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# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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## KANSAS STATE 75, OKLAHOMA 64 JANUARY 7, 2017 • POSTGAME NOTES

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- After trailing by 16 at halftime, Oklahoma (6-8, 0-3 Big 12) fought back to within six before falling to Kansas State (13-2, 2-1) on the road, 75-64. The Sooners shot 15-of-22 (.682) from the field in the second half – its best field goal percentage in any half this season.
  - Freshman guard Kameron McGusty scored a career-high 20 points, shooting 5-of-9 from the field and 2-of-3 from 3-point range while making 8-of-9 foul shots. The freshman has led the Sooners in scoring the past two games (11 points against TCU on Jan. 3) and is averaging a team-best 13.3 points in Big 12 play.
  - McGusty is the first Sooner freshman with a 20-point performance since Jordan Woodard scored 23 at West Virginia in 2014. McGusty is also the first Sooner to score 20 points off the bench since Romero Osby produced 22 points on 9-of-12 shooting against Arkansas in 2012.
  - The Sooners shot 6-of-11 (.545) from behind the 3-point line – their highest 3-point percentage of the season and the third game of making 50 percent or more of their shots from downtown.
  - From the field, Oklahoma shot 25-of-48 (.521), marking its fifth game of shooting above 50 percent. Saturday was the first time this year that OU made more than half of its shots in a loss.
  - Oklahoma head coach Lon Kruger shuffled his starting lineup for the sixth time this season, starting junior Darrion Strong-Moore at point guard. The sixth lineup combination is tied with the 2012-13 campaign for the most lineups used in one season under Kruger.
  - Entering the week without a double-digit scoring game on the season, Strong-Moore racked up 10 points for the second-consecutive game on Saturday. Strong-Moore shot 4-of-7 from the field and 2-of-3 from 3-point range while dishing out four assists in his starting debut. In three games of Big 12 play, Strong-Moore is averaging 8.7 points (second on team) while shooting 50 percent from both the field (10-of-20) and 3-point range (6-of-12).
  - Of Oklahoma's 64 points, 50 came from underclassmen. Sophomore guard Rashard Odomes notched 10 points on 5-of-7 shooting to go with six rebounds and freshman forward Kristian Doolittle collected eight points, eight boards and a pair of steals. Through three Big 12 games, 74.3 percent of Oklahoma's points have come from freshmen or sophomores.
  - Oklahoma's bench continued to contribute for the Sooners in a Big 12 game. Led by McGusty's 20 points, the OU reserves tallied 29 points – it's third-straight game of 24 or more bench points. The Sooners are averaging 29.3 bench points in league games.
  - Freshman forward Matt Freeman sunk a 3-pointer for the fourth consecutive game. The freshman has sunk a deep ball in six of his last seven outings and is shooting 4-of-8 (.500) from 3-point range during Big 12 competition.
  - Next up, Oklahoma hosts No. 3/2 Kansas on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. CT inside Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla. Tickets are still available on SoonerSports.com.
  - The Sooners and Jayhawks have met 210 previous times - the second most contests against any opponent in Oklahoma history. The Sooners have only faced Oklahoma State (231 games) more times than the Jayhawks. Kansas leads the overall series, 144-66. The Jayhawks are the only Big 12 team to own a winning record all-time against the Sooners. KU leads the series in Norman, 49-42.
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