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# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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### OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH LON KRUGER

#### Opening statement:

"It was a good win. I thought as the game went along we got a little more comfortable defensively. I thought offensively we had some good ball moment in the last 10 to 12 minutes that we had all year. We have a lot of things to learn from and take away from this game. The coach (Jeff Linder) from Northern Colorado does a really good job executing. It was a good challenge."

#### On his team's depth:

"A lot of guys from the second half there made a good run. We had a lot of fresh people in the game at that time. It might have made a really big difference from Northern Colorado's perspective. Our guys did a good job coming off the bench and providing energy."

#### On Kristian Doolittle's play:

"Kristian (Doolittle) is going to be a really good player. It was good to see him attack more when he came out tonight. We've been wanting him to do that. He can make good plays off the dribble. He's very strong and powerful when he goes to the rim. He looked comfortable tonight."

#### On Jordan Woodard's performance:

"It was good. He's attacking. He's making play, and he's finishing opportunities when he's at the rim. He had a couple steals defensively. He affects the game in a lot of different ways. It was great to see that."

#### On the team's first-half play:

"There's not really an expectation from my perspective. We have a lot of work to do. All these games are good for us. Every time these guys get on the floor and get more comfortable, identify their role in game situation, it's huge for us. We just have to keep on getting better. It's a fun group to watch grow, and it's fun to challenge them in different ways to step up for each other and make plays for each other. We have to keep doing that."

### OKLAHOMA GUARD JORDAN WOODARD

#### On if he knew he was close to a triple double:

"I just got some rebounds. I was just trying to be aggressive. Coach (Kruger) wanted everyone to stay in attack mode."

### OKLAHOMA GUARD CHRISTIAN JAMES

#### On starting the game quickly:

"I wouldn't say it's very important, but I just take what the defense gives me. If I'm hitting shots, it's better for us and if I feel like they're closing out on me, I find an open shot for somebody else. I just take what the defense gives me."

### OKLAHOMA FORWARD KRISTIAN DOOLITTLE

#### On his offensive aggressiveness off the bench:

"I was looking for my shot more and just in the flow of the offense, driving and kicking and just doing whatever I can."

#### On if not starting was a wake-up call for him:

"To say the least, but I didn't take it personally. I have all the faith in the world in Matt (Freeman) to go out there and do a great job."

#### On if it was easier to get in the offense off the bench:

"Just to get in the flow of the game. I was watching what the team was doing from the bench and then you go in knowing what you have to do differently than from what the starters were doing."

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**NORTHERN COLORADO HEAD COACH JEFF LINDER**

**On his team's performance/the game overall:**

"Oklahoma's a good team. We won't be seeing teams like them in this conference. With their skill and length between (Khadeem) Lattin and Jamuni (Mc-Neace), it's tough to match up with. I thought our guys competed."

**On how playing a tough non-conference schedule has helped his team:**

"We've played in some tough environments and programs with some tradition. We were only down by five or six with a few minutes left against Arizona and we competed against Santa Clara. We came in here without an ounce of fear, ready to play and I thought our guys played well. That's a good team we were playing against and it'll help us in our conference play."

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