



Postgame Quotes: Cincinnati 85, Wichita State 76
Head Coach Wes Miller
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Opening statement

"I am pleased that we are back in the win column. Sometimes where you go through a stretch where you lose two in a row, you just want to find a way to win a game... I thought we had that kind of mentality tonight just to figure out a way to win a game. So, that's the number one thing, and that's the characteristic of a team. It doesn't mean that you are going to win every night, but winning is a characteristic, and a mentality to win is very important. We are still developing that, but a step in the right direction tonight. I thought the ball really moved early. That's probably the most fluent we have looked in a long time, and I think there have been sometimes this year when you look, and you have 20 assists, and I have been pleased with our offense, but you still feel like we could get high-quality shots. Tonight, I thought we created a higher-quality shot, and I thought that is because we executed better, shared the ball better, and made the right play. I thought it was fueled early by some live ball defensive stops. I did like us defensively to start the game, but I did not love us defensively for 40 minutes. We have to get back to the way that I know we can defend defensively, and I will give Wichita credit because they are tough to defend... everybody on their roster can really score the basketball, so you have to give them credit. I think we can be more engaged defensively for 40 minutes, even though there were some better stretches tonight. But you score 85 guys, you better win, and we were very good offensively at times tonight."

On balance of the offence

"We have good offensive players, and for us to be who we need to be as a team, everybody has to be able to contribute. I think (senior guard) Dave (DeJulius) is getting so much attention with his ability to get rid of the ball early and on time is really important to our offensive success as a team, and he did that at an incredibly elite level tonight. There were some plays [David] made in the first half that were unbelievable. I think it is important that other guys get involved and give David a lot of credit tonight for getting other guys involved."

On having senior center Abdul Ado back

"He's great. I said this on my radio show that he is not a stat sheet stuffer, but his value possession in and possession out is as good as anybody on our roster. He just means so much to our team. Abdul made some really good plays down the stretch to cover the rim for us and made some big-time plays."