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## KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

*On how the team matched up with Iowa State:*

"I thought that we were pretty sharp, to get 50 (points) at half, you would think that we were up more than 10, but we didn't guard them at all. We let them get comfortable, then they got a little confidence and shot it unbelievably well. In the second half, they cooled off a little bit. We shot the ball pretty well the second half as well, 5-of-13. We did some good things; it was good to see Dot (Devon Dotson) get the ball in the basket, Ochai (Agbaji) make a couple and Christian (Braun) get a couple of looks and made some threes. I thought that Marcus (Garrett) was rock solid again. We got enough offense off the bench than we've been getting, but we still need to guard. In the game Saturday (at No. 1 Baylor) the first one to 50 (points) may win. So we can't guard like that."

*On how good Dotson was tonight:*

"He was good. I subbed him (out) with about five minutes left. I thought he was really good. He got downhill and I thought the shots he took were good shots and he had balance. He's one of our good shooters, he just hasn't made shots yet. But who knows what making six (threes) in a game can do for your confidence? Hopefully, we're becoming more balanced and we rebound and defend a lot better than we did tonight."

*On how sophomore guard Ochai Agbaji played:*

"Ochai, to me, is good defensively. They had 11 or 42 may have caught and just made threes on us. When the whole game plan it makes them catch it a step out and make them put it down to score. I didn't help them out much in the first half, we probably should have switched ball screens, but we have to do a better job. We're going to play against guards Saturday who are ligament guys, not that today's weren't. They (Baylor) have four guys who might just be the best quartet in America."

*On how big of an impact Marcus Morris had on the game:*

"They both did great, I asked Keiff (Markieff Morris) how he did out there and he said, 'Coach, that's the best I've ever heard him talk.' Then I asked Marcus he said, 'I was great, we went back and we studied all of the speeches of the ones before us.' For those guys to do that; knowing those two and knowing that studying wasn't a part of their vocab(ulary) that much where they were here (going to school at KU). It's unbelievable that it meant that much to them. I haven't seen Angel (Morris, the Twins' mother) yet, I'm excited to see her. We had a lot of guys come back for it. A lot of teammates came back for it. It was good to see all of those guys. They all came to the locker room after (the game) and of course, the two Chiefs were there too. It was good to see those guys and everything. It was a happy ending."

*On how he feels about the matchup on Saturday in Waco:*

"(The) Pressure is on us for us to go down there and perform well. I would love to find out why the game is at 11 (a.m.) if it's on GameDay. We would want to highlight our league the best we can and in the best time slot as possible. Maybe Baylor wanted to keep the same time or maybe the Big 12 (Conference). It seems strange to me, but we'll wake up early. It will be the best-on-paper college basketball game of the year. (It's) A No. 1 versus No. 3 matchup late in the season. It doesn't mean that it will be the best game, but certainly going into it, there won't be any better-looking game."

*On the program winning its 800th game inside Allen Fieldhouse tonight:*

"That's a lot of wins. That means that we've won a lot here and it's a pretty old building. It is a great building, we have two more great games (to play here this regular season). Two more games to see (senior Isaiah) Moss and Dok (senior Udoka Azubuike) and probably Dot (sophomore Devon Dotson). It was good tonight."

## SOPHOMORE GUARD DEVON DOTSON

*On Coach Self calling it a game of 'horse' at halftime:*

"Yeah, you can say that. When they are hitting shots like they did, 9-for-11, we have to respond. Every game though we try to knock down our shots. This game people were rolling and CB (Christian Braun) got off to a hot start and (was) making plays."

*On if he remembers the first time you came to Allen Fieldhouse, with tonight's victory being No. 800 in the venue:*

"What stood out was the fans. They are loud and they stay loud every game. You know, my first game ever here, it was amazing to see. That was the first thing I remember, the fans, the court and how loud it is."

*On Azubuike's ball-handling skills:*

"I thought it was great. He looked like a young Joel Embiid out there. He looked good. Put them in a blender."

## FRESHMAN GUARD CHRISTIAN BRAUN

*On what he thought of Devon Dotson's performance tonight:*

"He looked great offensively. It wasn't our best defensive game as a team, but he looked really good. (He was) Hitting shots and getting in the paint and dishing (out) the ball."

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### **BRAUN (CONT.)**

*On how good it was to see Dotson hit those 3-point shots:*

"It was really nice, especially in the game. Like I said, we weren't playing that good of defense so it was kind of an offensive game. With him hitting all those shots it really helped us."

*On hitting some shots himself tonight and if he can build on that moving forward:*

"Yeah for sure. It is a confidence thing going forward. We need to get some momentum going into Baylor anyway, so it is a good start."

*On this being two games in a row for the team converting on double digit 3-pointers:*

"I think hitting threes helps him (Udoka Azubuike) get open. That is something we are always trying to do. If we knock down shots, then he gets easier buckets. That is something we are focused on."

*On Azubuike's ball-handling skills:*

"I thought they were good also."

### **IOWA STATE HEAD COACH STEVE PROHM**

*On the team's performance:*

"The first half offensively we gave ourselves a chance to be in the game, scoring 40 (points) in a half in this place, you'd think you would be in pretty good shape but we were down 10. Just defensively we struggled to keep them in front all night and we struggled to rebound it. They really shot it well from three with too many uncontested shots. We just can't put it together for stretches and we just can't be consistent for long periods. We had a couple of guys I thought really competed, we just didn't have enough to compete at a level to win and beat a really good team like Kansas is."

*On what makes Kansas so tough:*

"When they've played us, they really shot the ball well. (Devon) Dotson and (Marcus) Garrett's ability to put pressure on you in the paint, (Ochai) Agbaji is another one who can really just put his head down. Then just the physicality of (Udoka) Azubuike and even (David) McCormack; they can put you in some tough situations. They're an elite defensive team; that's why I thought offensively in the first half I thought we got good ball movement, we made shots, but we took good shots. We just couldn't sustain a defensive effort, (we gave up) too many open threes, too many offensive rebounds, too many dribble drives. They've got Dok (Azubuike), Garrett, there's a lot of experience and toughness there. Dotson played terrific today since he's so hard to stay in front of, but he really made shots today. They're extremely well coached, very good defensively. Playing here is a hard place to play. We scored 40 and if you would've told me we had 40 at halftime I thought we'd probably be up or be down one or two."

*On KU's improvement defensively since the teams' first match-up earlier this season:*

"Coach (Bill) Self is probably saying after the first half probably not, in the second half I knew they would be better and we probably played a part in that. Dok is a tough match (up) because they really try to get downhill, everything's going right and you tell your guys and you talk about it and they still get right and that's the most frustrating thing. Dok can change things, Dotson and Garrett have great toughness, Agbaji has great size, they're very good and you love competing against that. This year is a little bit skewed I would say; they've dominated us two games this year, and that obviously drives you in the off-season to re-tool because I don't want to have this feeling against them twice a year."

