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KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

POSTGAME QUOTES

#3/4 KANSAS vs EAST TENNESSEE STATE

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LAWRENCE, KAN. // ALLEN FIELDHOUSE



KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

Opening Statement:

"I thought we played well. The first 10 minutes were the best 10 minutes we have played this year. To be up 28-10 on ETSU while not making shots. They weren't shooting a great percentage, but we were 1-for-9 from three the first half and 0-for-5 the second half. That is by far the worst we have shot it. That has been a concern, but we threw the ball inside. You shoot 73 percent from two, you obviously need to throw it inside more and I thought we did some good things. We were careless, we had numbers in the second half. We scored with numbers in the first half, the second half we didn't at all and had some poor plays in transition where we should have come away with points. Two perfect, wide-open lobs and then Dotson overthrew one by five or six feet and Marcus (Garrett) overthrew another. We should have had four more points there. All in all, I thought it was a good team win. They have a nice team."

On Udoka Azubuike's performance:

"Dok was our best offense, obviously in the second half. He was great. They didn't double him so it gave him a little space. As good as Dok was, Silvio (De Sousa) had more to do with maybe us winning down the stretch with his blocked shots in the last five or six minutes. I think he scored four points in that timespan too. I thought he was terrific too. There were some good things, it is just frustrating for those guys. We have three good bigs and we are trying to play two, but it is hard to play two when the other team plays small. Defending the arch was more important than having two big guys in there, especially when we didn't rebound the ball very well. There will be some games like this, but David (McCormack) still has to be ready. Some games he may get 10 (minutes), some games Silvio may get 10. I hope that is the case because Dok is playing so well, but tonight was a strange night. They were in the bonus with like 12 (minutes) left in the first half and playing out of foul issue and going into halftime up 11 when it could have easily been 13 or 15 and then coming out in the second half flat and trading baskets for about 10 minutes and they went on a mini-run and made some hard shots. We hung in there and guarded pretty well."

On if he is concerned about Ochai Agbaji's shooting struggles:

"I didn't think Ochai had a tremendous game offensively, but I thought he defended pretty well and he seemed to be pretty in-tune. The one thing that Ochai needs to be doing, and that I am more concerned with, is rebounding. He could be the best offensive rebounder in the country and he is not doing it and getting his hand on as many balls now. He didn't make shots, but nobody did. We need to get him going, but as long as he keeps doing the other things that helps our team win, we are okay with that. Tristian (Enaruna) played great. I thought he was active, he got steals, he scored points. He shot a big airball there late, but I thought he played well. He is growing up. Christian (Braun) didn't get a chance to do much, but he had that great pass to Silvio late off a broken floor play."

On the next few days leading to Maui:

"We will take off tomorrow and then practice hard on Thursday and travel early on Friday. We leave early Friday, it is a business trip, but hopefully get there early enough on Friday to get to enjoy the day and then practice hard on Saturday and Sunday and get ready to play what should be a very competitive tournament as always."

SOPHOMORE GUARD DEVON DOTSON

On the team's start to the game:

"That is the thing we want to do, especially at home. We want to jump out on them early, really get that first hit in. (We need to) Bring the energy from the start, that can sway a game from the start, that can sway it."

On if this was the team's most effective game with using the bigs:

"It was very effective this game, being conscious and aware of the bigs and seeing our position, trying to get them touches, play at the rim a little bit more. Yes, that was an awareness."

On Dok's play down the stretch:

"(The) Same thing like Marcus said, this team stuck to their straight up, man-to-man defense. They didn't try to double him. That is what happens when teams do not do that. He played great today."

On what Silvio De Sousa was able to bring in crunch time:

"He was great. He made some great hustle plays and got his hands on a lot of balls out there, so he was very active. He helped us out a lot toward the end. He was great down the stretch."

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JUNIOR GUARD MARCUS GARRETT

On Duke's play down the stretch:

"He was great. I feel like this is the first team that didn't double him. You see what happens when you don't double him."

SENIOR CENTER UDOKA AZUBUIKE

On what Silvio De Sousa was able to bring in crunch time:

"I think he was great. I got tired, he came in and brought the energy. He pretty much helped us win the game, basically. That is what we want him to do. He came in and helped us."

On the defense was not doubling you and how much that helps:

"I was excited. This is probably the first team that hasn't double-teamed me since we started playing. I used that to my advantage. The guys did a good job of feeding me the ball, so I went to work."

ETSU HEAD COACH STEVE FORBES

Opening Statement:

"I thought the first punch they gave us really put us down and it was really hard to battle back from there. Our team's motto is we're gritty, grimy, tough and together and I thought they showed that for most of the game after they went on a big run and got us down 17. I thought we finally got going and put some scoring pressure on them. Once we did that, we started to have a chance. I thought we had some good looks in the second half, some we made and some we missed. A couple of those if we make them puts even more pressure on them. This is the first time I have ever coached here where I didn't have to listen to Rock Chalk Jayhawk at the end of the game. We didn't come here for a moral victory. We came here to win, so that part is disappointing. I was proud of my team. I really like coaching this team. I think we really battled tonight. They are so good and so long. Udoka is like another planet out there, he is so big and has such great hands. Dotson is so good in transition and the wings are long and athletic they just throw it up to the rim and have a dunk contest. We had too many of those atomic bombs early with turnovers that turn into dunks and that gets the crowd going. All in all, we will go home and look at it and we have a chance to be a really good team."

On Azubuike:

"Udoka has hands like a clamp. If he gets underneath you and you throw it up top it is over if we are not their to knock it out of his hands. The best thing you can do is 'hack-a-Shaq' at him."

On the atmosphere:

"I thought we did a pretty good job of trying to keep the crowd out of the game as much as possible, but the dunks electrify the crowd. I tried to use some time outs to slow the game and the crowd down. This is the best crowd in the country. They are smart basketball people and you are not going to just take the fans out of the game. I thought for the most part our team did a good job of keeping the crowd from blowing the roof off."

ETSU SENIOR GUARD BO HODGES

On the environment:

"They told us they you wouldn't be able to hear the coaches or each other. I mean that was true, it was a grate in environment to play in. I was talking to Trey one time and I couldn't even hear what he was saying to me. It was a very tough environment to play in."

On what they did right and wrong in the game:

Trey Boyd III "I think that it was execution on our part. We cut it to where we wanted to be, we didn't get good shot and they exacted on the other end. We just have to execute better."

On the changes in the second half they made:

"In the first half we gave get shots and we were shutting them down in the second half. We needed a spark and I saw a couple goals go in I thought, I could be that spark. We just needed a spark."

ETSU SENIOR GUARD TRAY BOYD III

"I think in the first half they went on that big run, but if you were playing attention to the game you saw that we had a lot of open looks. We have to go home and get back in the gym for the next one."

On Bill Self's message to the players in the hand shake line:

"He was just saying that we were a good team, we fight till the end and we're tough. We didn't back down from this, he was just congratulating us on this game."