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Kansas Head Coach Bill Self

Opening Statement ...

"We played really well the first half, I wish that we could bottle that and do it every game. We didn't actually shoot it great since we had so many layups, our percentage was okay. Other than that we ran the shared the ball, it moved, we rebounded except for the last five minutes of the first half. We dominated the glass. In the second half, we didn't play as well because of all of the fouls early on. However, we did make our free throws early in the second half which was good. Everyone got the chance to play. It was a great Saturday afternoon."

On Jalen Wilson's performance ...

"I thought that Jalen Wilson was great. He didn't go after the ball. Two positions in a row to start the second half, other than that he was great. Christian was terrific the whole game, going 18 of 10 and four turnovers, which is too many. Oahci was rock-solid in his stat line. He gets 18 and 9 coming off a week of not practicing. That impressive. You know the guy who might have been most valuable out of everyone scored two points, and that's Dajuan Harris. He was 0 for 11. Guarding Akinjo was in the gate. We were pretty good. It was a good, good solid dominating win."

On DaJuan Harris' week ...

"He missed some shots that he should have made, but he still did a good job. He made one bad play and David had a layup. Other than that you can't find much fault in his game, nor can you in anyone. You should walk out of here feeling good."

On Joseph Yesufu's injury ...

"I think that it scared him more than anything. I thought that it may have dislocated or popped out of place and popped back in. He said that he was fine."

On preparing for Texas on Monday ...

"It's not going to get easier next week. We have Oklahoma and Oklahoma State next week but the bottom line is that we circled this stretch as being a key stretch, getting two of the three and having a chance to get the third. We're going to have to be as good as we were today to have a chance to get a third. Texas can guard, and they have a terrific experience. They also have a guy on their staff who knows all of our stuff. We're going to have to be really focused."

Kansas senior guard Ochai Agbaji

On bouncing back from the home loss to Kentucky ...

"Just kinda feeding off of that momentum that we or they had from tuesday and getting back to practice and seeing these guys, getting back to playing with them was fun and I think we are just riding on that momentum that we started tuesday after that loss from last saturday"

On Jalen Willson's pass leading to his 3-pointer ...

"I was just running with him and I kind of just ran to the corner, in that area, and he made a crazy pass and then after I got it I was like I have to shoot it like it was just a crazy pass and it was just a good play."

On his health after sitting out ...

"Ya, I was taking days off and then as we were testing and getting back to... I think it was Thursday... I started getting back to the gym and working out. I felt good out there, really didn't feel like I took a step back or anything, I just felt like I didn't skip a beat."



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Kansas junior guard Christian Braun

On how fun of a game it was ...

"It was a lot of fun you know like Och said you know like at home we took one pretty hard and we just had to bounce back. We did a really good job today coming out with more energy than we did last Saturday so it felt good."

On his mindset after the Kentucky loss ...

"I saw something today about we haven't lost a home, to home games back to back in a long time so we all kind of knew that and we don't lose at home often and we especially don't lose at home in conference and when that's kind of the recipe to win the conference title, so coming in we knew that we had to win this game. It was a big game for the conference race and so the energy kind of reflected that I would say."

On the team's defense ...

"I would say the same thing (as Ochai). I think that coming into the game we knew how important Akinjo was to their team and DaJuan and Joe did a great job just kinda cutting the head off and you know if you stop him and make him take tough shots, we're going to be hard to beat because we're solid on the back end so DeJaun and Joe deserve a lot of credit for the defense today."

On the mindset after Kentucky's defeat ...

"In front of our fans to loss like that, that's not something that we are used too and not something that we are gonna get used to here either and that like I said, on top of how important this game was for the conference race we knew there was no option to come in here and play really hard and all the guys knew that, all the coaches knew that, we wanted to get one back for the fans and that's what we did."

Kansas redshirt sophomore forward Jalen Wilson

On his pass to Ochai Agbaji ...

"I realized that I was going to end up going out of bounds because the pass was too far but I knew he was trailing but I didn't know where he was, so I just trusted that he was gonna be there and he caught it and made the shot."

On rebounding ...

"I think that we first came into the game, that was our main focus, rebound. I kept telling the guys, CB even early on in the first half when we had that lead. I was just like keep rebounding because if we are limiting them to one shot, we can get out and transition."

On the team's defense ...

"Talking about the defense it was DaJuan (Harris) and Joe (Yesufu) I mean, they set the tone especially if you look at their one and two guards, they struggled today because of their pressure and activity on ball screens, either low hands or high hands and I mean deflections and just being at that pass and not letting them breathe. I mean DaJuan and Joe really separated themselves on defense today."

Baylor Head Coach Scott Drew

Opening statement ...

Well that's not how we envisioned it today. At the end of it, I think first and foremost, blame starts with me. I didn't prepare our guys well enough. Obviously they came out and they killed us in transition; they killed us in second chance points and that's 30 points in the first half so we didn't give our half court defense a chance. Credit to Coach Self, credit to Kansas for coming out and playing faster and tougher and really



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putting it to us. I thought we had some looks. We didn't make them, but I know that's where our rebounding comes in. We're top five in the country coming in offensive rebounding. That wasn't a factor and not nearly a factor early enough. Again, it starts with me. We thought in the second half that we could do a little better job in transition and rebounding, but again, we'll go back and look at the film and figure it out and try to be in a better situation next time we play.

On the difference today despite having experience on big stages ...

I think it snowballed on us. We haven't been beat like that in three or four years. It's disappointing. It starts with me, I'm not supposed to let things snowball like that as a leader, and obviously they did. Our missed shots, our turnovers, affected too much stuff.

On Kansas' pick and roll defense ...

I thought we missed the roller. Early on we had some opportunities, I thought then the ball stuck a little. Then at the end of the day, their wings I thought did a good job with their hands, making passes tough. McCormack was moving pretty well, so credit to their defense for causing us not to be as effective or efficient. I think we had some looks that were okay, but we didn't get any easy ones. Early in the game, we're taking jump shots and contested jump shots, so you have to credit their defense and poor execution on offense, blame on me.

On the difference these last few games with defense ...

When you shoot higher than 30 percent, that means if it's going in, hopefully that gives you a chance to get back, but sometimes we scored way up and had five guys back and no one picked up the guy at the rim. That hadn't been as big of an issue as it was today, credit them for playing hard, playing fast, things snowballing on us, but we have to do a better job. Obviously matching up and getting back and then when you're shooting 30 percent on offense, you have to do a better job when you miss not thinking about the shot or maybe hanging your head. Film doesn't lie, so we'll figure it out from film and find out. We have good guys that don't like losing and don't like being embarrassed. Everyone feels pretty poor right now, so we'll try and change that.

Junior Guard Adam Flagler

On getting into a groove later in the game...

The coaches, as well as myself just continued to tell us to just compete at a high level, just go out there and at the end of the day, it's about pride. And they did out tough us. I just wanted to stay aggressive and continue to play and continue to lead.

On Kansas' pace and seeing anything like it...

Yeah, we've seen it, it's a matter of taking accountability. The film doesn't lie, so we'll definitely learn from this. This is a great opportunity because we can only go forward.