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KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL
POSTGAME QUOTES
#3/3 KANSAS vs #14/14 WEST VIRGINIA
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KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

On finding a second half lineup against West Virginia:

"I thought that West Virginia was a lot better than us in the first half. We were awful, and we guarded okay, but we didn't rebound it. Obviously, we couldn't score. In the second half, I'm not saying we played great, but we actually got some pretty good looks. Then, we really guarded and rebounded better, but we won the game. I don't know if we would've won it if (senior guard) Isaiah (Moss) wasn't in the game. He really helped us in the second half."

On what was the difference in the second half:

"I don't know that we really forced the mistakes as much as Marcus Garrett forced mistakes. Who guards better than him anywhere? He guarded one through five today. He took guys with the game on the line. He got three steals in a row on three consecutive possessions, if I'm not mistaken. He's unbelievable defensively, and I really thought he controlled the game on that end. I thought Dot (sophomore guard Devon Dotson) was better the second half, and (senior center Udoka Azubuike) Bilk was a lot better in the second half. When your two best players play pretty well, you've got a chance, but that didn't happen the first half. I don't know. We probably just valued the ball, and they do a good job of making us play bad, which they do to most people. I think we kind of got in a little bit of a rhythm in the second half."

On West Virginia forward Oscar Tshiebwe being the best big man:

"Well, Oscar was the best big guy, but I mean let's call it like it is. Udoka (Azubuike) didn't play the first half, and then when he was in there, he wasn't effective at all. So, yeah, he was by far the best big and in the second half, I'm not saying Doke (Udoka Azubuike) was the best for the half, but he was the best down the stretch."

On the defensive impact of senior center Udoka Azubuike and junior guard Marcus Garrett:

"Those guys are good defenders. We do a really good job, for the most part, of icing down their ball screens. West Virginia didn't set many of them, but when they did, they made us look bad because we weren't really expecting it as much. (In) the second half, we did a better job of keeping it on one side. Doke played great offensively, but defensively, I thought he really protected the rim well."

On punking WVU at their own game:

"I don't know if I would use that term, but we talk a lot about this. We do a great job of keeping teams in the game when we go on scoring droughts. West Virginia, as good as they guard, can keep a team in a game because they go on scoring droughts. So, when we are playing each other, up 10 or minus 10, it really isn't that big of a deal as it would be with other people because we both have potential. I'm saying this, both have potential to go on droughts and so that's what we did. We kind of hung in there and then they hit a dry spell when we guarded really well during that time. We didn't play great, but we made a couple shots and made free throws, and the next thing you know, you're up five or seven."

WEST VIRGINIA COACH BOB HUGGINS

On what he saw during the scoring drought at the end of the game:

"You just said it. They (Kansas) got the loose balls. Every ball that got tipped in the air on a rebound, they got. They beat us to the ball. We got 60 shots and made 19. We had what, 76 the last game? It's not like we're not getting shots. We're not making any."

On the amount of turnovers late:

"We only had 19, it wasn't 20 this time. It was only 19. Honestly, I don't know. I thought they did a great job with scouting and our guys knew what needed to be done. I don't know, our guys sometimes don't handle the ebbs and flows of the game really well."

On Kansas' Udoka Azubuike and Marcus Garrett's impacts on the game:

"He (Azubuike) gives them a defensive force in there that makes it tough to score driving it to the basket, and offensively, he's a brute. Garrett's been very good for them for a long time. I thought we did a pretty good job for a while, and then we got too spread out."

On why freshman forward Oscar Tshiebwe has struggled in the second half of both Kansas games:

Well, he got in foul trouble. I think that affects you. I don't know, I mean you were there. You saw it. I didn't see the replay of all the fouls, you did. I don't know what happened. I missed it. I'm trying to figure out how to score. You all have a better idea of those kinds of things than I do. I'm trying to figure out the next play.

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BOB HUGGINS (CONT.)

On the team's attitude:

"They're nice guys. They're good guys. I don't know what to say, whether it's we're not mature enough, we're not experienced enough, we aren't tough enough to grind out games like this. We're playing against a very experienced team. We have an average of 1.2 years of experience on our team, which is a whole lot lower when you take into account that (senior forward) Logan (Routt) really doesn't play. (Senior guard) Chase (Harler) doesn't play a whole lot of minutes. (Senior guard) Jermaine (Haley) doesn't play a whole lot of minutes, so it's probably less than that, really. That's a fact. That's not an excuse, it's a fact. I would hope to think that as they mature and get better and go through the grind, I would hope that they would respond and get tougher, be more active, guard better, pass better. They're understanding. It's like you try to run something and you have (sophomore forward) Derek and Oscar (Tshiebwe) screening for each other. Well, they are just going to switch because they had (Kansas forward David) McCormack and (Udoka) Azubuike. What good does that do? You want to screen big to little, you don't want to screen big to big. They just don't know. As much as you tell them in practice, but how much do they retain? You probably retained a lot when other people talked to you, but that's what I figured, you tried your ass off, and I'm not sure they are as motivated. I'm in one of those moods. I'm trying to amuse myself, so I don't get pissed off. Not at you, but the whole situation."

On the whether the turnovers from the point guard position are a result of inexperience:

"I mean, they haven't played man (defense). (Sophomore guard) Jordan (McCabe) played a little bit at the end of last year. Knapp (sophomore guard Brandon Knapper) played a little bit at the end. Knapp's not really a point. Knapp's more of a scoring kind of guy. Deuce (freshman guard Miles McBride) really wasn't a point guard. We're inexperienced."

