

Jarron Cumberland

“We were in the bonus. So, I was trying to get fouled and get to the free throw line.”

“Coach always tells me not to focus on the shots I miss but just to come back and make the other ones.”

“I’ve played in games like this year and I learned from the seniors last year and now it’s my turn to help the younger players.”

Coach Cronin

Opening statement...

“I’m going to say this, for the first time this year we looked like the last two years defensively. The reason I say this is our team was really smart with veteran players. As the game goes on, we see what another team is trying to do to our defense. The players see it and don’t give it up a second time. We gave up 24 points in the second half because our guys were really in tune with what Ole Miss was trying to run against us, just as much as the coaches.

“With six minutes to go, we talked about the Nevada game and about not giving up the three-point shot with a big lead. Today, they didn’t make a three in the last six minutes. We did an excellent job of playing smart defense down the stretch. To only have 7 turnovers against that Ole Miss team that is forcing 16.3 turnovers a game shows a lot about our guard play and toughness. That was key. I was really happy with that. If you only give up 57, you’re going to win a lot of games.”

“Kermit is a good friend of mine and my respect for him as a coach is as high as any coach in the country. What he did at Middle Tennessee was

unbelievable and given time, what he is going to do at Ole Miss is going to be awesome.”