



**Head Coach Wes Miller Press Conference  
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***Opening Statement***

"17 turnovers, guys are going to be upset about that. Displeased with that, and some of them were careless but give them credit. They've got a really good basketball club, a lot of respect there. I'm not pleased, very disappointed. Sometimes outcomes are outcomes and we're all competitive but very disappointed in our approach. Especially in the second half and I feel like this team has taken a lot of steps and it has a better character than when scoring tonight. So that's my frustration, and I told the kids in the locker room, not good enough. So, you know you can talk about 17 turnovers. You can talk about not being able to score coming out the half, you can talk about how that affected the next possession. So yeah, there's frustration there, disappointment, but it's league play. And we're going to have to learn from this. I feel like we've taken so many steps forward over the last six, seven weeks, or 5-6 weeks, whatever it's been. It's felt like a little bit of a step backwards and we got to regroup and recharge and get ready for the next one."

***On Victor Lakhin second-half performance against Houston***

"This is like out of respect for how good of a player I think Victor is. He was 8 of 10 from the line, so that has a lot to do with it. He got fouled and made his foul shots. I think he'd tell you the same thing I didn't think was his best game. His line is respectable, It's a good line. Sixteen points and six rebounds, I should say, but I didn't think it was his best game."

***On the team winning the rebounding battle as a silver lining from the game***

"We are in January we're in league play its past silver linings to me at this point. It's about there is a standard, and you play to it. If you lose, you will be upset, but if you played to that standard, you wake up the next day and do it again. To me, that is where we have to get now. This is not like a building thing, it's like now. We didn't do that tonight. It's not okay, not acceptable. We need to be accountable for that. It's not about silver linings. We have good enough players, we have good enough team character to beat anyone in college basketball on any given night. It's not okay to play and act to the standards that we are capable of."

***On having more consistency throughout the game***

"That's a good question. If I had the answer for that we wouldn't be sitting here talking about it. If I had the magic solution. You can use any cliché you want. The approach that I have, and that

I believe in is you just keep valuing it, working on finishing the account before. If I had the magic wand, we'd be up here celebrating right now."