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POSTGAME QUOTES

#3/3 KANSAS vs #4/4 BAYLOR

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KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

Opening Statement:

"We were without question the second-best team on the court today. (Baylor) controlled the game. Isaiah (Moss) made a couple of shots early that covered for us for having a bad offense. We were still up 20-15 and then everything happened bad after that I think we lost the game in the last two minutes of the first half. We were probably four with about two (minutes) and then it goes to ten then we call a timeout and it goes to thirteen, all in the last two minutes. It puts so much pressure on you to have to come back against a team that guards that well. Give Baylor credit they were better than us, better prepared and better coached with everything today. Certainly, I thought our guys tried, but it was kind of a weird game because we played small we thought that would get one of their bigs away from the basket, which it did, their one big slides their feet as good as their point guard and we couldn't get around him. When Dot (Devon Dotson) goes down, which hopefully he's okay, it played Marcus (Garrett) at the point and now Christen (Braun) is not in the game at the four. The guys didn't know the plays and it made the perfect storm. It reminded me a lot of the Arizona State game here a couple of years ago. When their guards were dominating us, those their guard that they have we won't guard anybody harder than that the rest of the season."

On Udoka Azubuike's impact:

"His stuff is going to be limited if he can get eight shots a game that would be pretty good. The way that they guarded and loaded up so quick it prevented him to get some touches, but we had him wide open for an uncontested easy dunk we throw it into the backboard. Ochai (Agbaji) made one good pass to him over the dunk that should have been a dunk, too. There were somethings that he could have done better but we have to get the ball to him better. The difference in the game if you look at it from a statistically, I didn't know this as the game was going on, we turned it over and they would score 21 points off our turnovers and they turned it over and we scored two-points."

On Devon Dotson's injury:

"It's a hip pointer and he's going to be sore. Those hip pointers can linger and can be pretty painful. He was hurting out there and there's no question about that. Mucus hurt his ankle so he wasn't 100 percent. You need to have one of them in the game. We went from being a team that was well rested and relatively healthy twenty-four hours ago to being exhausted and beaten up and now we have two road games this week. We need to get well quick."

On who needs to step up when down a player:

"Everyone needs to step up, were only play nine guys and it's not like one of them can take the night off. There's going to be games like that where there are probably better playing small. I think we rebounded the ball poorly. I thought we actually did decent job on the glass. They missed thirty-three shots and got seven back."

KANSAS SOPHOMORE GUARD OCHAI AGBAJI

On the scoring:

"We just gotta lock in more, once we get on a run we can't let them have any breathing space, we've just gotta stay in the game."

On the difficulty of finding Baylor's bigs:

"I would say they had Vital running the baseline and on the backside, making it harder for us to find that pass over the top."

On Devon's injury:

"That was a lot of our team, a big part of our team that went out. It was hard for us but we tried to rally behind it and keep going."

On what happened during the game:

"Their defensive energy, they turned it over and obviously we weren't making any shots. They were taking those opportunities that we had there on the table."

On the scoring difficulties:

"The way they played the post, making it hard for us to go to our strong suit, which is Dok obviously. Taking that way, and their defensive pressure in getting up and not letting us have the easy three ball as much. Just them moving around their defense so much."

On playing against Baylor's forward Freddie Gillespie:

"Swing the ball, make him guard, whoever he's guarding has to be moving, cause that would make him more open. We'll look over the tape and watch all our stuff and see what we need to do next time coming in."

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KANSAS JUNIOR GUARD MARCUS GARRETT

On Baylor's guards:

"Almost everything (made them tough). Just having to run up on those balls, screen everything, guard and then screen again."

On Udoka's play:

"He does a great job (on the defensive end), normally when we get beat he's there to block shots."

On playing under injury:

"It's basically just about knowing how much pain I can play through and how much I can tolerate."

On how to makeup for Dotson's injury:

"We just had to come together. Trying to get the lead back, that was the biggest thing. Once he came

BAYLOR HEAD COACH SCOTT DREW

Opening Statement:

"I knew at some point Baylor was going to win up here and I was just hoping that I would get to be a part of it. I'm really pleased with this group because they've worked extremely hard and played with a lot of toughness and poise today. Down the stretch, I thought we really did a great job in keeping KU off the glass with second chance points and eliminating threes. Anytime you beat a Coach Self thing, you have to beat them because they don't beat themselves. I have so much respect for how his teams compete and play."

On his saying of having to be up 10 points with three minutes to go in order to win in Allen Fieldhouse...

"I was actually thinking maybe we needed 15 today. We've been up six before and that didn't work out. Down the stretch nowadays in basketball, things change so quick. Obviously with the crowd and momentum, anything can happen in the last few minutes here, so you've got to have a cushion."

On what this win means to him...

"When you've been in the Big 12 long enough, you can't get too high or too low because all of the games are worth the same. I know to our fans, it's a big deal since we've never won up here. I know to our players it gets that monkey off of their backs, so they're not asked all the time about it. Anytime you beat a top team in the country, it's a great win, let alone a conference win. I'm happy it's this group because they've worked really hard for it. Coaches always love guys that work really hard and are able to benefit from their work ethic."

On what this game says about two legit top five teams...

"I say this all the time but the Big 12 has been the number one ranked conference in the country the last six years and its never because of one, two or three teams. It's top to bottom each and every night. It's a war and it's a battle. If you're not ready to play, you get embarrassed. Anytime our league is showcased nationally, people across the country realize how good the Big 12 is."

On the difference in this year's team versus a higher-ranked Baylor team that came into Allen Fieldhouse a few years ago and lost...

"As coaches you always think that you have a chance to win if you follow the game plan. At the end of the day, you have to control what you can control. You have to be taking good shots and taking care of the basketball. For us to only have five turnovers against a Kansas defense that is tremendous, number two in the country coming in today. We just came off a game with 20 turnovers, so controlling those kinds of things are important. I thought our shot selection was much better today. Shooting 45% against a really good Kansas defense means that you're taking the right kinds of shots."

On expecting to win versus just playing to survive...

"Well I think when Jared [Butler] came up here last year, we were pretty banged up at the time. A couple of guys didn't play. That was probably more survival mode at the time. Our depth allows us to have a different mentality of staying more aggressive because if you do get into foul trouble, you have others that are ready to come in and play well."

About the things that he finds special about this year's team...

"I think to have special team, you have to have that work ethic, character and guys that will buy into their roles and will celebrate other teammate's success. You've got a lot of guys that when someone is hot, they look for him to get him the ball. I think that as the year has gone on, we've done better and better with that. But if you're doing that, then the right things are happening."

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(DREW CONT.)

On the resume of this team and if he thinks they should be No. 1...

"It matters to our fans. It's a great accomplishment and acknowledgement with 350 Division I schools. At the same time, coaches know that you're only as good as your last game. All of these games count as one. Our goal is to just finish number one. Right now, it'd be a great compliment and honor but at the same time, we have bigger fish to fry."

On the postgame emotion and what he received from his guys...

"I don't have to shower now so that's a good thing. I wish they would have turned the temperature up a little bit on the water bottles. On Christmas as parents, you love watching your kids get excited to open presents. As coaches, there is nothing better than when you see your players happy, excited and celebrating. I try to let them enjoy those moments but yeah, they got me a little wet."

On their game plan against Udoka Azubuike...

"He's such a load. If he catches it, bad things happen. We obviously tried to limit his touches like everybody does. For the most part, I think we were able to do that today."

BAYLOR SOPHOMORE GUARD JARED BUTLER

On Baylor getting their first win in Allen Fieldhouse...

"Man, 17 years. It's a long process. We came in here expecting to win and expecting to do great things in the Big 12. It shows when you're expecting to win versus just trying to survive. I think it just showed all of hard work and dedication throughout this whole year."

On having consistent success against the Jayhawks...

"Really, it's my teammates and Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. The hard work that we all put in and this guy sitting next to me [Teague] pushing me in the gym. He might be in the gym more than anybody I know. Our whole team works hard which makes me work hard. When I shoot, I want to shoot for those guys. I want to do my job just like they do their job."

On the presence of Udoka Azubuike and his blocking skills...

"I remember one time today we were trying to throw a lob and he literally just smacked it out of the air. To weigh that much and be that tall, he's just a big force. It definitely changes your thought process on the plays."

On Scott Drew's emotion and excitement after the game...

"We gave him a lot of love when he came into the locker room. It's just been such a long time of not winning here. This place is amazing, and he always says you have to be up 10 with three minutes to go in order to win the game. So, that's what we just tried to do. He's a great coach."

On the Allen Fieldhouse atmosphere:

"It was great, it's everything a college player could ask for."

BAYLOR REDSHIRT JUNIOR GUARD MACIO TEAGUE

On what he thought watching Jared Butler's play today...

"He's a phenomenal basketball player and we know that. It was just a great feeling. I know the bench was really excited because you could hear them screaming and cheering while he was scoring. We were all excited for Jared."

On their play at the end of the first half and going on a 22-4 run...

"We try to turn our defense into offense. We tried to lock in defensively. We had a bad night shooting the ball but our effort on defense is what keeps us going on offense, so we're just trying to stay that way defensively."

On the game plan for covering Udoka Azubuike...

"Just to stop him and keep him off the glass, not letting him get any easy baskets. That was our plan. We know he's a big part of their program and their team, so we just wanted to limit his buckets."