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KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

Opening Statement:

"I thought the crowd was good. I thought that we weren't very good. I didn't think either team played particularly well offensively, but both teams guarded. We were especially poor on that end, but we did rebound. Our first-shot defense was pretty good, so that gave us a chance. Then we had some individuals make some big plays late. Anytime you come over here, or any road game, is a great win whenever you get one. I'm certainly not very happy with how we performed, but I am ecstatic to leave here with a 'W.'"

On the difference between Azubuike and Dotson's big games from Saturday to Saturday:

"Dok (Udoka Azubuike) got a lot of credit, deservedly so, last week, getting 23 (points) and 19 (rebounds) in a huge game. I mean, he was great. But he had some help, he had guys throwing him the ball and creating angles for him. Dot (Devon Dotson) gets 25 (points) on his own part (today), because we didn't have a lot of guys step up and help him. I thought that was huge, what he did, because we really didn't have much going on at all (today) except for him."

On Azubuike's foot injuries:

"He came back and played, although he wasn't effective. The way he laid on the ground initially, you would have thought that amputation was a viable course of action. (Laughter) But he came back and at least he gave us some minutes. We probably wouldn't have been able to win the game if he hadn't come back and given us some minutes as David (McCormack) got his second foul early, which forced us to play a lineup that we've never practiced other than when David was suspended. It was big that he came back. He showed some toughness in coming back. I imagine he'll be fine, but a big guy with a turned ankle like that probably (is) affected more than a guard."

On the respect shown between the two teams, meeting at half court after the National Anthem:

"My sport supervisor, Sean Lester, and I talked about it and we both thought it'd be a good idea, so we approached K-State about it and I think they concurred. What happened at our place was an embarrassment for both teams, both schools, and there's certainly no place for it. But we've never had a problem with K-State players and they've never had a problem with our players. Now, we've had a player do some silly, or not-so-bright, things at the end of a game before, but not during the battle of competition. During competition it's always been classy, so hopefully that was a way to show people that it's still just a game, just a competition. I don't know how it was received (overall) but I think it was received well among the players."

On Baylor losing to TCU:

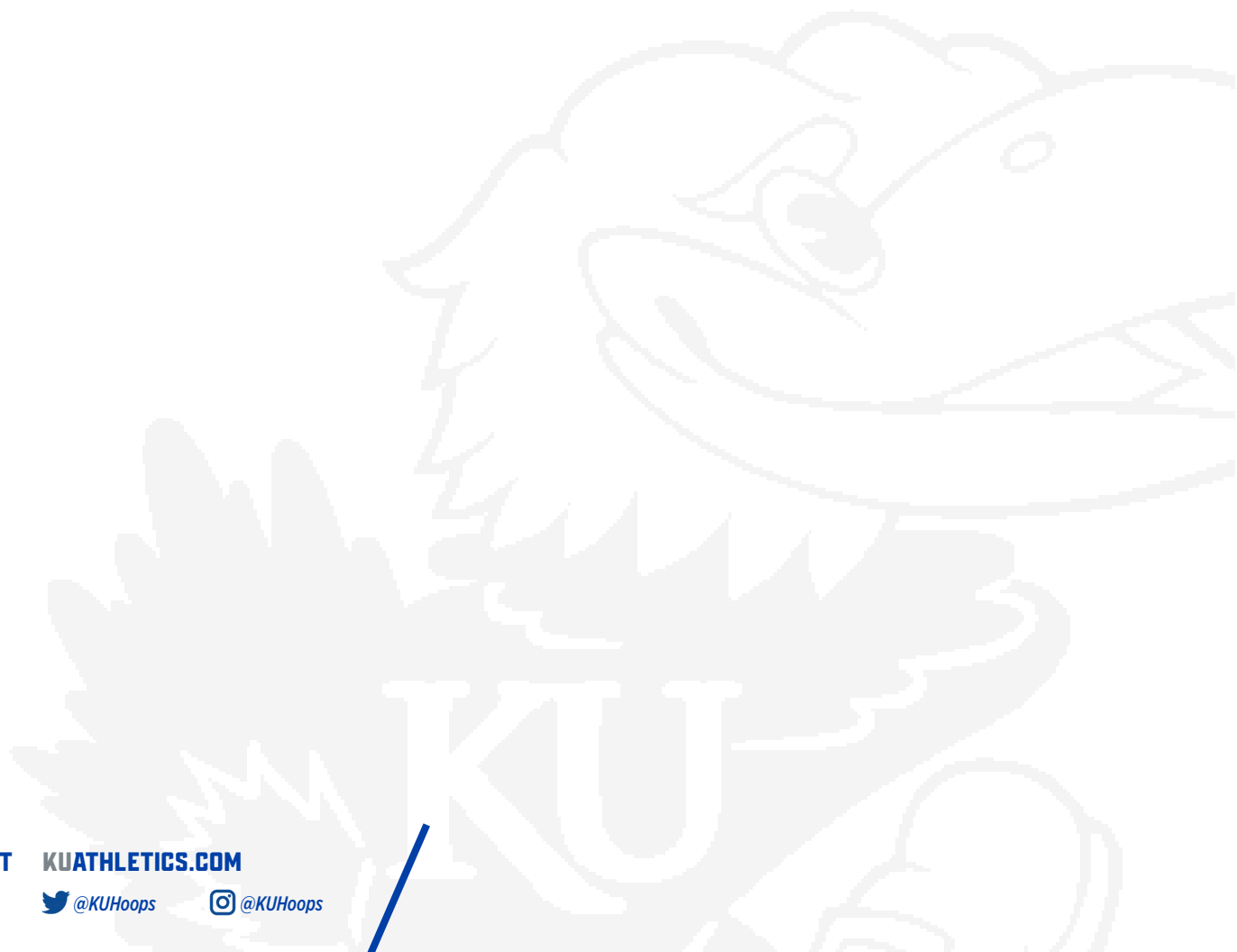
"That made us play a lot better today. TCU, I thought that was a dangerous game going down there, because they're playing better. When teams are playing desperate, different things can happen. Did Tech beat Texas? (Texas won). So that's two desperate teams playing and you have another two desperate teams playing in Morgantown. I don't know how that game's going, or if it has even started yet. It just goes to show you that when teams are turned up and they play with an edge, anything can happen. Certainly, we'll anticipate getting that same type of effort against TCU on Wednesday. To think that we could go into last Saturday (at Baylor) being a game back and now being a game up is not something I would have imagined."

On Christian Braun's play today, in a hostile environment:

"He hit the biggest shot of the game until David hit the biggest shot of the game until Marcus (Garrett) hit the biggest shot of the game. I thought Christian played great. To me, usually the most dangerous kids when we play against K-State are the Dean Wades. And a lot of times, when they are playing us, our most dangerous kids are some that are homegrown, that played well, are like the Perry Ellis' or the Travis Releford's. Now, with Christian, I don't know that it means more, but it may have gotten his juices flowing a little bit more than normal, just to have the opportunity to play an in-state rival. He was good."

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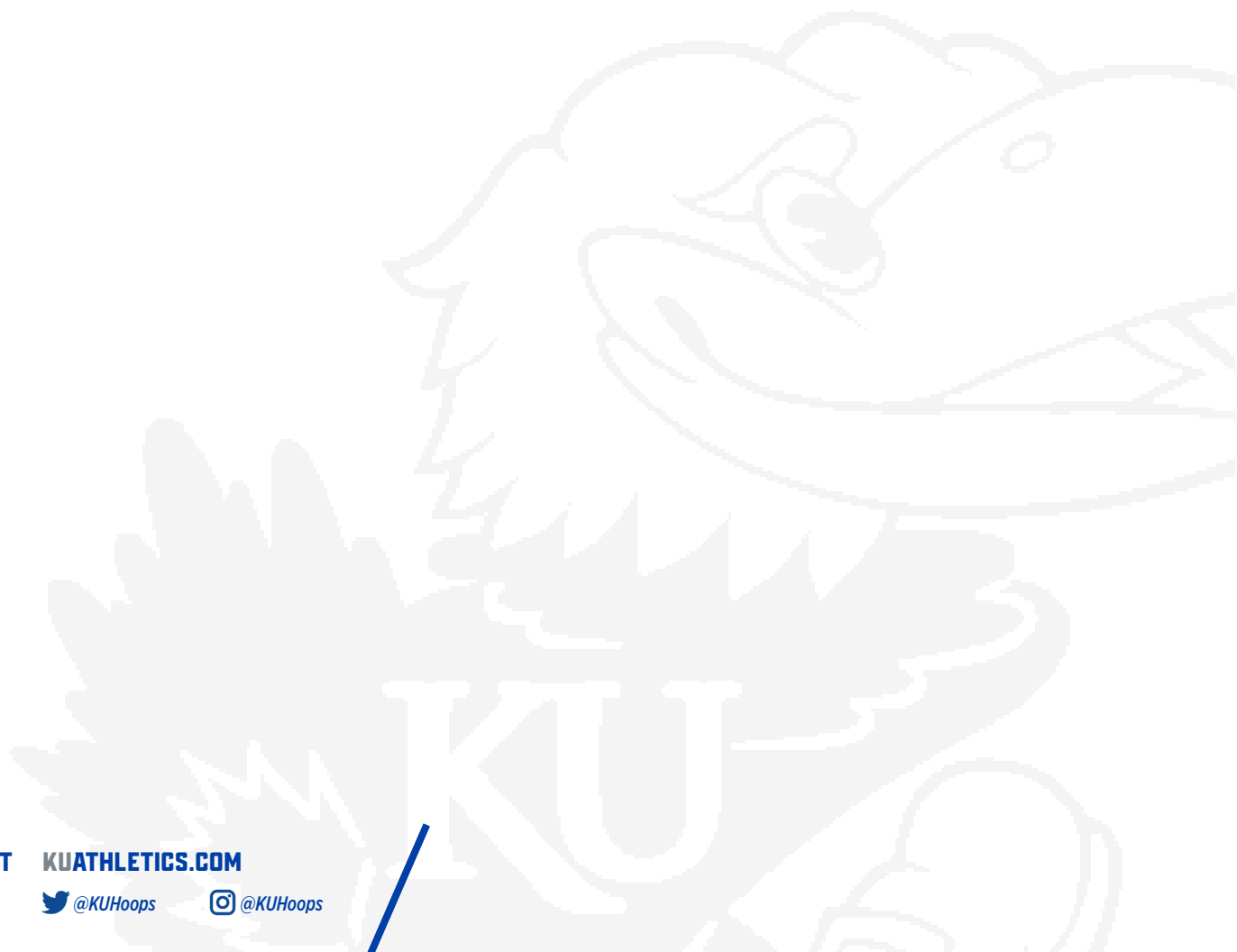
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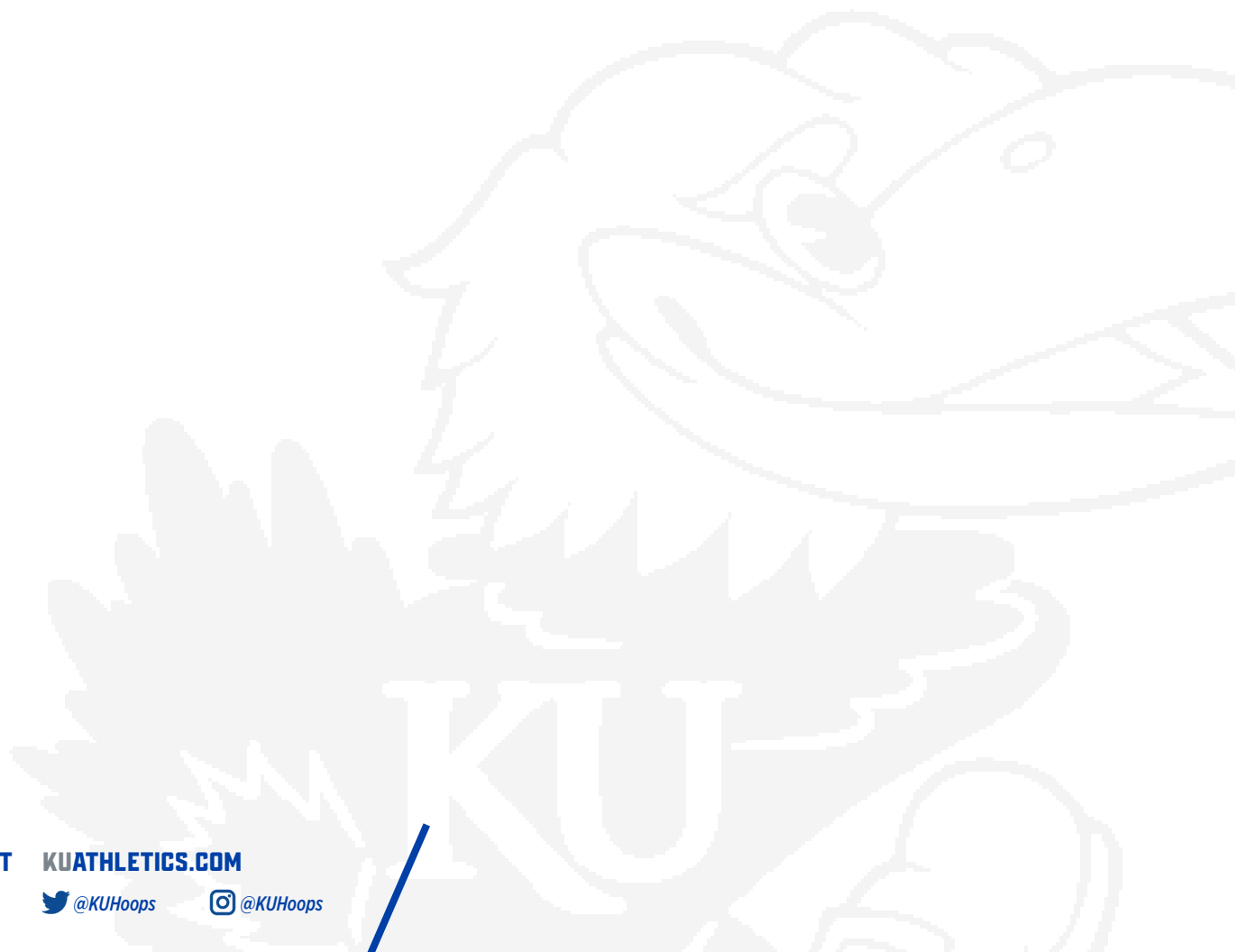
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