
OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH LON KRUGER

Opening Statement

"It was a tough battle. I thought obviously the West Virginia pressure bothered us a lot. We did not handle it nearly as well as we had to to have a chance to beat a good ball club. Defensively, in the half court we were fine, but again just too many turnovers with points and we fought that as hard as we have to. Receivers have got to be active, available, and have got to know where the guy with the ball is. West Virginia totally dictated that with good pressure."

On using Jordan Woodward and Jordan Shepard together tonight:

"We were just looking for him to compete to give a little activity out there and work to get open. I thought (Jordan) Shepherd came in and did a terrific job. He handled it with poise, moved and caught. I thought he did a really good job."

On the difference between beating the pressure in the first meeting and not being able to tonight:

"I think most importantly we did not think we moved with the same conviction and commitment to be available. West Virginia, you got to work hard. They do one of the best jobs in the country with their pressure. It did not kill us there, but it did tonight. They definitely won that battle."

On the quick start and trying to beat the pressure:

"When you do beat the pressure, you still have to make shots and finish with strong plays. We made a couple shots early and both teams had trouble scoring in the first half. The second half opened up kind of the same way, both teams had opportunities and did not finish. They had a couple buckets back to back and created a little bit of a margin."

FRESHMAN GUARD KAMERON MCGUSTY

On what the problem was tonight:

"I just do not think we executed like we planned, and there were a few times where (Kristian) Doolittle brought the ball up and we did not do a good job coming up to the ball."

FRESHMAN GUARD JORDAN SHEPHERD

On the mindset after a quick start:

"Our mindset should be to just keep pushing on, but I think we sort of just relaxed a little bit and got comfortable."

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- Oklahoma (8-15, 2-9 Big 12) was outlasted by No. 13/14 West Virginia (19-5, 7-4 Big 12) at Lloyd Noble Center, 61-50. The win was West Virginia's first ever victory in Norman. The Sooners are now 9-5 in the all-time series and 4-1 at LNC.
 - West Virginia led for the entire second half after outscoring the Sooners, 27-25, in the opening period. Trailing by as many as 13, Oklahoma pulled to within six points (53-47) with 3:56 remaining. The Mountaineers responded with an 8-1 run to regain a double-digit lead.
 - Junior forward Khadeem Lattin pulled down a season-high 14 rebounds while posting nine points. Lattin's 14 rebounds tied a career high, matching his performance against Kansas on Jan. 4, 2016. Lattin leads the Sooners with three games of at least 10 boards this season.
 - Freshman guard Kameron McGusty extended his streak of double-digit scoring to 11 games by producing 11 points with three rebounds. McGusty's 11 games mark the longest such streak by an OU freshman in the past 25 years. The guard leads the Sooners in conference play with 15.4 points per game.
 - Fellow freshman guard Jordan Shepherd led OU's bench scoring with 11 points and three assists. Shepherd's performance marked the most points he's scored in Big 12 play and was the third time he's scored in double digits this season.
 - Freshman forward Kristian Doolittle tallied eight points with six rebounds and two blocks. Doolittle has pulled down at least six rebounds in 10 of his last 11 outings.
 - Oklahoma freshmen combined to total 30 points – sixty percent of OU's total point output. In 11 Big 12 games, Sooner freshmen have accounted for 41.6 percent of OU's points – the second highest percent in the conference.
 - The Sooners head to Ames, Iowa, this weekend for a 5 p.m. CT meeting with Iowa State on Saturday, Feb. 11. The matchup will air on ESPN2. Oklahoma owns a 115-86 all-time record against the Cyclones, while ISU is 50-37 against the Sooners when playing in Ames. OU is 5-9 against Iowa State during the Kruger era, but has won two of the previous four meetings.
 - Iowa State outlasted the Sooners in double overtime, 92-87, in the first meeting of the season (Jan. 21). Jordan Woodard scored all 21 of his points after halftime, adding seven rebounds, five assists and three steals in 43 minutes of action. Doolittle totaled 15 points and a career-high 15 rebounds for the first double-double of his collegiate career and McGusty poured in 19 points.
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