



2020-21
KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL
POSTGAME QUOTES

23/24 KANSAS VS 15/11 TEXAS TECH
LAWRENCE, KAN. // ALLEN FIELDHOUSE



HEAD COACH BILL SELF

On the game:

"I'm happy about everything. I thought the crowd was great. I told our guys at the last TV timeout, at 3:41 I said 'God dang it seems loud in here today' and they felt it. The guys played great, they play with great energy. We didn't make shots again at home but we got so many wide open looks against a team that really guards and we didn't turn the ball over. We probably played better offensively than our stats show because we missed some open looks. I thought we defended extremely well. We lost them twice in the last minute and we couldn't get the ball inbounds. Other than that we played pretty good, played pretty smart. I'm really happy with our guys and I think we still have our best ball ahead of us. Guys are really buying into guarding. We did a much better job on McClung and Shannon than we did the first time. They scored nine points with under three left on the shot clock in the first half so if we could just finish a possession and guard for 30 instead of 26 or 27 our defense would be much improved. I thought we did some good things and certainly happy to get this one."

On keeping Mac McClung in check:

"We know he is capable but we did a good job on him for the most part. I don't know what Ochai was thinking at the end of the first half, he had him guarded perfectly and then put his hands down and let him get a three off instead of walling up and making him score over him. That gave him some confidence and he makes the first one to start the second half and all of the sudden it's like oh my gosh, here he goes. They are a terrific free throw shooting team and they were in the bonus with about 11 left, so we had to play defense. They were dumb fouls, about three of them were ridiculously not bright fouls and we put them in the bonus but then we played solid after that. When you do that you don't get any steals and you play defensive on defense but our position was pretty good today."

On McCormack leading five players in double figures:

"He missed his last three and two of them were two of the easiest shots he had all day. The guy has passed the ball well and executed. Jalen made a great pass to CB to basically ice it there with the big three. We did some good things, David was great and I think Marcus is playing his best ball. Christian, Ochai, and Jalen didn't really make shots but they made enough. Bench was good, not great today but solid. Bryce was aggressive and played well and Dajuan was fine, Mitch didn't get a chance to play much. This is the most excited I have been about our team all year."

On Jalen Wilson's performance:

"He missed a couple and was mad at himself. They got a couple putbacks there in the second half where he had his hand on the ball. None bigger than that one there late, it may have been CB who missed it in and out and then Jalen cleaned it up and then the pass he made to CB who knocked it down. There were some positive things but we just need to make shots."

On Marcus Garrett:

"Well he posted up for the first time in a long time. He backed the guy down and shot a jump hook it's good. Dajuan made a great move and missed an uncontested layup off a great move. There were some things that could've gone our way that didn't and I'm sure they could say the same thing. We hung 67 but I think we actually played better offense than that."

On playing Texas on Tuesday:

"From what I understand they hung 50 in the first half on West Virginia so they seem rested and ready to go. It'll be an exciting game for our guys and I think they will see a different Kansas team than they saw in January."