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Kansas Head Coach Bill Self

Opening Statement...

“That was a great basketball team we played tonight. We were not good at all. I’m not sure how good we could be to keep them from being that great. That team that we played tonight could win it all. I know that we contributed to them playing well, but they were dominant, athletic and they shot it. It made us uncomfortable and when we got behind the rim shrunk. We didn’t do many things to get back in it. However, we played decent for a part in the second half, but they got right back to 18 or 20 quick. We can talk about what we didn’t do, or we can talk about what they did well.”

On if he’s going to dwell on the game...

“I’m not going to dwell on it at all. We weren’t tough, we didn’t take away what you must do to win. There were two things that we had to do today, and we didn’t do them. A lot of that is our fault. We could have done a better job emphasizing or maybe sending four back. There are no six-point plays, it’s two at a time. The kids were trying, but they weren’t trying for the right reasons. They were trying because they wanted to individually do something as a team, rather than playing five-against-five.”

Kansas Senior Ochai Agbaji

On the separation early in the game...

“In the first seven minutes, they jumped out in that lead and they were the aggressors throughout the first half and later there in the second half too.”

On learning from this and what to do going forward...

“Go back to the drawing board, watch film and prepare for Iowa State on Tuesday. That’s all we can do.”

On defense going forward...

“Really just going back to scouting reports, knowing what your man does, the plays that they’re running for your man or another person, just locking into them more and paying attention to more details.”

On KJ’s performance in the second half...

“I thought he brought us some energy in that second half there for a little bit. You could see him when we were getting up and down, he was tired. I knew he left it all out there, and that’s all we can ask from him is to play hard”

Kansas junior Christian Braun

On the separation early in the game...

“I’d say the same thing. They just kind of hit us in the mouth early and we didn’t do a very good job of responding.”

On learning from this and what to do going forward...

“You got to learn from this, like Och said, move on. We still have conference play in front of us, we still have all the goals that we want still available for us to win, but we have to learn from this.”



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On Coach's message after the game...

"Learn, we just have to learn from it. He also emphasized that everything in front of us is still in front of us. It's not the end of the world or anything like that. We have a lot of games ahead of us, so this is just something we have to forget about and move forward and get some wins."

Kentucky Head Coach John Calipari

On if he expected Keion Brooks to have such a good night...

"Yeah, because of how he has been playing, how he played the last game and how he has been playing in practice. Notice that he took all twos, he took one three. I told him he would have had 30 if you stepped in and made that two. He rebounded, he played tough. I am letting him sub himself, don't stay in tired sub yourself and when you're ready to go tell me and you will go back in. Today Jacob, this is when we are becoming a good team, we were dying and they went zone, they went triangle and 2 and 2-3. Keion went basket, basket, free throw, free throw, and I walked down and Jacob said, Coach just leave him in don't take him out."

Kentucky junior Oscar Tshiebwe

On Keion Brooks' performance...

"I'm so proud of him for what he did tonight, he helped us win this game. The way he came out tonight was unbelievable. I'm so proud of him and I want him to keep coming like that every night. That's how we are going to be a top team."

On how opponents focusing on him helps the team...

"I think for me, they paid too much attention to me and now they forget about him, so I keep doing my job like coach says, keep backing in and post up because when you post up they focus on you and that leaves someone else open like Keion was open today like 100 times."