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KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

POSTGAME QUOTES

3/3 KANSAS vs. TARLETON STATE
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KANSAS HEAD COACH BILL SELF

On the win tonight...

"I thought the game kinda went as what we thought. I didn't think we played bad in the first half when we were only up eight, made some bad plays down the stretch in the first half and our defense wasn't great by any stretch but it was good enough. We shot the ball well and only turned it over six times in the second half against a team that pressures that much, that's pretty efficient."

On how the team played...

"Yeah Och was great, I mean he's really playing at a high level, CB had a much better game tonight especially in the second half, David his numbers aren't going to jump off the charts because it's only six points but you know that's a hard game for him to play because he had to guard a guard the whole time so we went with KJ some in the first half but I thought David played extremely well and his attitude was just great. Dajuan and Remy were probably the two I thought that labored the most tonight. I didn't think they had as good floor games as what they had on Tuesday but still did some good things and of course Bobby and Jo were solid off the bench."

On Jalen Coleman-Lands...

"Yeah I asked our staff kind of what happened and they said well he didn't run in transition so he threw it over his head so he didn't hustle. Then he hustled his butt off and saved the play and made the three if I'm not mistaken in the corner, they may have counted it a two I can't remember. But he really made three three's because one of them I think was just a toe on the line so it's good to see him shoot the ball like that and get some confidence."

On their 49th consecutive home opener win...

"You know I really don't know where you came up with that stat but that's kind of a strange stat. Most home openers, I hate to say this, are sometimes not your toughest competition so but it's always good to start off with a good win at home."

KANSAS JUNIOR GUARD CHRISTIAN BRAUN

On having 5 blocks tonight and what was working for him defensively...

"Yeah, I told the guys I was a rim protector in high school at Blue Valley Northwest. No, but I haven't had 5 blocks in a game before."

On having to play a hard game despite the score not looking like that...

"Coach told us going in it was going to be a tough game, and they were going to pressure us a lot. That's something we didn't see against Michigan State, it was pretty much the opposite. Coach told us it was going to be a dog fight the whole time. But, Och looked great again, he played really well. The big guys showed their athleticism a little bit in guarding those guards, they did a good job too. You know, we're building. Like I said, that was a good challenge for us, it was something we haven't seen before, and we're going to keep going from there."

On the defensive effort as a whole...

"I actually didn't think we played that good defensively, especially in the first half. They kind of spread us out, and they backdoored us a lot. I got caught a couple times. So I don't think we played that great defensively and still got a good win over a solid team, but we can be better. Like I said, that was something we haven't seen before, a team that was going to spread us out and make us switch 5 a little bit. The guys that came in did a really good job, but we're still learning defensively."

On him and David McCormack getting 5 blocks each...

"Like I said, the bigs were pretty impressive just moving their feet. Mine were probably bad defense, someone probably went by me and I ended up getting it from behind. Like I said, Dave and Mitch did a really good job of sliding their feet and that's what we need to work on so it was good to see that."

On Ochai having 2 big games in a row....

"I would say he's just trusting his work. I mean, he worked really hard this offseason, and he worked really hard up to today, he's in the gym a lot. But like I said, trusting his work and trusting what he's done. He's as confident as he's ever been, and it's good to see. If he's doing that all year our ceiling gets even higher. Remy's still learning, but he played great in the second half against Michigan State and even played good today, but he's still learning. If Ochai and Remy can do that, I think our ceiling gets higher and higher. But it's good to see Ochai so confident, and it's just the work he's put in."

TARLETON STATE HEAD COACH BILLY GILLISPIE

On Kansas..

"We got beat by a very very good team. We are very appreciative of the administration at the University of Kansas for allowing us the opportunity to play, it will be a lifetime memory for a lot of our players. We had a great contingent of fans, I'm sure they enjoyed everything except the outcome of the game. We appreciate good basketball, appreciate the friendship we have with Coach Self because he is the one that allowed this game to happen and that's not lost upon us. We don't think that anyone owes us anything and we are definitely appreciative of the opportunity we had to come here. Our guys tried as hard as we could, they just beat us. They are an extremely good team, they played very well tonight. They shot the ball, they executed and we can learn from watching them play."