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KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

POSTGAME QUOTES

#3/3 KANSAS vs KANSAS STATE

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LAWRENCE, KAN. // ALLEN FIELDHOUSE



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KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

Opening Statement:

"They [the referees] told me what they saw up until the point when Silvio (De Sousa) straddled him (K-State's DaJuan Gordon) after he the shot, so that was the technical on Silvio for taunting. Anything that happened after that, they didn't have a comment on because they were just trying to manage the game and that will be the league's responsibility to determine what happened afterwards. Obviously, a terrible ending to a game in which we played well, the crowd was great, there were a lot of positives, and then a total embarrassment on how the game ended. I know that K-State probably isn't proud, but I can speak for our team, that is totally uncalled for, and what No. 3 did—what Gordon did there at the end—may have been something he shouldn't have done, but how could you tell your kids to not play until the (final) whistle? I think that's what they teach everybody. I don't think in football you tell a guy to run out of bounds if there's no time left, you tell him to go ahead and score. And certainly, that's what they did. They went and took Silvio's ball and then how we responded to that was very immature and I'm sure we will receive league punishment. I don't know that for a fact, but my guess is that the league will come down with the penalty, and if they do then we will support whatever penalty they come down with."

On Christian Braun's performance:

"He was great. And what's so sad is that other individuals are so selfish, it takes away from Christian Braun's night. That is so disappointing because this is his first rivalry game and he comes out and gets 20 (points) and was terrific, by far the best player in the game, and then selfishness takes over, where he won't be the story. I thought he was good, I didn't think we played that well defensively at all, I thought that was the worst we have guarded in a long time. All their little down screen and dribble hand-offs and everything really bothered us. Our ball screen defense wasn't as good as what it has been, our rim protection, although we got some blocks, wasn't quite as good as it has been. We were fortunate that we actually made some shots early, got off to a huge lead and were able to keep it. If you take away the 17-minute mark to about the 13-minute mark of the second half, we were up 24 or 25 and it goes to 13. Other than that, we played pretty consistently well the entire game."

On the upcoming game against Tennessee:

"The chances of us being full-go I don't think is going to be very good. I don't believe, there may have been somebody else involved, I don't know, as far as punches go, but both teams emptied. That could have gotten out of hand and certainly I'm not proud of how we responded to that; that will definitely be addressed, and (it) certainly was not a good way for any game to end. Even though there's a rivalry and even though we don't like K-State, and even though they don't like us, it's not to the point where you want anything like this to ever transpire. That's not competition, that's not what rivalries are all about. You try to beat each other's head in during the game, and outside the lines, you just let it go and be mature. We will deal with it, but certainly I don't have much to say other than the fact that the league office—and my athletic director Jeff (Long) I'm sure could speak to it better than me because I've never been in this situation like this, but I would think the league office will have the final say on penalties."

KANSAS STATE HEAD COACH BRUCE WEBER

On what happened at the end of the game:

"I have no idea; I didn't see what happened, so it's disappointing that it ended that way. Credit to them; they kicked our butt in so many ways. Christian (Braun) had a special night for them, he made some threes. We had our special night last week against West Virginia. They had a spark and you get games like that; it happens. I thought that we started okay. They had four turnovers to start the game; they didn't get a turnover for the rest of the half. Second-chance points were a big difference. Ours were late and theirs were when it mattered. I thought that we battled (Udoka) Azubuike inside we battled (David) McCormack. The guards got downhill, they had 40 points in the paint. That's just too many. We have to protect the paint against them. Some of it they got in transition against our turnovers. It was an eye-opening moment for the freshmen, (it's) tough environment to play in and we didn't handle it well. We made a little bit of the push some of it was them missing some shots but then when they wanted to flex their muscles they did."

On how he reacted to the situation at the end of the game:

"You win with class and you lose with class. It's disappointing that something had to happen at the end. That's all I can say. It's probably my fault; I told them not to press, not to foul and back off. Our young guys want to play hard and they were disappointed and frustrated. You don't want to take that fire out of them. You have a handle it well. Credit to Kansas --they kicked all of our butts."

On how disappointed he was from the start of the game:

"We were okay, shooting 7-7. If you watched us play most of the time it's 7-0 or 10-0 so it was 7-7 we turned them over four times. We made some plays and then Christian (Braun) came in they went small we didn't do a very good job. He made some shots and got it to 15-7, I think an 8-0 run, then we could never get over the hump to make it tough on them. We took some tough shots and turned it over. We didn't give ourselves a chance."

On what David Sloan gave the K-State team tonight:

"He started poorly and he had some of those turnovers early. He gets downhill for a little guy to get in the paint and makes some good plays. He gave us a lot more than the other guys. The only thing is his defense of awareness and his breakdowns."