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# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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## **OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH LON KRUGER**

### **Opening statement:**

"From our perspective, not much good there. I thought Florida did great. Mike White does a great job with them. They're a really good team. Pretty much after the first 10 minutes, they dominated every aspect. Florida was much quicker with loose balls, the offensive boards, but we just didn't win very many battles. We have to bounce back quickly and do a lot of things better."

### **On the offense:**

"Florida is good, and I'll give them the credit for a lot of this, but we didn't move the ball very well. We got hung up a lot and we didn't finish opportunities when we had them. Again, we need to get a lot better."

### **On if this game was disappointing after playing the last four games so close:**

"It is disappointing for sure. We've been making good progress in a lot of ways. At this point, the last couple of losses have been very disappointing. We fought them hard. Today we didn't lock in there and compete for that result. Again, credit to Florida for doing that. We didn't match their intensity in those areas."

### **On if having a game on Monday will be enough time to bounce back:**

"From a player's perspective, you want to get back out there for sure. There's no question about that. Being Bedlam, that adds a little bit more to it for sure. The guys understand that we've got to renovate quickly and do things a lot better."

### **On 3-point shooting:**

"Anytime you can make 3s, it forces the defense to extend a little bit. When we're not getting threes, we do exactly what you said. We collapse a little bit more and help a little more. We didn't shoot it very well today, but I give credit to Florida for a lot of that as well."

### **On Oklahoma State Head Coach Brad Underwood:**

"They've won the last couple, so they're feeling good about what they've done. Even during that stretch where they weren't winning, I thought they were right there. They were like a lot of our losses. They were right there, but not quite, and now they have won a couple. I think he's done a great job and will keep doing a great job. The guys play hard; they understand what each player needs to do. He does a terrific job."

## **FRESHMAN GUARD KAMERON MCGUSTY**

### **On the players wanting to get back out there as quick as possible:**

"Yes sir, we do. We want to get back and play, but tomorrow we have to go to practice first and focus on the things that we did not do right today."

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### FLORIDA HEAD COACH MIKE WHITE

#### On the rebounding advantage:

"It was huge. I can't think of another game this year where I felt that good about us, postgame, how we rebounded the ball. I felt like we attacked the boards with reckless abandon and drew some fouls in other situations. Kavarrus (Hayes) and Justin (Leon) obviously led the charge in the second half. Looking down at the stat sheet, Kasey Hill went and got four big rebounds. We have to rebound the ball even better on the defensive glass, but to get 37 (defensive rebounds) tonight shows that guys have embraced it and focused on working on it and it showed tonight."

#### On winning two road games by 20-plus:

"It feels good. To come to Oklahoma and beat a Lon Kruger-led team by one point would've felt great. We just had a really good week. We played really well this week. I feel like we've spent a lot of time addressing our early second half issues, and in both of these games, we were much better in second halves, even if we had a couple lulls there. The issue is how we can bottle this up and take how we've played like this on the road and replicate it at home in Gainesville."

#### On lineup changes after half:

"I do that for the team. I'm proud of the guys that they've embraced it. We talk about not having any drama around this. I don't care if you have 25 points at halftime, if you're not playing with the same offensive and rebounding energy as a guy who's competing with you for minutes, you're not starting the second half. The last two games we've started the second half with our energy guys. I don't know if that's how the next one will go but it seems to be working the last couple."

#### On sophomore forward Kavarrius Hayes:

"He was great. The ball just finds him at times. He's not hunting (for the ball), he doesn't have an agenda like, 'when coach calls a play for me, I'm going to try to do this or score this many points,' he's not worried about touches. This is what we preach to our guys: if you're playing the right way, our team is what is in the best interest of Florida this year. We have the balance and we have the depth. The challenges are to just run our stuff, and if you're going to cut, cut hard as possible. If it's your job to set a ball screen, set a good screen. If you're supposed to dive to the rim, dive to the rim. Sprinting the floor, Kavarrius and Justin Leon just do their jobs at a high level. It's not always pretty but his intensity level was there today."

#### On returning home with momentum:

"I'm nervous as heck for this flight back to Gainesville. I love playing at home, I love our fans, the Rowdies have been incredible. It's been electric in there. It's not like we've shot it poorly in there. For whatever reason, our defensive numbers and attention to detail and focus and intensity level has not been matched compared to how we've defended and rebounded on the road. It's really odd. I don't know whether it's distractions or being too comfortable like it's just going to happen for us because we are at home. We are going to continue to address it. We're going to work on those areas as much as anything else."

### SOPHOMORE FORWARD KEVARRIUS HAYES

#### On the game's physicality:

"As a team we really emphasized going to the glass. We have done a lot of drills working on physicality because we knew the next games coming up were going to be tough."

#### On being a leader on the floor:

"I just try to run hard and do the little things to help. Because I run the floor I might pick up a man and clear the paint."

### GRADUATE GUARD CANYON BARRY

#### On the mindset coming into the game:

"Every game you have to have the right mindset. Oklahoma is a young team, and obviously they are very talented, having a great run last year. You cannot take any teams lightly in this league."