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Kansas freshman guard Holly Kersgieter on her double-double with her first game...

"Its pretty crazy for my first game. I didn't think that this would happen but we just went out and played hard and played as a team. Shooting the ball is something I am very encouraged if not, yelled at to do. I did it. It worked. So that is good."

Kansas freshman guard Holly Kersgieter on shooting beyond the arc...

"Yeah, when you get in the flow like that it is nice to keep going, especially when they didn't adjust, so why stop?"

Kansas freshman guard Holly Kersgieter on how she felt when the first one went in...

"Keep doing that, its working. They didn't do well on guarding the ark. My first shot was bad, it was soft. The next one was better. It was exciting, especially when you aren't in the flow and you finally get in one. So it was good."

Kansas freshmen guards Zakiyah Franklin and Holly Kersgieter on how they for the a game at the division 1 level...

"Just do what we are suppose to do. Like any other game before." -Franklin "Just have to have each other backs, we are going to make mistakes. We are going to be nervous especially since we are young. We just have to be together."-Kersgieter

Kansas freshmen guards Zakiyah Franklin and Holly Kersgieter on how the seniority helping out...

- "They were telling us to keep our compose and take on thing at a time." -Franklin
- "They are really good at the next play mentality. We are young, we are going to make mistakes, we just have to keep going." -Holly

Kansas head coach Brandon Schneider on how did you think they played tonight...

"It is nice to win a game where there is a lot of valuable lessons to be learned. I think both of these guys [Holly and Franklin] contributed well to a winning effort. I also think that they learned a lot as well. Our whole team did a poor job of adjusting to the whistle. It was a tight whistle and we didn't adjust quick enough and found ourselves in foul trouble. We didn't take care of the ball at times, we didn't handle the aggressiveness, whether it was out in the passing lanes. That will be good for us to look back at the film and see some adjustments we can make."

Kansas head coach Brandon Schneider on the freshman when the game is being called that tightly...

"It wasn't the freshman that didn't adjust. It was some of our veterans. Our veterans are sophomores, Thomas had a tough night adjusting. We give them some coaching points, be less aggressive on the hand offs, keep your hands off the dribbler, all the things that are real problems this time of year. I think it is difficult, when the two exhibition games weren't called as tight so the young players aren't expecting that. We have to adjust quicker."

Kansas head coach Brandon Schneider on when Thomas got her fifth foul...

"Yeah, that is a good lesson for her. I thought there were two occasions where she didn't keep her poise and that is not how she wants to represent herself. We all know that its frustrating and she wants to be in the game. She wants to contribute, she will learn from that. Hopefully she is not in those situations very often. She does need to do a better job of keeping her poise."

Kansas head coach Brandon Schneider on free throw shooting...

"We discussed our free throw shooting at halftime, to me thats mental toughness and confidence though. Be tougher when you get up there mentally. Relax and believe in yourself. Do what you have been doing a lot of your life. I thought KB [Franklin] did a good job of knocking some down there late to really put us in a position to ice the game."

Kansas freshman guard Holly Kersgieter limping during the third quarter...

"Oh my God, I got the worst cramp in my calf. It was awful. It was random, but I knew if I like had to stretch it. I was in the middle of the game though, I couldn't just stop and stretch my calf like that, it makes me look soft. I just had to keep going. I had to play through the cramp. I went to the bench and got it out. It hurt."

Kansas head coach Brandon Schneider on seeing freshman step up...

"We had high expectations for them when we recruited them. When you have a couple of injuries that are really impactful, you know their learning curve speeds up really fast. They are going to have to step up. They got thrown in the fire. They are getting a lot of opportunity to learn and grow while playing major minutes."

Kansas head coach Brandon Schneider on relief to get first win of the season...

"For a coach, every win is a relief. For me, losses are devastating and wins are a relief. I wish there was more joy in what we do. It is short lived and it is time to get ready for a 1pm tip on Sunday."

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Kansas head coach Brandon Schneider on how much he is asking from Thomas...

"Well we didn't plan on that, but with Bailey in foul trouble and Tina struggling, we have to get more out of Tina. There is no question because right now with our lack of depth, it is not fair to do that to Thomas. Bailey has to stay out of foul trouble and Tina needs to contribute."

Indiana State Head Coach Vicki Hall on her general thoughts....

"I thought we played hard. I think a significant number is 42 free throws to 24, it's difficult that we are here in Kansas playing so I'm a little disappointed about that."

"Overall I was happy with how hard our team played, they fought. We are young and inexperienced but I thought in different situations we did well. We just gotta get better at our execution and that comes with time."

Indiana State Head Coach Vicki Hall on what she told the players at halftime....

"We knew they were come after us and try and turn us over early, and I think it was just a little bit of beginning jitters."

"Coming into this game we didn't have a player that played division 1 basketball, tonight was there first night, so I thought they did pretty well considering that. I'm just a little sad because I thought we could've come away with a win."

Indiana State Head Coach Vicki Hall on what she thought about Kersgieter....

"She lit us up pretty good. That's one of the things we are going to work on a lot going forward is our rotations on defense. She had 15 at half and just kept on so she had a good night."