

---

# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

---

## IOWA STATE 92, OKLAHOMA 87 (DOUBLE OVERTIME) JANUARY 21, 2017 • OKLAHOMA POSTGAME QUOTES

---

### OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH LON KRUGER

#### Opening statement:

"The game of streaks. We got off to a great start. They made a great run before halftime to take the lead, but we were able to play it back up second half to take it back. We were also in great shape during the first overtime, but it was a hard fought ball game from start to finish. It was one of those that you look back on how you played throughout the game. We had 25 turnovers and were careless with the ball. We did that way too frequently. That's a huge key in the ball game. That was a tough one with disappointment."

#### On OU's offense:

"We did have a lot of flow and depth, I think. Again, we got down in the paint and turned it over a few times there that you can't afford to do. We've got to be stronger and we've got to move better."

#### On losing the six-point lead in the first overtime period:

"Well at the end they cut a three, and of course they come back and make a three in transition. It's really they score, we miss, they score. It can happen that quickly. Six points is not that much if you get a stop, or get a score, on your end. Yeah, that was disappointing for sure. We'd like to finish it out from that point."

#### On starting the second half:

"We opened up the second half with good movement. I think we played for each other as we took the lead there. I thought we did a good job at that point, and then it was a game of streaks that we need to eliminate the bad stretches."

#### On the ball movement in overtime:

"We all do pretty bad at times, and we didn't have very much movement. We turned it over 25 times. That's certainly not something that you feel good about. Making that extra pass, getting it out of our hands, moving without the ball and all of that was good early but not so good when they made their run. You've got to work for a consistency of taking good spacing and maintaining good ball movement."

#### On making a turnaround Monday against Texas:

"A quick turnaround. We'll come back tomorrow. We won't do a lot activity wise. We'll watch film, shoot the stretch and we'll do things that will give us a chance to recover before Monday night. They're young. They just need to get back out there and bounce back."

### FRESHMAN GUARD KAMERON MCGUSTY

#### On the difference in turnovers between today and Wednesday against West Virginia:

"I just think we came out strong in the first half, and the second half we kind of got away from our principles of what we came in to do as opposed to keeping track of the ball."

#### On the learning experiences of the last week:

"It's very important with the games coming up in the future. We've got another round of Big 12 play. We've got to play Texas and Oklahoma State next, so we definitely need it going into the next half of Big 12."

#### On maintaining offensive discipline when things start going against them:

"It's very tough because I feel like people start doing a little more than what they need to, start doing things they don't have to do. That's where the turnovers come in."

### FRESHMAN FORWARD KRISTIAN DOOLITTLE

#### On if playing their third game in six days is catching up with them:

"No, it's just like being in an AAU game. In AAU, it was worse than that: you play three games a day. I'm still 19, so I'm not too old yet."

---

---

# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

---

## IOWA STATE 92, OKLAHOMA 87 (DOUBLE OVERTIME) JANUARY 21, 2017 • IOWA STATE POSTGAME QUOTES

---

### IOWA STATE HEAD COACH STEVE PROHM

#### Opening Statement:

"First off, I just want to say how proud I am of these guys. All of them. They go in tough situations and build their character. Our character is what we try to highlight every day. We were down 25-9, but these guys as players were really tough. I'm just really proud of these guys and we've just got to keep going forward."

#### On the game's first 12 minutes:

"I thought we were trying to make that emphasis the last couple of days of making the extra pass and I thought we were. I thought Matt [Thomas] and Naz [Mitrou-Long] missed a couple of good looks, shots that we wanted them to be taking. But I don't know how we made halftime and had 29 points. I don't know how many of those really came from half court execution or half court. They came from out-of-bounds and second chance and transition. [Oklahoma] came out tough. But it's a 40-minute game. Just like we can get up on teams and make comebacks, anything can happen. That's why we got tested in every area today and these kids responded at a high level."

#### On how his team's sense of urgency changed in the second half:

"Not so much offensively, but defensively. We won this game because of our toughness on the defensive end in the last couple of plays and in overtime. We threw some zone [defense] in. We've been working on it – I don't like playing it much, but we had to use it today... we had to change our game. But we're tough and we play the right way and I think we've got a good team."

### IOWA STATE FORWARD DEONTE BURTON

#### On his performance today:

"My teammates are why it went so well as usual. Seeing how Merrill (Holden) came off the bench after not playing four or five games and he still had the same energy made me play well."

#### On Merrill Holden's performance:

"He rebounded, blocked shots, and did the little things that might not show up on the stat sheet. He was working really hard."

### IOWA STATE GUARD MONTE MORRIS

#### On the difference between the first 12 minutes and the rest of the game:

"We came down to Norman knowing it would be tough to win. We had to hit them hard first and stand our ground and it was tough. We knew after a while if we stayed tough on the defensive end they would start missing shots. After we calmed down and got back into gaps forcing them to turn the ball over. It was a big turn-around for us."

#### On what was working during the 21 points scored in seven minutes:

"It is not easy to do if we do not get many stops. Everyone was all in, even the bench. When we get back to smiling, laughing and enjoying the game it makes it so much easier. Playing for the guy next to you is what we needed to be successful."

---