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# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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### HEAD COACH LON KRUGER

#### Opening statement:

“It was a tough game, and I think Texas Tech did a really good job. Coach Beard is doing an outstanding job – I love the way his guys play. I admire their focus, toughness, and commitment. There’s no surprise there, and he’s done that wherever he’s been. I thought our guys came out in the second half with a little pop, a little activity, a little energy and got back in the ball game. There were too many breakdowns in the last five minutes. We had wasted possessions – we fouled, and we couldn’t keep the ball in front of us when we needed to. Tech took advantage of that. Again, I like our team’s fight, but we just have to keep working at it. We have to keep getting better, but other people in the league are getting better too. We’ve got to get better more quickly than they do somehow.”

#### On the assessment of his team’s defense:

“We lost a guy in transition once, and it turned into an easy bucket. We fouled several times which turned [Aaron] Ross into a really good free throw shooter. He made several down the stretch, not what it needs to be to win close games.”

#### On his concern toward the team’s free throw percentage:

“We’re concerned about a lot of things. If you’re not winning ball games, there are a lot of things that contribute to that. Certainly, we’d like Jordan [Woodard] to attack a little more and draw fouls. He hasn’t been able to do that much. It was good to see him get out a couple of three’s, and even Darrion [Strong-Moore] got in a couple three’s. Kameron [McGusty] has continued to be aggressive and make a lot of good plays. So, we just need more guys to play with more consistency. We’ve got to figure out how to help them do that.”

#### On his team’s inconsistency:

“We’ve been battling that all year, individually, by backing up three games in a row. As a team, too, we haven’t done things consistently very well. When you’re not winning games, that’s typically the case. So, we just have to do things better. We have to have better habits, teach better, work in practice better and we just need to do a lot of things to help them do the things they need to do.”

#### On Texas Tech’s depth:

“They’ve got good depth. Guys off the bench came in and did a good job for them. It’s hard to measure something like that, but it could have definitely contributed.”

### FRESHMAN GUARD KAMERON MCGUSTY

#### On what went wrong in the last minutes of the game:

“A couple of defensive breakdowns. One time, we were supposed to run a play and didn’t get it ran. It was just the little things like that, but little things will take you a long way in the game. We just need to get back to practice and fix those things.”

#### On how frustrating it is to lose Big 12 games because of the little things:

“It’s very frustrating. It’s hard to cope with, but we just need to focus on it and find a way to fix it.”