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Kansas Senior David McCormack

On his activity at the end of the first half.

“Coach always says we need a post presence and that’s just what I try to bring to the table. If anybody collapses down, I’ll kick out. Dajuan was open, Ochai was open, playing inside out makes the game go a lot easier.”

On energy being his focus..

“Big time, Coach always says that energy finds the ball. Being active offensively is easier to grab rebounds, getting second hand shots defensively, get deflections, dive on the floor. Doing whatever I can to just to help the team and put us in a winning position.”

On being consistently better these last few weeks..

“For sure, I think just getting off to better starts. Like I said, second hand shots, blocking out, getting rebounds to start fast breaks really has been my focus. I think I’ve done a pretty good job at that.”

On Zach Clemence ...

“Zach came in and I think within the first 30-45 seconds grabbed three rebounds, two of them offensively. I mean, he made a major impact on the game and I think he’s going to continue to grow as the season goes on.

Kansas Senior Ochai Agbaji

On stringing wins together...

“It felt good. Kind of a slow start to the first half in the first ten minutes but we closed out the first half well. In the second half, we came out more aggressive and built our lead there. Just having that momentum carry into other games.”

On the slow start...

“Just kind of a grind. I think things got a little stagnant. They picked up their intensity on the defensive end and we were just giving them easy baskets on their end. That mixture never goes well. The game was too slow, guys were missing shots but we knew we’d wake up at some point.”

On how Harris’ scoring changes the game...

“A lot of things start going well. Even in the first half he was being aggressive, hitting threes and looking for his shot. If they’re gonna leave him open for three we want him to shoot that, he’s gonna make it and that works out well for us. Just keeping him aggressive and confident is just going to benefit all the other guys on our team.”

On the next step this team can take...

“As we approach these final games we are obviously trying to get better in these games leading up to the Big 12 Tournament and the NCAA Tournament. We are leaving it all out there and not leaving the game regretting anything no matter who the opponent is. I think that’s the main thing, not regretting it and going into the game with that mindset.”

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Kansas sophomore Dajuan Harris, Jr.

On his ability to get steals..

"Really, I just use my instincts. Coach tells me to use them all of the time and being smarter; using my hands, I have quick hands so thats what I try to do.

On how his defense fuels offense..

"Yeah, I'm little. I'm a little guy so everyones bigger than me so I have to bring it every game, my best defense. I play defense, get deflections, get steals and they help us out."

On how it helps having his focus on defense..

"If i keep doing that we get more transition baskets. It's him (Ochai) in transition, and its Christian so if we keep doing that. J-Wil. So if I keep doing that it'll lead us somewhere good."

On being able to win comfortably..

"Coach was really mad because we didn't close out that good. We were up about 20-25 so we have to do a better job at the end of stretches. If we do that, keep sharing the ball, keep playing defense we are gonna be in good shape.

On how his scoring changes the game..

"I give my credit to my teammates but mainly Ochai. He tells me every play to keep being aggressive, 'If they keep leaving you open just shoot the ball.' My teammates and my coaches just keep telling me to have confidence in my shot and to just keep shooting it.

Kansas Head Coach Bill Self

On the game...

"Yeah we were bad early, up 13-11 with seven and half minutes left in the first half, then the lid comes off. We play really well, go up 10 at half time when it should have been 15 and then basically controlled the whole second half, played pretty good, got to 26 and then we didn't have much killer instinct after that, that was disappointing. You told me a great stat that we were 1-for-17 to end the game, 1-for-17 to end the game and we went for a stretch at their place where we were 0-19, that's 1-36 in two stretches. Yeah its awful, missing free throws and everything else, then we quit playing, Jalen missed three layup sin the second half and we had some bad turnovers there late, but it was a good win, I thought Jalen was good the second half, I thought CB was pretty good the second half, no question. I thought Ochai, Dajuan and David were really good the entire game and we didn't get much production out of our bench. I thought Joe was good the first half and Zach gave us a couple sound minutes too. All in all, a good win. I would have taken a 14-point win before the game started, but I hate to go into the locker room when it goes from 26-to-14 just because we didn't finish the game right."



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On Ochai...

"I thought Ochai played great. The other thing is he got other guys shots just by cutting hard. He gets so much attention, CB gets an uncontested three in the corner that he made. You know the ball stuck the first half, but in the second half the ball moved more freely. When we move the ball, we are pretty good but when we hold it and try to beat our man one on one without forcing ball movement or we give the defense a chance to break down, we aren't nearly as effective."

On Dajuan...

"Look at his line, he didn't come out except down the stretch. He gets five assists, one turnover and two steals, and just controls the game. I thought he was terrific. We have got to get a way to rest him. Bobby's beat up, so he's not going to be healthy, possibly for the rest of the year. Remy's out and Joe's not a point guard, so we have got to find some way to spell him some minutes. Hopefully we can get Remy back at some point and time so he can be the guy that does that but I thought he played really solid."

On David McCormack..

"I thought he was good, not fair to him Cisse got a couple dunks in the first half off ball screens when we didn't guard it right. That's not David's fault, but I thought David defended his position pretty well and he certainly rebounded. The negative is he rebounds the ball, then gets stripped after he rebounds the ball, so those are probably his two turnovers if I'm not mistaken. We've got to do a better job with that, but all in all I thought he played pretty well."

About West Virginia..

"Well you're right we never really played well there. I can't remember playing well. I can remember us winning ugly, which we would take that and go to the house, we have got to get ready for Huggs and the boys. We will give the guys off two days, get away from basketball. Those starters need to let there bodies rest a little bit."

Oklahoma State Head Coach Mike Boynton

On building off a win this past Saturday..

"I don't know right now, guys. We didn't perform well, and they are good, and they are a real contender for a national title. I'll have a chance to look at that over the next couple of days. Everyone knows that this thing is winding down for this group and trying to salvage anything that we can."

On his team's early struggle on offense..

"This place has the ability to make you feel like there are six guys out there. We got some good looks early. We got shots at the rim and missed open threes from guys who are shot makers and then the turnovers."

On Bryce Thompson and foul trouble..

"He's got to stop using his hand, he needs to use his feet more. That is the place where he needs to grow the most. That will be a huge focus of the off-season, and we'll work on his positioning."



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On what do you hope you learn from it..

"I hope that we learn that this is what a championship team looks like. That's what you learn when you come into this place. With all due respect to our program, over the last two decades, they have been the standard of our league. Our fans have been great, but this place is packed every night, not because of who they are playing but because they are playing. My job is to build a product that people want to be in front of every night."

Junior guard Avery Anderson:

On his team's struggles..

"They played really solid defense. We weren't making shots, when it comes to a game like this you can't trust the refs to give you calls that you want. You have to play through them, and you have to make the shots."

On Coach Boynton's message..

"That was a tough one and we just got our butts kicked. We must go back to the drawing board and move on to the next one."

On what you want to learn..

"The details. We couldn't play off the glass and we must do that to play with this team. So, you know, that's what we really needed to do to get into the transition game. We need to fix the details."