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KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL
POSTGAME QUOTES

(14) KANSAS vs. (2) BAYLOR
LAWRENCE, KANSAS // ALLEN FIELDHOUSE



On the energy in Allen Fieldhouse:

"Yeah, it was great. I mean it wasn't as loud as what it could be, it felt different than any other game we've had here this year without question and fans were great, of course my guys were great. Every one of them played their tails off and you know I would've thought we go from three to 16 to three we would beat Baylor 13, I'd think 'how?', but we guarded, and we rebounded the heck out of the ball. And it was a terrific, terrific game, everybody played terrific everybody had their moments and certainly I could go down the list to see... just as for everybody to see how respectable number zero really is as a basketball player tonight, was terrific. He was so turned up which makes me feel like he needs to be that way more often, but he was committed to guard and he sits down the stance, it's almost intimidating and what he looks like guarding a guy and ya know, Butler had five and I don't know if he had five, any of them were Marcus and I'm sure, I think "Teag" scored on Marcus in the first half on a back cut, but I mean, guys, he's like Dione Sanders was when he was MVP. He just can eliminate one side of the field and he eliminates one guy, so, really proud of everybody, but I'm especially happy that he went out in style like this."

On Dejuan Harris' mental toughness in game:

"Yeah, well we've been talking a lot about we want him to look to score. We don't want him to try to shoot it every possession, but we want him to look to score and certainly, he's got a great jump-hook, that sounds weird, for a six-foot guy to shoot a jump-hook but he's got a great jump-hook and he can just get in and throw it and we need to everybody to be aggressive. The thing about Baylor is that they're not gonna let you get an easy basket. They're going to guard you and they had us turned there pretty good, especially in the first half when they kind of came back and you need to drive it hard, not to try to score, but to just create an open teammate and then he throws the ball to an open teammate and then you can take advantage of a bad closeout or something like that. When we did that, we ran good offense. We ran great offense. We should've, we were up 10-4, it should've been 16 or 18-4. Now, they missed shots, but we ran perfect offense and didn't come away with anything, but when you guard and you re-bounce, that can keep you in any game and that's what happened tonight."

On David McCormack's performance and coming back from struggles from previous game:

"David was great, ya know he didn't re-bounce the ball defensively, but that's what I said - we were talking about how big we dominate on the glass and he was saying 'way to go guys' and I said, 'hey, hold on now', I said 'that's excluding you' as far as dominating the glass defensively but he played great, he played great and certainly when he gives the other team the reason to have to really focus on him, it certainly gives our perimeter a better chance to play. His balance was better and everything that we did tonight as a group I thought was positive."

On Marcus Garrett's performance:

"Well, you know and I hope it's not over, I'm selfish. I want him to be able to go and if he plays like that the rest of the season and he plays on the big stage and we can have some success later on, I'm sure that will help his chances. But he doesn't have pressure to go, and he doesn't have pressure to stay. He should just wait and see how it all plays out. But certainly, happy for him and people that understand our program and understand ball know the value he brings to us without question. It is not, it is never underrated with his teammates and coaches with how much he means to us."

On how proud he is to go 18-8 given the circumstances:

"Let's not jinx it yet, but yeah Doc MaGee and Cowgill and Randall - they're the best. They're the best. And the rest of the group. And Bill has been on top of this like nobody, but still one positive from this point forward could solely derail an individual and potentially a team, so we have to stay focused and it's hard to do when your family is all in town and things like that, but we have to mask up, we have to have distance, we got to do something things because I do think... there are no guarantees. This isn't the best team we've had by any stretch or anything like that, or the most talented, but I do think on any one night this team can play as good as any of them. And I think that was evident tonight, so we need to do everything we possibly can to put ourselves in a position, where we can finish as strong as we can. I still think our best ball is ahead of us."