

MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME CONFERENCE

K-State 102, Emporia State 68 | November 1, 2023

HEAD COACH JEROME TANG

Opening Statement...

"First of all, I want to just thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for this incredible opportunity. I wake up every day and I think "I get to be here." Like the passion they [student section] have for our university, I'm just so blessed. The second thing is hearing about Coach Bob Knight passing away. Before the game I saw it, and I was a big Bobby Knight fan as a young person, [especially] just how hard he got his guys to compete. It didn't matter how tough he was on them, those dudes loved him. The people that I met loved him [Knight]. I remember when he went to Texas Tech, they had an incident when we were on our way up there to play. He had an incident with somebody like the president of the school, we weren't sure if he was going to coach the game or not. Coach Knight doesn't shake anybody's hand except the head coach, that was his thing, but when he came walking out of the tunnel, and people saw he was going to coach the game, the fans started clapping. While I was clapping for our guys, the Baylor guys were warming up, he thought I was clapping for him, and he stopped and shook my hand. It was a really cool moment because everyone's like, "Man, Coach Knight stopped to shake your hand." He was always kind to me whenever I saw him on the road, so my condolences go out to the Knight family. Pat was always really kind to me also. My prayers are with that family. Tonight was a good night because we won and no one got seriously injured. We have a long way to go, but I like our guys."

On Cam Carter's scoring game from the field....

"I've asked Cam, and clearly defined his role that I need him to be a bucket. Be a scorer, do not think about facilitating. I was thinking early on in practices and, a little bit in Israel, that he was just trying to be a good teammate. He had a lot of turnovers. I liked that he had three assists, and one turnover, but that's happening because he's not thinking about trying to make plays for other people. He's being really aggressive, and he can shoot the ball. We can shoot the ball better than we shot tonight, I'm not concerned about that, but for the most part, they took good shots."

JUNIOR GUARD CAM CARTER

On his assessment of the game...

"First, I want to give all the honor and glory to God for giving me the ability and keeping me healthy out there, things went well for us."

On the team's expect to win mentality...

"I'm a team player so whatever they need me to do I'm gonna do it."

On the beginning of this journey...

"We're still growing, we're still getting better every day just like he [Arthur Kaluma] said, it's just exhibition though."

JUNIOR FORWARD ARTHUR KALUMA

On his takeaways from the game...

"Emporia State was a good team to get our bearings on. We were able to go out there and try some things, and see how we worked in an actual real game. I feel like we grew today, the team grew, and we're gonna get better from this."

On his first semi-experience in Bramlage...

"I love it! I love it! I know it's gonna be jumping in here [Bramlage] once the season really starts."

On the beginning of this journey...

"I'm excited to grow as a team and with my guys. I feel like we're getting closer every single day and the sky's the limit for us. We just need to keep doing what we're doing."

SOPHOMORE FORWARD JERRELL COLBERT

On how redshirting prepared him for this season...





"It's thanks to all my teammates, managers, and GA's [graduate assistants] for working with me and the coaches working with me for this moment. It was really good!"

On his fit with the offense...

"I think I fit in really good because I move fast and it creates more space. I love it!"