OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH LON KRUGER

Opening statement:
“We did a lot of good things of course. I thought we set a really nice tone defensively early. We started picking up the ball and really established a lot of good stuff. The other guys kind of fell in line on defense. We kept them a little uncomfortable for the most part. I thought we really pushed the ball offensively. Our guys made a lot of good plays. Trae (Young) pushed the ball out of the back… even Brady (Manek) here was knocking down shots. A lot of guys playing with a lot of confidence.”

On shooting percentage:
“We’ll take that every night, that’s for sure. You know, obviously, anyone would. Again, that happens when you get the ball out of the backcourt quickly, protect the defense before it sets and make that extra pass. The guys did a really good job.”

On intensity change from the first game:
“The group will keep on getting better. They understand a lot more now than they did three weeks ago about the five-on-five thoughts defensively. They’ve responded really well. They’re talking and motivating each other more. It’s a lot more effective when they’re doing one to another than just coaching the players. I think we’re ready to take the next step in that area. That’s really exciting to see.”

On second game scoring over 100 points:
“Again, defense has something to say about that. We’ll push it. We got that pace going out of the backcourt that Trae provides and have big guys that can run. We like to create an advantage in the transitioning time as much as we can.”

OKLAHOMA FRESHMAN GUARD TRAE YOUNG

On tonight’s game:
“It’s always fun to have a chance to play another game. It’s always fun. Another day, another opportunity to play, so, it’s always fun.”

On fellow freshmen:
“I could say so much about him (Brady Manek,) we probably wouldn’t be able to make it home at a good time tonight. He’s an outstanding player, very smart. He can really shoot the ball, plays defense, very athletic as you can tell, just a really good player. He fits our team really well.”

On shooting:
“I felt a lot better. That first one, had to get it out of the way, just got a rhythm, got a good warm-up, did the same routine that I always do. Shot a lot better tonight.”

On PK80:
“It’s going to be fun, the first ever PK80. We’re playing some really good teams and it’s going to be a battle every night. It’s going to be a challenge, and we have a lot to get better at.”

On his shooting tonight:
“That’s just how I play, whatever the team needs from me that night is what I’ll do. I’ll come out aggressive, but I’ll also come out and find everyone and make sure everyone has a good feel for the game. They make it easier on me. The defender can’t necessarily help off of me, so they make it easier on me.”

OKLAHOMA FRESHMAN FORWARD BRADY MANEK

On playing with Trae Young:
“He’s always going to find us, obviously, he’s got 13 assists by spreading the floor and just making plays.”

On how the early-season home games will help the team:
“Just getting a great opportunity for us to play against good competition. Some learning experience before we hit the Big 12 games later in the season. It’s going to be a good opportunity to get some experience.”
OKLAHOMA SENIOR FORWARD KHADEEM LATTIN

On the defense:
“I think that, like Coach (Kruger) said, we rolled, picked up the ball better early and attacked it. (Trae Young) did too. We didn’t let the ball get to the wing very easily. We made it tough for them to catch and then we put them in uncomfortable spots.”

On how he played offensively:
“It feels good. (Trae Young) had 13 assists, we were just catching and getting ready to shoot, and he will get you in the right spots.”

On playing with Trae Young:
“It’s wicked, it’s fun with a guy like (Trae Young). He’s going to push the ball, so really just find a lane, find a spot, give him a little area between you and the defender so he can get the ball through there and just wait. Just do your job and he’s going to his. It’s exciting to play with (Trae Young), especially at the breakneck speed that we do. It’s going to be fun.”

On the speed of the offense:
“Yeah, it’s fun. I mean, (Trae Young) caught me a few times on the fast break, quick little easy dunks. It’s fun, it’s exciting and we’re really moving, so we’ve got a lot of weapons and we’re excited to use them.”