



POSTGAME QUOTES

// 2019-20 KANSAS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Head Coach Brandon Schneider

On the timeout at the beginning of the fourth quarter and the conversations that were happening...

"Well, it was probably a three-part conversation. The first part was challenging our team – I believe there were eight minutes and 20 seconds left in the fourth quarter – as bad as we had played, as bad as they had made us play the past three quarters, let's make a decision here and just try to be the better team for eight minutes and 20 seconds. The second part was making a defensive adjustment and the third part was making that concerted (?) effort to put Brooklyn in some positions to be aggressive offensively."

On how he felt Brooklyn thrived in the role of an aggressive offender...

"Well, I thought she was really aggressive; got the ball to the rim, got to the free-throw line. For most of the night, we took our ill-advised three's and contested twos. Tough twos. Again, I credit Omaha just in their planning. They did a good job of keeping everything in front and inviting us to take jumpers. I thought we kind of fell into that trap of taking what the defense gives you instead of taking what we want to take. But, fortunately, I thought down the stretch, Brooklyn, in particular, made enough plays to let us take the lead."

On the defensive effort of the night...

"We held them to 48 points. I'm not happy with them giving 15-2 to their five players, especially when that was an area we played close attention to in scouting. In a really muddy game, again I credit Omaha for making the game that way when you're playing poorly offensively, it can affect your defensive energy and juice. There were some stretches in there where I thought that was the case but the final eight minutes, I thought we did a pretty good job of playing the zone pretty well despite minimal practice with it."

On the chemistry between the guards...

"I think it's important. I think Brooklyn is still adjusting to her playing some two-guard when [Franklin] needs a break and moving back to the point. There's no question that she's still adjusting but I do think that the chemistry that they're in the process of building is going to be really important to our team."

Zakiyah Franklin, Freshman, Guard

On her performance throughout the night and her high scoring...

"This game, just attacking. Just trying to stay as aggressive as possible."

On hitting free-throws and what her mind was like on the line...

"Just trying to be mentally tough. Trying to knock down free-throws because I know we needed them so it's just knocking them down."

On making the same full-court pass with Brooklyn multiple times...

"It was just like a connection. I just trusted that she was going to catch it and that's all that was."

On trusting Brooklyn to be in her spot...

"We work on these drills in practice every day so I knew she was going to be there."

Brooklyn Mitchell, Sophomore, Guard

On her mindset throughout the night...

"[I was] really just kind of responding to what Coach was saying during that timeout. I got a vibe from him. Somebody needs to step up; somebody needs to seal the deal. So I kind of just took that and ran with it."

On hitting free-throws and what her mind was like on the line...

"Stay locked in. You never know how the game's going to go so I needed to make those free-throws because sometimes games really do come down to making free-throws and who is more focused than the other team."

On feeding off of Zakiyah...

"[Franklin]'s like a little sister almost. Being a freshman, I know I was a freshman last year. Just working on transitions and the certain things Coach Brandon is looking for her so just doing that."