
OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

OKLAHOMA 89, TULANE 70 NOVEMBER 17, 2016 • POSTGAME QUOTES

OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH LON KRUGER

Opening comments:

"It was a really hard-fought game. Coach Dunleavy's done a great job with his group in a short amount of time. I thought they showed great discipline doing the things they wanted to do. They had us out of rhythm in the first half. Our guys regrouped and played a little better and more aggressively in the second half but it was a good battle and a good one to win for sure.

On Tulane's offense:

"They did shoot the ball. We didn't get to their shooters quickly enough and they made us pay for that. We had the advantage in the paint and with turnovers and long rebounds we had opportunities in transition.

On his team's youth:

"We had some really young lineups on many occasions tonight. It's going to be a club that individually we'll see people get more comfortable with each game. Kristian Doolittle as the game went on he got more aggressive on the boards, kind of figuring out how physical he can be on the boards."

OKLAHOMA GUARD JORDAN WOODARD

On improving the team's defense in the second half:

"We settled down on defense stopped committing so many fouls. We got some easy buckets inside too that helped us when it came to attacking. We got to the free throw line in the second half so the game changed that way.

On learning each game:

"Each game is a good learning experience. We have guys who are not afraid to step up to the challenge and take ownership of the team and Coach (Kruger) is going to put us in good spots to be successful. Each game it makes the transition smoother."

TULANE HEAD COACH MIKE DUNLEAVY

Opening comments:

"Our guys played hard. That's the first part of coaching, having your guys play hard and not give up and stay with it and I thought our guys did a pretty good job of that."

On his team's offensive performance:

"I told our team before the game that our best defense was going to be our offense. If we could score and make them take the ball 94 feet, that's when we have our best chances of stopping them. Offensively we did a good job coming out of timeouts making shots and keeping ourselves in the game. We missed some opportunities on matchups when they switched and we had mismatches in our favor that we'd like to take advantage of and a couple times we didn't notice them.

On his team's defensive performance:

"We fouled too much. We were in the bonus it seemed like about 18 minutes to go in the second half. They just marched to the free throw line. Early in the game we turned the ball over, our guards didn't do a good job with the pressure they applied. It wasn't all their fault, it was some of the spacing of our guys. Second half I thought we did a better job of that but with a team like that, you can't give away free points."

TULANE GUARD CAMERON REYNOLDS

On Tulane's defense:

"We just have to get back on defense, really. That's where all their points came, in transition. I think we guarded their sets really well, we went over the scouting report really well, it was just transition buckets and communication."

TULANE GUARD MALIK MORGAN

On the team's defense:

"I didn't think it was too much of a difficulty (attacking them), it was just a breakdown on our end. We started to make different plays that we're not used to making and it cost us at the end."

On making his playing look easy in his debut:

"It was tough the first time I came out, the nerves are going and stuff like that. The more you get up and down the court like that you get used to it and it becomes like any other basketball game."
