



OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

OKLAHOMA 84, WASHBURN 64 NOVEMBER 8, 2016 • POSTGAME NOTES

- The Sooners opened their 2016-17 season with an 84-64 exhibition win over Washburn on Tuesday night at the Lloyd Noble Center.
 - The Sooners are now 9-0 against the Ichabods all-time, including 6-0 in exhibition play. Oklahoma has faced Washburn in exhibitions during all six seasons under head coach Lon Kruger.
 - After a closely-contested first half where neither team led by more than six points, Washburn went ahead 50-47 five minutes into the second half. In the final 15 minutes, Oklahoma outscored the Ichabods 37-14 while shooting 13-of-21 (.619). The Sooners held WU to 5-of-17 (.294) shooting in that 15-minute stretch while forcing 11 Ichabod turnovers.
 - Leading 61-56 with 9:34 to play, Oklahoma went on a 12-0 run and held Washburn scoreless for over a five-and-a-half minute stretch. The Ichabods missed four shots and gave the ball up six times on turnovers during the Sooner run.
 - Sophomore guard **Christian James** poured in a game-high 16 points on 5-of-11 shooting while adding eight rebounds and six assists. His 32 minutes were the most of any Sooner.
 - Junior forward **Khadeem Lattin** led the Sooners' second-half offensive efforts, shooting 4-of-5 from the field and scoring eight points in the second period. The junior finished the night with a stat line of 12 points, seven rebounds, three blocks and five steals.
 - JUCO transfer **Darrion Strong** totaled 10 points in 11 minutes in his first game with the Sooners. The junior guard made a quick impact for OU, scoring eight points in his first 1:50 on the court.
 - Tuesday's exhibition was the OU debut of five newcomers. Freshman guard **Kameron McGusty** led both the newcomers and bench players in scoring with 12 points on 3-of-4 shooting (2-of-3 from 3-point range) in 17 minutes. Freshman forward **Kristian Doolittle** totaled seven points with a pair of rebounds and assists. Redshirt freshman forward **Matt Freeman** made a pair of 3-pointers and finished with seven points while freshman guard **Jordan Shepherd** saw 14 minutes of action, grabbing one assist and one board.
 - While tonight was the only exhibition on Oklahoma's schedule, the Ichabods competed in three preseason contests – all against Big 12 schools. Washburn's 20-point loss to the Sooners was the largest margin of defeat of the three games. Kansas defeated the Ichabods, 92-74, on Nov. 1 and Kansas State won its matchup on Nov. 4, 73-58.
 - The Sooners open the regular season at home against Northwestern State on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 4 p.m. CT at Lloyd Noble Center. The Sooners are 5-0 all-time against the Demons. The two teams have met three times during the Kruger era with Oklahoma winning the three matchups by an average margin of 15.3 points. Oklahoma is 5-0 in season openers under Kruger. Additionally, the Sooners have won 13 consecutive season openers dating back to the 2003-04 season. OU has won 18 straight season openers played at Lloyd Noble Center. Its last loss when opening the season at home came in 1993.
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