

KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL **POSTGAME NOTES**

(23) KANSAS AT (17) WEST VIRGINIA MORGANTOWN, W.VA. // WVU COLISEUM



Redshirt freshman forward, Jalen Wilson

On the missed opportunities:

"Yea those buckets, we have to execute them. We had a lot of good looks, easy looks and they just bounced out. That's a part of the game and its bound to happen, but if we're not going to hit those we have to make sure we play better on the defensive end. It's just something we have to focus on."

On the mood in the locker room:

"Definitely. It's basketball and we have another game to focus on for Monday. In basketball you sometimes have to focus on what's in front of you and not think about the past and what you could've done. Another day, another game we just have to focus on competing."

Sophomore guard Christian Braun

On his physical play:

"Yea that's something that we have just been lacking this year, just making those plays, diving on the floor. That's something that we have to get back to but obviously we didn't make enough of those plays. I didn't do enough and we as a team didn't do enough tonight and that's why we lost."

On laying out for the ball:

"That's just what I have done, that's something that I've prided myself on since I started playing basketball and I have always been someone who makes hustle plays. That's something I want to do more of and hopefully the team follows. Those hustle plays can really turn our season around and spark some energy. It gives us energy and makes us play harder. That's what we have to do to turn it around right now."

On Jalen Wilson's performance:

"Jalen's been huge this year. Like you said, 14 rebounds, he was all over the glass tonight and that's something he's been really good at all year. He got 16 points and was scoring the ball well. When Jalen is active and playing well, that's when we're at our best. His activity tonight, like I said, his energy should carry over to everybody so we can't have certain guys doing it one night and other guys doing it the next, we need everybody at the same time. Then also while we're rebounding and playing hard on offense, we have to get stops."

On West Virginia converting on tough shots:

"I had a couple of those tonight, where you felt like you were there, but they still hit the shot. But that's unacceptable. If you have one-on-one's, you guard them for 20 seconds and the last few seconds they get a shot off and they hit it. That's something that's a big blow for the team, especially when we battle back. That's something we have to do a better job of is taking away the last seconds on the shot clock. That's something I need to get better at, guarding guys to the end of the shot clock and not letting them be comfortable."

On the mood in the locker room:

"We have games coming up, it's a quick turn-around so we can't dwell on this one. But we can tap into more. We know that. We have plenty of games to go win and I know this team can do it. But we have to take it one game at a time and make sure we don't slip up. I think everyone's head is in a good spot, but we just have to do it on the court. We have to stop talking about it and actually be about it."



