
OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH LON KRUGER

Opening statement:

"It was a good battle for most of it. I'm proud of our guys fight. I thought they hung in there and battled. We didn't have a lot of things going offensively in the first half. I thought we guarded pretty well. In the second half, we made some good plays and widened it out a little bit and then Kansas made a terrific run. Again, just proud of our guys effort and our guys fight. Kansas knocked down a couple of 3s and got the crowd into it. They are a terrific ball club. We didn't hold them off long enough. I'm proud of our guys and we have one more to finish it out."

On the Turnovers during KU's 22-4 run:

The key when you come in here is not letting them score off of your offense by turning the ball over. They are great in transition. They take advantage of turnovers. And yeah, when we lost our composure there a bit at the six-, seven-, eight-minute mark we lost our composure. We just have to be stronger and fight through everything that's happening and go make a play. We didn't handle the ball tough enough during that time.

On the his team's foul trouble:

"I thought our guys played through that pretty well. Obviously foul trouble in the first half but came back and built the lead in the second half so at that point, we were in pretty good shape on fouls. I thought our guys handled that pretty well."

On forcing turnovers:

"I thought again in the first half and really the first half of the second half, we were active, helping each other, had some deflections, dug the ball out of the post a few times. I thought our alertness, awareness, with their lead of course we didn't get the stops. Our guys, again, very disappointed not to finish but I thought the fight and the effort in those 33 minutes was pretty good."

On Darrion Strong-Moore:

"Darrion had a really good stretch there in the second half that was a big factor in widening out the lead—made good plays, knocked down a couple shots. I thought he did a real good job during that stretch."

On Frank Mason:

"He's terrific. Like Kam said, he can hurt you in so many different ways. He's become such a great shooter. With a guy who's that quick and that can also shoot it—if you step at him at all, he can go by you. He's strong. He's got great instinct on finish, getting his body in you. He just knows how to play—a great competitor. You add all that together, that's why he's maybe the best player in the country."

JUNIOR FORWARD KHADEEM LATTIN

On Josh Jackson:

"That goes to our guards—my guards. We went in with an objective and we executed that objective."

On the positives his team can take away:

"We can take away a few things. For a stretch there, for about 30, 33 minutes, we competed hard. We did what we had to do and we executed very well, so we're going to grow from those minutes as well as the minutes where we didn't do what we wanted to do as much and we didn't get the results we like. We're going to go back and study some film and we're going to grow from both of those."

FRESHMAN GUARD KAMERON MCGUSTY

On what like when KU was on run:

It was definitely a crazy atmosphere. But we just have to learn from it. We all had a couple of mistakes that we made. We have to get back in the gym to fix them.

On the positives his team can take away:

"The same thing what Khadeem said. I think we fought really hard. We executed really hard in the first half and halfway through the second half, it's just those last 5-6 minutes of the game, we've got to put something together. Like he said, we're going to get back and watch film and work harder and focus in on playing that way for 40 minutes as opposed to 35."

On if he's playing his best right now:

"There's always room for improvement. Whether we were undefeated or we have the record we have now, there's always room for improvement so of course I don't think we're playing our best but I think we're playing pretty good right now."
