

KANSAS POSTGAME QUOTES

Kansas Head Coach Bill Self

On what it's like to have Udoka Azubuike...

"It's obviously a luxury, but he wouldn't be here if he hadn't been hurt two years. He played 9 games one year and 10 games one year, so basically Udoka's a sophomore and a half from a playing experience standpoint. Unfortunately our team, we were ranked number one in the country last year when he gets hurt and then we don't finish strong. But that was the only reason he came back, was because he was hurt. If he had stayed on the same path he would have gone last year. So even though it's unfortunate, we caught a break with that. Gillespie's the same way, he's improved so much. And he's an older guy, fifth-year senior if I'm not mistaken. It's good to have big guys that know how to play position and they can rebound outside their area and can certainly control the team defense in the league like those two can."

On what the game meant to them...

"It meant a lot to our guys, a lot more than a league race. We didn't talk about the league race. It meant a lot to us from, they beat us the first time, they're home and they controlled it. They controlled the game at home a lot more than we controlled the game here. But I think we were pretty motivated to play a highly competitive game in a great atmosphere. You know with a lot of eyeballs watching it today, that meant a lot more to us than the actual league race."

On the quality of these two teams with five combined losses...

"You'd probably have to ask someone who covers nationally more than me. I'm biased because I think that. I think Baylor is the best team that we have played against since I've been in the league the last 17 years. I think you could look at Oklahoma State in '04 and you can look at Tech in '19, but I think at the same stage Baylor has played better than both of those teams at the same stage. I don't know how it's going to finish, but I would certainly feel strongly about that. I think that we were not the most visually attractive team to watch at times, but I do think that we have a nice squad. I think it speaks well for our league to have two teams that have done so well at the top."

Kansas Senior Udoka Azubuike

On the emotion in the game...

"I was just kind of emotional, a lot of people say 'oh he can't do this, oh he can't do that.' All my life I have been looked down on, every team. So to get out here playing and giving it all to my teammates and everybody, it just makes me emotional."

On how he prepared and how well he played...

"Yeah, I did. Like coming in I heard on my side, I have been yearning for people to see our type of stuff. But then again, my teammates do a good job on giving me the ball. We stuck with what coach wanted us to do."

Kansas Sophomore Devon Dotson

On the last shot...

"We knew that they were trying to get a three. So, we switched five and switched off on me and made it tough on him. Keep a hand in his face. I mean, we executed and toughed it out and communicated with each other. It was a big stop."

On the statement they made today...

"We're a silent team that can make a run late in March. We're not going to get complacent from this one. We're going to build off of it. We're going to enjoy this win, but build off of it for sure."

On Coach Self during the week...

“It was big on emphasis. We emphasized a lot of defensive, we know they’re a good defensive team. We played a lot of defense. We were just pretty much just trying to find a way to get me the ball and have a ball screen, a lot of emphasis on that and a couple new plays.”