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# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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## OKLAHOMA 81, KANSAS STATE 51 FEBRUARY 25, 2017 • POSTGAME NOTES

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- Oklahoma (10-18, 4-12 Big 12) defeated Kansas State (17-12, 6-10 Big 12), 81-51, on Saturday inside Lloyd Noble Center. The victory was the 600th career win for Oklahoma head coach **Lon Kruger**. He is the 33rd head men's basketball coach to win 600 career NCAA Division I games. Kruger owns a career record of 600-379 - the 10th-most Division I victories among active head coaches.
  - Kruger's milestone win happened to come against his alma mater. Kruger played for Kansas State from 1970-74 and was named the Big Eight Player of the Year in 1973 and 1974. He also coached the Wildcats from 1986 to 1990, compiling a record of 81-46. In 2003, Kruger was inducted into the Kansas State Hall of Fame. His number was retired at K-State in 2006.
  - Oklahoma's 30-point margin of victory is the Sooners' largest margin of victory in a Big 12 game since defeating Texas Tech, 81-36, on Jan. 28, 2015.
  - The Sooner win stopped a two-game K-State winning streak in the all-time series. Oklahoma leads the series 107-98 and owns a 62-27 record against the Wildcats in Norman.
  - OU won the game thanks to its defense. The Sooners held K-State to 14-of-56 (.250) shooting from the field and 3-of-23 (.130) from 3-point range. The Wildcats' shooting percentage was the lowest by an OU opponent since the Sooners limited Norfolk State to 15-of-61 (.246) on Nov. 10, 2006. The Sooners swiped 10 steals and blocked six shots while forcing 17 K-State turnovers.
  - Oklahoma held Kansas State to 20 first-half points – the fewest scored in an opening half by a Sooner opponent since Northern Iowa (18) on Nov. 18 in OU's third game of the season.
  - Junior forward **Khadeem Lattin** registered his second double-double of the season with team highs in both points (17) and rebounds (10). His 17 points were the most he's scored since producing 19 as part of his only other double-double of the season (Nov. 13 vs. Northwestern State). Lattin was 7-of-8 from the charity stripe and added three blocks in the game.
  - With 16 points on 7-of-9 shooting, sophomore guard **Rashard Odomes** reached double-digits for the fourth time in the last five games. Odomes added six rebounds, three assists and two steals. The sophomore is averaging 17.7 points and 8.0 boards in the past three games.
  - Rookie point guard **Jordan Shepherd** poured in 12 points on the afternoon for his fourth double-digit scoring performance of the season. The freshman also grabbed a career-high five rebounds and dished a team-high four assists. Shepherd played 32 minutes in the contest, just one short of his career-high of 33 minutes against Memphis on Dec. 17.
  - Freshman guard **Kameron McGusty** fell short of 10 points for the first time since Dec. 30, finishing with seven points, four rebounds and a pair of steals. McGusty had scored in double figures for 15 consecutive games, which was the longest by an OU freshman since Jeff Webster in 1990-91 and the longest of any Big 12 freshman this season.
  - The Oklahoma bench continued its recent trend of stepping up its scoring in the team's absence of senior guard **Jordan Woodard**. OU scored 35 points off the bench for the third time in the past four games. Since losing Woodard to a season-ending knee injury on Feb. 11, the OU reserves are combining to average 31.5 points per game.
  - The Sooners outscored K-State in the paint, 40-18. Oklahoma is 5-0 this season when scoring 40 or more paint points.
  - Up next, the Sooners hit the road for the final time this season on Monday, Feb. 27 when they travel to Phog Allen Fieldhouse to face No. 3/3 Kansas. The Big Monday game will be televised on ESPN and tip at 8 p.m. CT. Kansas leads the overall series, 145-66. The Jayhawks are the only Big 12 team to own a winning all-time record against the Sooners. KU leads the series in Lawrence, 74-16.
  - Oklahoma will look for its first win inside Allen Fieldhouse since 1993. The Sooners came close to snapping the Jayhawks home winning streak in a triple-overtime thriller that ended in a 109-106 KU victory. Buddy Hield scored 46 points in the loss and shot 8-of-15 from 3-point range.
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