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Kansas Super-Senior Mitch Lightfoot

On Jalen Coleman-Lands' performance

"Jalen played really well. Made a lot of hard shots that bailed us out a couple times. Hats off to him. For my buckets, they were set up by my teammates underneath the hoop. Real simple jump hooks that we do all day in practice. All set up by my teammates to allow me to get those easy buckets."

On the bench's role

"I'm not hunting shots. I'm just trying to find stuff within the rhythm of the offense. If you take out the post in any offense, it makes it stale. I just go out there and give them what they need out of that post position. Today it was scoring, and I was glad I was able to convert on those jump hooks."

On helping David McCormack

"I feel like I can help him. He's a great player. He's just got to get into that rhythm. He had a great game the other night. I feel like tonight everything wasn't clicking. He's going to figure it out. He was one of the best bigs in the league last year. So it's going to happen, it's just a matter of time as he gets more comfortable."

On not having Remy Martin

"Definitely miss him. He's a great player and he's so fast. That allows (DaJuan Harris) to play off that as well. Juan had the ball in his hands the majority of the time he was out there tonight. That can wear down players. Remy's ability to get downhill and to get him and others easy shots is something that helps our offense. Getting him back will allow us to play a little faster and more tenacity."

Kansas Head Coach Bill Self

On the fan base selling out a last-minute game

"We've known that we are spoiled, we've known that for a long time. The players before us knew it before these guys were here. It's amazing. I don't know how many were there, 11, 12 legitimate thousand, maybe more than that, I don't know. To sell it out when no tickets from season tickets counted towards the sellout and everybody had to pony back up, it's amazing to me. I am confident that if it wasn't bad weather, there would have been 16,300 people here. It's amazing. They didn't see us play very well, we looked like we were maybe out past curfew on New Year's Eve last night, but we weren't. It might have looked that way, we were pretty sluggish."

On George Mason

"You look at it. The last game our starters were fantastic. The worst a starter did last game was +28, if I'm not mistaken. Today, as good as our starters were, they were almost at four today. Worst game of the year by far for Och and CB, and I'm not saying that they played awful, I'm not saying that, but production wise. We didn't score, we didn't shoot it well, we didn't play with as much energy. Juan, to me, that's about as stale as I've seen him. To me, he made a couple of really poor decisions late—he's better than that. Jalen Wilson is better than 0-for-5 from three. He didn't play particularly well. David, obviously, didn't play well. You count on Lightfoot to go 7-for-7 and Coleman-Lands to go 7-for-9 and make five 3's. That's pretty impressive, so 14-for-16 those two. It's actually very encouraging moving forward."

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On Remy Martin's status

"Yesterday I thought it was 50/50 if Remy would play, today he notified Bill after rehab that he didn't think that would be something he could do, but he's got to get ready. The MRI was negative, he's got to get ready. Hopefully he'll be practicing tomorrow, at least doing something to get some of the stiffness out. By Monday, I'm counting on him being close to full speed and Tuesday full speed. We need everybody healthy and all those things going into our first road game."

On Oklahoma State coming up Tuesday

"I haven't really watched a lot yet. We have a good book on them, obviously. They haven't played in the last 17 days or two weeks, whatever it is. They've been paused. That's the hardest place for us to win at in our league—at least it has been historically for Kansas. I do know this, I know their personnel really well and they're going to play four guards at all times and possibly five sometimes. Those guards really hurt us last year. Anderson and Williams both killed us last year, especially at their place. And of course they had a guy named Cunningham that wasn't bad either. They're capable of beating anybody, and we're going to have to play a hell of a lot better than we did today."

George Mason Head Coach Kim English

On his team's performance

"We competed, we were short-handed, had some bang-bang plays at the end, a missed layup and a three that really could've changed the game. Both teams competed as best as they could, both teams short handed, they obviously didn't have one of their dynamic players, but I am proud of our guys for competing."

On scouting Kansas

"It's less about the talent but more about how well-coached they are and how disciplined they are. I think our talent levels are a wash, I think we have the same level of players but having a Hall of Fame coach, that has made a living here getting a lot out of pretty average players, he gets the great ones. Joel, Wiggins, Morris twins, and Thomas Robinson but I am more impressed with what he does in the championships and success with good players. Kansas won't beat themselves, you have got to beat them. You have to make those shots that we missed, get those rebounds, you have to take care of the ball, they won't turn it over, you know, they had nine and a couple of them were we did something they haven't seen before. They just won't beat themselves, they are disciplined and they have been together, four returning starters."

On shrinking the floor

"They are great in the paint. They are really efficient when they get in the paint, they don't shoot a lot of threes. They were down a good three-point shooter in Remy, obviously Ochai, I mean Coleman-Lands was phenomenal, I thought that he and big boy Lightfoot were the difference in the game. Their production was great, 14-of-16 between the two of them, that's pretty good."