

Post-Game Press Conference Quotes Head Coach Wes Miller Dec. 14, 2021

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Opening Statement

"It just feels good to get back in the win column. I am happy for our players because it has been a lot of doom and gloom around here. Certainly, I have not been in the best mood...we have been really demanding, as we should be, after the way we played and the way we have been. With that being said, they've been trying pretty hard since yesterday...longer than I have ever pushed them day before a game. I thought they were trying to respond, and they did some nice things and you saw the things we were working on in practice. In film session Sunday, we saw some improvement there. It's good to see some of the things we value be successful on the court. I think that can help us gain some confidence and it's good to get back in the win column and get back on the right track."

On David DeJulius

"I am happy about that. I thought David DeJulius (senior guard) was phenomenal tonight. We have been asking so much from him offensively, doing so many things and putting him in so many positions where he has to go make a play, broken down without a whole lot of advantage. He didn't have a ton of chances to shoot it, but he really made plays for others when he did have chances. He really got others involved. I thought he was trying to help our team take a step defensively and take a step forward in areas we have been preaching in practice. I thought his mentality really showed a lot of leadership tonight. I was just really proud of him."

On Ody Oguama

"Among others...Ody Oguama (junior forward) was terrific. His activity, his decision-making...If you told me back in June after a couple weeks of summer practice, that I'd be praising Ody's decision-making before Christmas, I would have told you were crazy. He made some really good decision-making in the post to put the defense in the rotation and get the defense rotating. He had some success early and he expects himself to play well. It is nice to see him get back on track and I am really proud of him. It's good to see our guys have some success, but especially those two."

On Sam Martin

"I do not think we ever spend enough time praising Sam Martin (senior guard). He is so important to our program...the guy has more injuries than a prize fighter. He is so beat up and he has played so many years of college basketball. He does the scout team every day, gets banged up every day. He never says boo. He is a leader in our locker room. He is a really bright young man, and I am so happy he does not want to coach. He's too smart for that. He'll be really successful in business. On the second play of his game, he puts his chest out and takes a charge. It's just the type of young man he is. He is way more impactful to our team's success than he gets credit for."