



**No. 3 Kansas vs. West Virginia
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Postgame Quotes**

West Virginia Head Coach Bob Huggins

On shooting trouble

We seemingly miss more 2-footers than any team in American history. They won't make shots. We had shots. (It) wasn't like we didn't have shots. We just don't make them, but it's hard to make a shot from 2 feet, 4 feet or 8 feet if you're not looking where you're shooting it. As much as we've talked about it, and as much as we've drilled about it, we still don't look at the rim. It's hard to get it in if you can never get it over the rim. (It) has to go over the rim before it can go in.

On impressions of (freshman guard) Gradey Dick

Well, obviously, he's extremely good. I don't know. Did he miss a shot? Didn't seem like he did.

On the momentum shift in the second half

Well, when you're playing the number one ranked team in the country, everything is important. Every pass that you throw, that you make your guys turn your hands over, hurts you. Every time you dribbled off your foot, every time you miss a wide-open cutter, it hurts. We didn't make shots. Their best player, their All-American, made shots. Our guys didn't.

On going back to fundamentals

You know, when you're flunking a class you study more, or you continue to flunk a class. If you continually don't make a shot, if you continually aren't consistent at the free throw line, if you consistently don't make shots from where you know you're going to get shots from you're probably gonna flunk the class. I don't know why it doesn't bother them when they miss shots, and they don't respond with coming back. I mean, you're not over-exerting yourself to shoot free throws, especially when you've got managers in there rebounding for you. I thought we had solved that problem. Obviously, I was wrong again.

Kansas Head Coach Bill Self

On shooting troubles

I think we did a decent job. I don't think it was unbelievable. I think they missed some good looks, but I thought our defense was not poor. I thought it was pretty good. The thing about that is we rebounded the ball decent against a team that is a good rebounding team. That is a big positive for us.

On the musket going off before halftime

Somebody asked me that earlier if I had ever experienced that in my career, and I said this is the only place where they shoot a gun in my career. It was a weird deal because we got the offensive rebound off a mistake, so we could have run out the clock. I think (redshirt junior forward) Jalen (Wilson) is the one who clipped off the 3-pointer when the rifle was going off if I'm not mistaken. He didn't have to do that because we had some time. We ended up getting a basket out of the deal or a foul out of the deal, so it worked out fine for us. I didn't know you could reload a musket that fast to get it off with five seconds left and get it off at the end of regulation five seconds later.

On (sophomore forward) KJ Adams' rebound at the end of the first half

That was big. We played too well the first half to be up 5, and we jacked around. I think we rubbed double figures with two minutes left, and we jacked around so they cut it to 5. They had momentum, and if they get a stop right there, they also get the last shot, if I'm not mistaken. We were fortunate.

On a quick start in the first half

We made shots. We've started games where we've shot it well, but I can't remember where we've shot it 6-for-6 from three well. It was all different guys. That was a big thing. We did not play as well as the score indicated in the first six minutes. We just made some shots, but we didn't play poorly, either. We just didn't play quite as well. Both halves, they're in the bonus with 12 left in both halves. Somehow, we were able to get to halftime without putting them on the free-throw line. That was a big key to the game.

On Jalen Wilson's 14 rebounds

Jalen rebounded the heck out of the ball. He was exhausted there for that stretch right before I took him out. He and (redshirt senior guard) Kevin (McCullar Jr.) both rebounded the heck out of the ball. They combined for 23 or something like that. That was good. I don't think Jalen has scored the ball to get 16-14, and we're thinking he hadn't quite played as well as he was earlier. It's maybe a little bit true, but anytime you can get a double-double. That was a real double with 16-14. It's not 10-10. That was real important for us.