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KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

# POSTGAME QUOTES

(13) KANSAS vs. UTEP  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS // ALLEN FIELDHOUSE



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## HEAD COACH BILL SELF

### *On the comeback win:*

"Really hard game but I am glad we played it. It was good for us but it really could have hurt us quite a bit on the seed line if we hadn't taken care of business. Instead of thinking what we didn't do, let's talk about how good they played and how good we played the last eight or ten minutes. I mean we were terrific and David was terrific. This game was about Dajuan Harris, he took total control of the game. He played 24 minutes and he's plus 18 while he's in the game. I was really happy with him, I was proud of him. Of course he made those big free throws late, made four big free throws late. We didn't play well, we didn't rebound the ball well, and then we made a couple of terrible passes with the ball late. Ochai I thought had a good, solid game offensively and Marcus was rock solid but we really didn't have that same 'umph' we have had. They were much quicker much more athletic and Bryson Williams was by far the best player in the game for the first 30 minutes but we recovered and we responded. Norm made the suggestion 'lets put Marcus on him' with 14 or 15 minutes left and he only had that one fadeaway on him. We tried triangle and two and didn't execute out of that, we tried a zone and they busted a three on us right off the bat. We hung in there, and I am really really proud of our guys. You gotta win when you don't play well, we are leaving out of here knowing we played pretty well the last 10 minutes."

### *On Dajuan Harris' baseline pass:*

"Unbelievable pass, but what a shot too. That was a pro shot, he looked like a pro shooting that from behind the backboard in the dead corner and we needed it. It seemed like to me that when we would get it to one or two, they made a couple of big threes off of our defensive miscues. They dominated the glass in the first half and of course we were awful to finish the half but even in the second half when we played better but they still made baskets late in clock. It was pretty good defense but they also ran down some loose balls much better than we did. I bet they got 80% of the fifty-fifty balls at least the first 30 minutes. Then the lead kind of came off, David got going, got a little rhythm, the crowd was good."

### *On Marcus Garrett's impact:*

"We were a little screwy because we said we were trapping ball screens and Marcus didn't know if he should leave to go trap. David was late on a ball screen coverage late in the clock and allowed Boum to make a long two. They're good, Rodney's got a good team and it was just what we needed. That'll definitely keep us sharp going into the Big 12 tournament."

### *On the next six days:*

"I imagine we will take tomorrow off. Maybe watch tape. We have already taken our day off this week so technically we can come in and watch tape and do whatever tomorrow. We will practice Saturday and Sunday and then off Monday then practice Tuesday and Wednesday. Hopefully we can get some guys some rest, Ochai and David need some downtime and I thought David looked really rusty tonight because he hadn't practiced but he certainly came through in the second half."