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KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL
POSTGAME QUOTES

#3/3 KANSAS vs #1/1 BAYLOR
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KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

On what it's like to have Udoka Azubuike...

"It's obviously a luxury, but he wouldn't be here if he hadn't been hurt two years. He played 9 games one year and 10 games one year, so basically Udoka's a sophomore and a half from a playing experience standpoint. Unfortunately our team, we were ranked number one in the country last year when he gets hurt and then we don't finish strong. But that was the only reason he came back, was because he was hurt. If he had stayed on the same path he would have gone last year. So even though it's unfortunate, we caught a break with that. Gillespie's the same way, he's improved so much. And he's an older guy, fifth-year senior if I'm not mistaken. It's good to have big guys that know how to play position and they can rebound outside their area and can certainly control the team defense in the league like those two can."

On what the game meant to them...

"It meant a lot to our guys, a lot more than a league race. We didn't talk about the league race. It meant a lot to us from, they beat us the first time, they're home and they controlled it. They controlled the game at home a lot more than we controlled the game here. But I think we were pretty motivated to play a highly competitive game in a great atmosphere. You know with a lot of eyeballs watching it today, that meant a lot more to us than the actual league race."

On the quality of these two teams with five combined losses...

"You'd probably have to ask someone who covers nationally more than me. I'm biased because I think that. I think Baylor is the best team that we have played against since I've been in the league the last 17 years. I think you could look at Oklahoma State in '04 and you can look at Tech in '19, but I think at the same stage Baylor has played better than both of those teams at the same stage. I don't know how it's going to finish, but I would certainly feel strongly about that. I think that we were not the most visually attractive team to watch at times, but I do think that we have a nice squad. I think it speaks well for our league to have two teams that have done so well at the top."

KANSAS SENIOR UDOKA AZUBUIKE

On the emotion in the game...

"I was just kind of emotional, a lot of people say 'oh he can't do this, oh he can't do that.' All my life I have been looked down on, every team. So to get out here playing and giving it all to my teammates and everybody, it just makes me emotional."

On how he prepared and how well he played...

"Yeah, I did. Like coming in I heard on my side, I have been yearning for people to see our type of stuff. But then again, my teammates do a good job on giving me the ball. We stuck with what coach wanted us to do."

KANSAS SOPHOMORE DEVON DOTSON

On the last shot...

"We knew that they were trying to get a three. So, we switched five and switched off on me and made it tough on him. Keep a hand in his face. I mean, we executed and toughed it out and communicated with each other. It was a big stop."

On the statement they made today...

"We're a silent team that can make a run late in March. We're not going to get complacent from this one. We're going to build off of it. We're going to enjoy this win, but build off of it for sure."

On Coach Self during the week...

"It was big on emphasis. We emphasized a lot of defensive, we know they're a good defensive team. We played a lot of defense. We were just pretty much just trying to find a way to get me the ball and have a ball screen, a lot of emphasis on that and a couple new plays."

BAYLOR HEAD COACH SCOTT DREW

Opening Statement...

"I liked the first game against Kansas better than this one. But, that's the great thing about the league. You get to play everybody twice and make adjustments. I told coach [Bill] Self before the game that I hope we see them again, but I hope it's in the Final Four. I thought it was a great showcase for the Big 12 today. You had two teams play extremely hard. I'm proud of how we battled back at the end. The biggest difference in the first game was that we were able to get over 20 points off of turnovers and today we didn't get that. The second thing is that anytime it comes down to a close game, usually it comes down to the free throw line. We didn't shoot free throws like we needed to in a close game."

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DREW (CONT.)

On Jared Butler's last-second shot...

"If you hit your free throws down the stretch it's a different situation. At the end of the day, the free throw line is a big part of close games. We have good free throw shooters. We can be an 80 percent free throw shooting team. Normally when we miss free throws, we're able to get a couple of rebounds off of those, but Kansas did a good job of blocking us out. We didn't do as well on the glass as we would've liked. We were not as effective with second chance points either. These are two of the best teams in the country defensively and rebounding. We definitely pride ourselves on winning that battle."

On the quality of the two teams...

"We're both elite defensively. There's 353 teams and you have two of the top three defenses with us and Kansas. Nothing's easy, except when it's a 12-foot lob to Dok [Udoka Azubuike] and he's the only one up there. Other than that, everything's tough. The big thing for us is that we have to keep getting better. You want to keep moving forward despite any injuries. Kansas has really progressed since the last time we faced them. We had a heck of a run. I never thought I'd see anyone do what we did. The Big 12 is so tough. Six straight years we've been the number one conference for a reason. There's a lot of good teams, coaches, players and fan support. I can't thank our fans enough. Our administration has done an unbelievable job with the two gamedays. I know ESPN has done an unbelievable job covering them. It's great having College Gameday here. Hopefully at some point they come back and we'll get them a win."

BAYLOR SOPHOMORE JARED BUTLER

On the look he had on the final shot...

"It wasn't super wide open but it was a good enough look. I'm really thankful for Coach Drew allowing me to shoot the ball. I guess it just wasn't supposed to go in, but I thought it was supposed to go in [laughs]."

On where they get their mentality from...

"I think it's obviously divine, because of our faith, and even in the loss we're thanking him and appreciating him and what he's done for us. Moving forward, He's going to continue to support us and we can't let this loss affect us. We have to get another win. We're still the same Baylor team that won 23 in a row, so we can't wait for the next one."

On the quality of the game...

"It's high level. I think all these guys on the court want to win. They want to win the Big 12 Championship. That's what you want out of a 19 or 20-year-old in college that's working for their school, to try to put their school on the map. I think Kansas and Coach [Bill] Self do a great job making sure everybody is on the same page. Coach Drew does a good job of getting us on the same page. It's just fun. Fun to watch."

BAYLOR REDSHIRT SENIOR FREDDIE GILLESPIE

On dealing with Udoka Azubuike...

"The guy he can play basketball, I don't know what to tell you. He can rebound and finish off in the rim really well. The first game, we did a better job as a team and came out in rhythm. This game he came out in sync."

On how much more difficult this game was...

"I saw a bit and learned from that first game. They kept the ball out in the side and went from the middle and that kind of messed up our ball screen coverages. The recipe was to switch it all. Any ball screen that will kind of get us back in."

On the atmosphere after the game...

"We face things like this. We just say to ourselves 'we're good, stay positive, get better and move forward.' The season's not over. It was a big game and we're disappointed. We're still going to prepare better, work harder and do what we always do."

