

## KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

## **POSTGAME QUOTES**



2/2 KANSAS (16-1, 5-0) VS. 14/14 IOWA STATE (13-3, 4-1)
LAWRENCE, KAN. // ALLEN FIELDHOUSE
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## **Kansas Head Coach Bill Self:**

On the win...

"That was a high-level game. You saw two teams that enjoyed playing in a tight game like that in an atmosphere like that. No easy baskets. I wish we would have shot it better. But they're good. The building was great. To win with so many guys back for the reunion will definitely make tonight a lot more pleasant."

On if the close games help in the postseason...

"I don't know that this many close games helps you in the postseason. Close games help you because you put yourself under duress, but I would welcome anything that's a win. We don't go into any game thinking it's going to be easy."

## Iowa State Head Coach T.J. Otzelberger:

On the last play...

"I mean they have two fouls to give and we are in a situation where we are trying to bring it up and play fast, make a read on the ball screen and see if we can get downhill. They did a good job slowing us up at the point of the screen. Obviously, Caleb [Grill] pulled behind a really tough shot and it didn't fall. Their defensive intent was really good, especially good on that last possession, so credit to them they were able to make one more play in a really good game to come out with a victory."

On if he predicted the game would go like it did...

"I wasn't trying to predict us to not win the game today, but that's part of the equation. I have a lot of respect for Coach Self. I have a lot of respect for their program. I have a lot of respect for how they do things, and at the same time, I love my guys. I love their fight. I love their competitive spirit. We came up one play short. We are going to learn from it. We are going to be better for it, and we are going to come together even more as a group as we move forward."



