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KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL
POSTGAME QUOTES
(23) KANSAS vs KANSAS STATE
LAWRENCE, KAN. // ALLEN FIELDHOUSE
DILLONS SUNFLOWER SHOWDOWN



HEAD COACH BILL SELF

On jumping out on Kansas State early in the game:

"I thought we the first four minutes we played about perfect. We defended and executed. We botched one opportunity in transition, but other than that we did some good things. We moved the ball, got the ball, made a shot, I think Ochai (Agbaji) made a three early to get a 9-0 lead. Then we didn't really play that well for a stretch and four of their first six points were because we didn't get the ball. It's our ball and we just didn't have guys go get the ball. We gave them some points there, but for the most part we did some good things when we missed, they were usually good shots. We shot too many threes tonight, wanted to throw the ball in to David (McCormack) and Mitch (Lightfoot) more but it was good. A good win and certainly the K-State team we saw tonight without Gordon. He has played really well, I think he is their lead scorer in conference play and is nicked up. He was on crutches tonight but he'll be back by the time we go there. It's always a war in Bramlage. I'm happy with tonight, I thought we did some good things, I thought some guys showed some life and got a little bit of confidence and swagger back. Now it's time to go get in a fist fight because that's what it's going to be like in Morgantown."

On his individual player's performances:

"I thought David (McCormack) did a good job. I thought in the first half he took a couple of bad shots that were off balance, rushed and I told him at halftime, 'You're going to get 15 shots, there's no need to force a shot', and in the second half, every shot he made, eve-ry shot he took was right there within three or four feet from the basket and I thought that was positive. He got a couple of really good defensive rebounds. Mitch (Lightfoot) had a real impressive block. I thought Christian (Braun) shot the ball well, he didn't rebound it and he would be the first to tell you. He missed out on three block outs. I really thought Ochai was really solid, Marcus (Garrett) didn't make shots. They dared him to shoot and he missed tonight, but he did some good things. Dajuan (Harris) did some good things and Mitch was good. I thought Tristan (Enaruna) played one of his better games this year without question. I thought he played the right way, the shots that he missed were right there and they weren't early in the clock, we gave the offense a chance to work. I thought he did some good things. All in all, it was a pretty good way to end the night."

On Tristan Enaruna and the team's overall performance:

"There was a play in the first half where he was shot out of a cannon going to get a loose ball and I thought that was as explosive as he has looked. I do think that was positive. We did a good job for the most part on (Nigel) Pack, with his quick release. He is not real tall so you have to stay up close to him. He missed three shots but I think one of them was an open look. The two he made, we should have been there and we weren't. We held them to 51, we held TCU to 51 if I'm not mistaken. Those are positive things. We rebounded the ball a little bit better tonight. We gave up so many points to Tennessee and then they score 50 tonight and lose at Ole Miss I was told. They made the shots that they missed to-night. We just have to keep grinding and hopefully have some momentum going into Morgantown."

On West Virginia in Morgantown:

"It's different know. Oscar (Tshiebwe) isn't there, they're playing small, they're going to press. It's back to "Press Virginia". At our place, they backed off and played zone and we made them pay by making a lot of threes. It won't be like that. CB (Christian Braun) and Ochai (Agbaji) and Jalen (Wilson) aren't going to get uncontested looks. We are going to have to move and make some plays in order to get some guys open looks. Today was a good start. I am excited about having an off day tomorrow and having some fresh legs and preparing to go to battle."