Opening Statement:

"I want to start off that I'm a super competitive guy, and we lost our cool a little bit tonight at end of the game; down 100 points and you get a dunk then we bark at the kid. That is uncalled for and that's not what our program represents, that is not what our program stands for. When you get beat by another team you shake their hand and you walk off the court, and you take in the experience. My kids' feelings were hurt because of how we got dominated and we acted out of character. Then we ran off the court and the kids were yelling back at you from the student section that is not who Monmouth basketball is and we addressed it; that's why it took me so long to get in here."

"This was a great experience for our school. Anytime you lose like that there will be people that say, hey you shouldn't do this you shouldn't do that. Monmouth University got to play in Allen Fieldhouse; in front of an awesome crowd, with one of the best coaches in the country, and one of the best programs in the history of our game. This was cool even though we took a beating like we did. That can happen sometimes but I'm happy that I got to coach here I've wanted to do this for a long time. Coach Brown brought me here for a USA basketball tryout back in '87 that was my only time in this building. I've been back for some weddings for some friends of mine that live here, and everybody has just been so nice and great to me. My head coach in college went here, coach Williams was the coach here. I just feel so blessed that I got to sit on that sideline one time, just to take it in. That's why when we were losing, I just looked up. I've heard so much about it, I was like I'm not going to pass up this opportunity let me look around at these faces and this building that make it like this all the time. I'm sorry my team didn't play as well as we think we can, I'm sorry we lost our cool at the end when you're losing a game like that. Thank you to coach Self for bringing us to come out here and giving us this opportunity to play at this awesome university."

On guard Isaiah Moss:

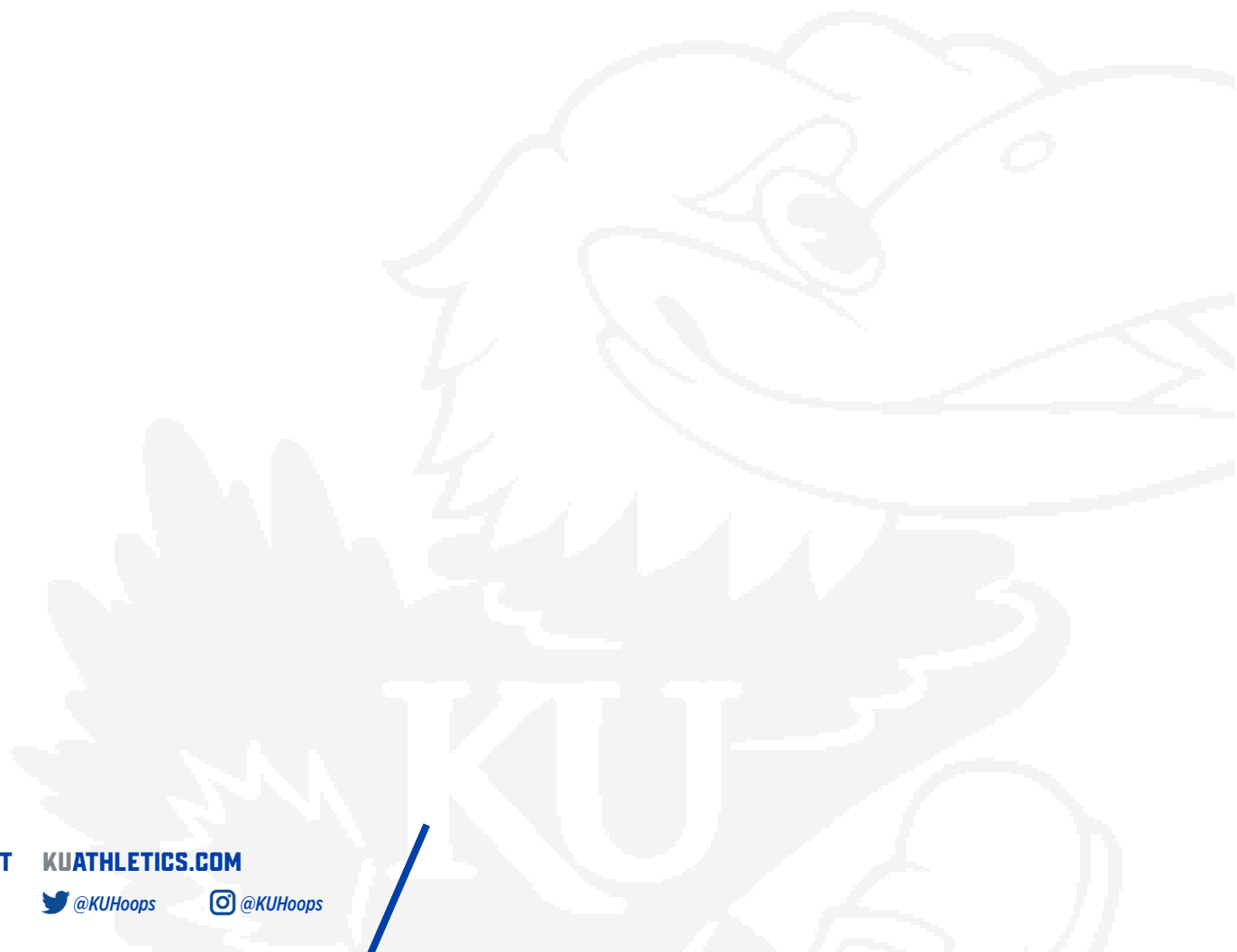
"Everyone was hard to guard tonight; I watched the game when they played Greensboro and Greensboro's a very good team and West Miller is a good friend of mine. Reading stuff that everyone talks about and everybody made shots. Big fella from the free throw was 80 percent this year from the line. Balls went in all over the place. The guys came in and made all of their shots, but when you jump out 18-2 everybody's comfortable. If you can make them not get a big lead at the start. Maybe all those shots don't go in. I felt like all of them were going in tonight and if they shoot it like that, they're going to be hard to beat."

On the last play:

"He lost his mind on that last play. You just don't do that. You have to keep your cool, we knew this could be a tough night for us, okay. We represent a lot of proud people from Monmouth and you just don't do that. He's young, he'll bounce back from it. It will be a learning experience for him and all of us. You win the right way and when you lose as badly as we do you still lose the right way. Everyone treated us so great since we've been in this state and this arena. I'm so sorry that we did that, we won't do that again and we'll be better because of it."

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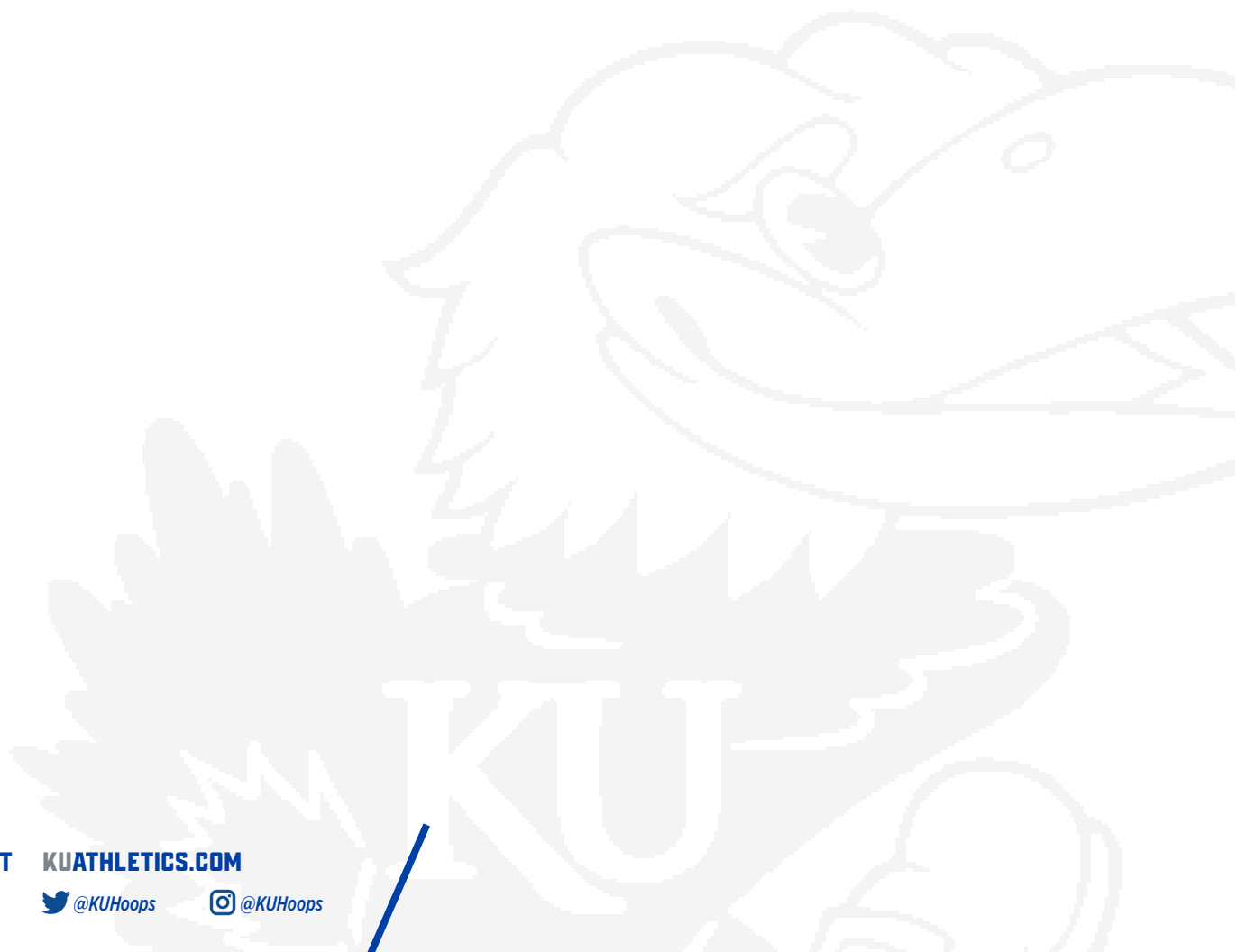
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