

Head Coach Wes Miller Press Conference Memphis 75, Cincinnati 68 Jan. 22, 2023

Opening Statement

"I don't think we played well, but tip your cap to Penny (head coach Hardaway) and his group. I thought to start the game they were much quicker to the ball and came in ready to play. DeAndre Williams and Kendric Davis gave us a ton of problems, they had great lines. It is going be hard to win when the two best players on the other team have stats like that. We spent a lot of time preparing our guys for that and we didn't do a good enough job preparing and executing. I am disappointed in how we played; we did not play well. I think we have been playing good basketball and that was not the case today."

On the success that Memphis had on backdoor cuts

"They were cutting out of the corners, strong side that was frustrating because it is something that we work on every day seeing man and ball, reacting to cutting, talked a lot about it but I thought in the second half we did not have as much of that."

On Jeremiah Davenport making the three and tying it at 50

"We had a nice run to come back, early in the second half. I thought from there we struggled again."

On Mika Adams-Woods

"It wasn't his best night, and he would be the first person to tell you that. I thought Memphis played great, let's get that straight, but I thought Mika had great looks. It wasn't so much gameplan, but the ball found him tonight, he was open, and he didn't make it. He's a good shooter, he has shot it well all year, he didn't shoot it well tonight, I thought early in the game he over-penetrated, which hasn't been doing, he could have kept his dribble going and found the open guy. I thought that happened twice. Once in transition, he gets the offensive foul, and once when we ran an action and the red sea parts, and he is downhill, and they run to him, and instead of kicking it out to the corner, he kept it. Those are the plays he hasn't made all, and he made them tonight, but this is college basketball. Some nights the ball goes in on open and other nights, it doesn't. It doesn't tonight, and to me, it shouldn't impact whether we win or lose the game that is just basketball."