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## Kansas head coach Bill Self

*On the win ...*

"They had us off-balance and we couldn't guard their second big the way we play and tried to do it differently and it didn't work. We're lucky to win, we outscored them by 18 at the free throw line so that was very fortunate. They outrebounded us, our offense led to their points in the first half, in the second half they just shot the ball so well. They're a good team, Kyle's got a terrific squad and they were ready to play. They played about like what we did tonight in their last game and got beat and he had them fired up and ready to go. I was happy for them as far as how hard and how well they played and happy to get a win but certainly not anything to go home excited about."

*On the turnovers ...*

"It's about the same ratio if I'm not mistaken on points off turnovers. Isn't number 14 a good player though? He can use his body, he can seal, he scored with either hand in there tight. I thought he played great. Number four is a terrific guard. Latrell does what Latrell does, make long threes. I really thought that they were prepared, and really more prepared than us and we were forced to win, and I think the crowd helped us. We missed three dunks and then CB charges on that last deal. When are we going to start playing time, score, and momentum a little bit? Ochai, I want him to dunk it. Nobody likes dunks more than me but actually dunk it in a close game in the second half without trying to put it off your neck. We'll learn from that. Remy makes a big three, celebrates, and we don't get back and they end up getting a layup. There's so many things that we can do to become a sounder, better team. I thought we looked like a not a very good team tonight from a discipline standpoint the line up to start the second half."

*On Dajuan Harris' performance...*

"Dajuan has been sick all week. He practiced a little bit yesterday and he felt like crap the first half. I don't think he wanted to play much in the second half or at least start but we had to play him to win. He made a couple of great passes, the play he made to CB over-the-top was a great pass. He made his free throws. He did a lot of good things. The way they play you can't run offense. You have to drive it and we're much better driving the ball when he's in the game."

*On the upcoming game vs. Colorado...*

"They have a good team. Last time we went out there they made a half court shot and beat us at the buzzer. They stormed the court and everything so we need to certainly be better than we were then. I'm excited for it. It'll be a hard game but it was another game that we needed. We needed a game like that today even though it wasn't pretty, but we need to have a game we can play well but you still have to figure out a way to win. There were some good things, believe it or not today, but we got to be better playing Colorado on Tuesday."

## Kansas Senior Remy Martin

*On his three at the end of the game...*

"I saw the shot clock, by the time it got back to me it was at about 6 seconds left or 5 seconds left. I just wanted to make a play, my mindset was just trying to make a basket. I didn't like the way I played today, I didn't play well; but, in big-time moments, I like to think about just trying to make the best play possible. My teammates trusted me, CB trusted me and I'm just happy the shot went in and we got that win."

*On warming up earlier than others...*

"Yeah, that's just my pre-game routine. I always get there two hours before the game just to get some shots up and to make sure I always keep my routine and shooting the ball. I didn't shoot the ball well the other day so I guess I got to keep going and shooting the ball."



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*On him looking at the box score and saying "terrible"...*

"Not only the box score and the field goal percentage but also little things that I know in the game I just have to be better at. I really do, and I know that. I know the team relies on me for certain things and to be a leader and I think I let them down a couple of times. I just have to be better on the defensive end and be smart on some plays. The box score isn't really anything, I don't really care about the box score. It was my energy in the first half, it wasn't there. I have to do a better job with that and be better for my guys."

*On Coach Self's message to the team after the game...*

"That we just have to be better. We had the lead at first and Ochai did a great job getting us that lead. We hit free throws but we just have to be better and I think everyone knows that. And it's on to the next game, we won but I got to be better. I have to be held accountable and they're making sure I'm held accountable. I think that when I pick up the energy and play defense and do the little things I think that helps us a lot so I got to do my part and we need to get better as a team."

### **Kansas Redshirt-Super-Senior Mitch Lightfoot**

*On the expectation from Stephen F. Austin...*

"We expected them to play well, obviously we need to play better. They're a well-coached team. They did a great job on their defensive scheme, we saw how they changed from a man, to zone, to 1-2, to 2-3. There were a couple of other things they did that made us take a pause for a second to figure out what they were doing. I think we have to be more aggressive, we need to be able to attack whatever defense there is quicker and that's on us. We need to improve on that."

*On playing against former teammate Latrell Jossell ...*

"Latrell played really well, he made some big shots down at the end. He's done that, you guys didn't get to see it as much but he did that at KU at practice and stuff. Yeah, he played well. Made some big shots and that is what they need him to do. Excited to see him play and good to see him again."

*On if he ever felt confident that the game was over during the game...*

"At no point did I think that was a game that was in the books until it was 0.0. Don't let Remy talk down on himself at all. He's a player, he knows the things that he needs to improve on but he's a gamer. He was the reason we won the game there at the end. He made big shots. That guy plays his butt off and enables us to play with confidence and a swagger that I think we need."

*On Remy's last shot and if he "iced" the game giving him his defining moment...*

"Remy has had a lot of good moments but none as big as that one. That really puts a quote on quote "dagger" if you will. Remy lined it up and made a big time shot. I'm sure coach would have loved to get a better shot but how hard they were playing defensively didn't let us get one that possession."

*On their interior defense and allowing 48 points in the paint tonight...*

"Sheesh, yeah that's not good. I think we need to figure out a way. They were doing that high-low action, that's partially on the big guy, and partially on the other guy. Got to take away the high-low pass by either pressuring the ball or playing back. 14 is such a good player, he passed the ball really well, I think he had 4 assists early. I was trying to kind of stay back towards the guard that was being posted up and trying to take away his vision. We can't let them shoot that high of a percentage."

*On his extended minutes early due to foul trouble...*

"Got to do my job, that's just how basketball goes. Foul trouble can happen, it happened to me in the past. In the last game, I had 3 fouls in 30 seconds or whatever that was. I just have to come out there and play ball that gives us an opportunity to win. There are things I can definitely improve on defensively late. But yeah, I just got to do my job, that's what they recruited me for."

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## Kansas Junior Christian Braun

*On the expectation from Stephan F. Austin...*

"Yeah, we knew they were going to be a good team that was capable of playing with us. It's not the result we wanted. We had a few mental lapses on defense. A lot to clean up especially defensively but we'll get there. Have to get back to practice and to work after the break."

*On playing against former teammate Latrell Jossell...*

"It was awesome, I got to see him out there and talk to him. He was always great for us. It was good to see him healthy so I'm proud of him, he played well today. Yeah, it was good to see him out there playing healthy."

*On Coach Self's message to the team after the game...*

"He just told us we need to get better and that there's a lot to improve on. We talked about this last night that over this period is a lot of times where his teams separate a little bit from the others. We have a lot to get better at and defensively like I said there's so much to improve on. There's a lot of stuff we need to tighten up. We have one game against Colorado and then we go home, we'll come back, we'll regroup and we'll get better."

*On Remy's "dagger"...*

"Yeah, it was good to see him hit a big shot. He's always really energetic and that is a play that we know he can make for us and plays that he has made throughout his career. That is more of the stuff that Remy does, you guys have seen him facilitate a lot in the early part of the season but we want Remy to put shots up. That's what he does and who he is and those shots like that kind of get Remy energized a little bit so it was good to see him hit a shot like that and would like to see more of that moving forward."

## Stephen F. Austin Head Coach Kyle Keller

*On pulling within in three in the second half...*

"We were out there playing, we just couldn't get a rebound. I thought that we did a really good job against an elite rebounding team. It comes down to a procession, you get a rebound then turn it around to get a basket, and maybe it comes in. We caught them at the right time, traditionally this is a hard game for them and we're able to take some shots in the second half to get going. We just played them at the right time, I don't know if they did anything special. They weren't ready for us and we played great."

*On the atmosphere of Allen Fieldhouse ...*

"Well I think that gives us confidence going into places like Grand Canyon and Calabasas, where they play in front of sell-out crowds. Gives them some mental toughness to play in front of a sold-out crowd. We have gone to other places that are good, this place is great. I hope that their fans got their money's worth tonight. I was just glad that they didn't start singing in the first media timeout in the second half. I've been on the bench when they've done that before."

## Stephen F. Austin Sophomore guard Latrell Jossell

*On the game ...*

"I feel like we competed real hard. I think that both teams competed hard, and it was a good game down to the wire. Our game plan was to come in and be us, which is a physical hardworking team. It worked and we let a couple of possession slip away from us, but overall it was a really good game."