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KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL
POSTGAME QUOTES

(6) KANSAS vs. OKLAHOMA
LAWRENCE, KAN. // ALLEN FIELDHOUSE



HEAD COACH BILL SELF

Opening Statement ...

"You guys saw it; we didn't come out very good. I thought that we would be ready, maybe we were, but just couldn't play very well early. We got it back and played well for the next ten minutes and didn't finish the half very well. The worst that you could do is go in as a tie and we had some individuals play out of character. Jalen Wilson has been our best player for the most part and he struggled today. He had six turnovers at halftime and the ball didn't move. We couldn't get any good shooting opportunities. David and Mitch played very well, in both halves, but we didn't get the ball to them enough. We weren't very good, today. We were fortunate to win, but we did make some winning plays late, and we did one with 3:22 left in the game. Jalen came back and made two huge threes. David also had two huge baskets down the stretch. It was a great team win. That game could have gone another way."

On Jalen Wilson's performance ...

"He wasn't very good today; he did get 11 rebounds. That's what good players do, in all honesty, they step up when the game is on the line. Jalen can help us win and not him not play well. However, in the first half he didn't do that. He was totally out of character, we played for ourselves and not for each other."

On David McCormack's performance...

"I think that CB [Christian Braun] had a semi-open three and turned it down to throw the ball inside. I thought that David and Mitch played great. I think between them they go 11-of-17, that's pretty good. However, there's one thing that stands out, they combine for one rebound, I mean that's not very good. It doesn't make a difference for how you're defending; you have to go get the ball. Whenever Christian, Jalen, Ochai, and Marcus have to be your best rebounders, those four guys combined for 31 rebounds while the two big guys combined for one. We have to get them to pay for their size and to where we're playing to our athletic ability. What I mean by that is, let's just pass and catch it, and move the ball quickly. We're not the most athletic team where you can dribble drive people like we could with Devon and Frank, so let's get the ball moving."

On Tuesday's Oklahoma State matchup ...

"I haven't studied them a lot. I think that Cade is the best freshman in the league, hands down, but is he the best player? I think so, he'll be the one of the first in the draft. But they have more than him, and they're a very athletic team. We've shown that quick teams like OU today can give us problems. We need to have a good couple of days of prep and go down there and have a mind set to lock them up, that wasn't our mindset today."