



2022-23
KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL
POSTGAME QUOTES



4/4 **KANSAS (12-1, 1-0) vs. OKLAHOMA ST. (8-5, 0-1)**
LAWRENCE, KAN. // ALLEN FIELDHOUSE
DECEMBER 31, 2022

Kansas Head Coach Bill Self:

Opening statement...

"Yeah, that was a great game, they played great. Their two guards had 28 in the first half and our two guards combined were zero. They were just whipping us and the second half DaJuan [Harris Jr.] was a lot better and Kevin [McCullar Jr.] was better, but you know obviously we made two huge plays late. We did some great things in the second half. If we were turned up like that for the entire game I wouldn't have lost seven pounds today over the course of two hours, but it was a fun game. A game you have to win with conference implications and it's hard to say that a first game of a conference season is a must win, but it kind of is playing at home because you don't want to give your home court away. I was really pleased with our guys in the second half. We didn't come ready to play the first half and they were obviously quicker and they played lights out."

On Jalen Wilson, KJ Adams Jr., Dajuan Harris Jr. and Gradey Dick...

"Yeah, Jalen played good, he didn't rebound the ball like he's capable, but he played well again. KJ played well, Juan played well the second half, Gradey really didn't get much going, he made two hard shots in the first half and then of course got it going when the floor was a little bit open to the start the second half. They guard him, this is what teams do, their leading scorer took five shots today, he was 1-for-5, scored two points and he may have been their best player because he took Gradey Dick out of the game and people need to understand that. That's what you call giving it up for the team and Avery Anderson did that and then of course Bryce and John-Michael Wright lit us up but it was a tough game. We'll play other hard games, don't get me wrong, it's an unbelievable league but that's one of the hardest early season conference games I can remember in a while."

Oklahoma State Head Coach Mike Boynton Jr.:

On how Bryce Thompson's foul trouble affected the team in the second half...

"I'll be honest with you, the offense starting struggling to start the second half. It was well before he picked up his fourth, but it certainly puts you in a bind because he is one of our best scorers and he had it going today pretty good. So to take him out, thinking how quickly or soon do you put him back in so the game stayed in relatively close distance. We thought getting close enough so that he could finish the game. I'm just thankful that our guys played with the effort they did today because they gave themselves a chance to beat a really good team on the road."

