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POSTGAME QUOTES

CINCINNATI 72, MOUNT ST. MARY'S 55

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CINCINNATI, OHIO | FIFTH THIRD ARENA

ATTENDANCE: 9,007

Cincinnati Head Coach Wes Miller

Opening Statement

"During the last 12 minutes of the second half, we started playing Cincinnati basketball. Day Day [Thomas] diving on the floor for a loose ball that didn't even look like it was in his area. I thought that was the defining moment during that stretch. That was good. Our length at the rim finally became a factor in the game in the second half. I thought we guarded the 3-point line better; some of it was communication errors in transition, or communication errors on broken plays, which we practice all the time. I give them credit, like when we made a mistake in the first half, they made the shot. I thought our defense led to offense in the second half, and it was a much better second half than it was the first half for us."

On not shooting well

"It's something that people need to understand about our team is one of our strengths is 3-point shooting. We're going to have nights where we shoot a lot of threes. We're going to have nights we make a lot of threes, and it's going to be a lot of fun. Then there's going to be nights that you don't shoot the ball well, but if you don't take the bad ones, and there's a couple tonight that we'll look at and talk about in the film tomorrow and say that's not a good one. When you take the good ones, you should be on the offensive board. Even when you miss them, you should have a chance on the offensive class. I thought in the second half we did a better job of that. We're going to have nights that the ball doesn't go in. There's going to be some nights it does, but I think you can still have success if you can get the ball to the board and you don't take bad ones."

On how to work on communication with the players

"At this point in the year, it's about figuring out the stuff that consistently wins and committing to doing it every single possession. That's the defining factor within our team. Tonight was good because when we didn't do that stuff, maybe it wasn't a good result. When we did that stuff, we had a great result. So, there's quite a bit you can learn from tonight."

On the turnover situation tonight

“I'm not pleased with 10 turnovers. I thought we still had quite a few careless turnovers, but it's been a big emphasis in practice. We've been working on it. We didn't have a turnover problem till the last week or so. I think we got to get back to some fundamental stuff again. We started that the last couple days. We got to have a good week there, and we're going to, we're going to be a really good offensive team, but we got some work to do to get back to playing with the right pace, ball movement and decision making.”

On the reason for Tyler McKinley being kept off the floor

“I wouldn't call it an injury. It was one of those times where he just didn't feel right. Bob (Mangine) said, we're going to hold him the rest of the game, so I don't have any update. I don't think it's something that's going to keep him from playing or anything like that, at least to my knowledge. Nothing happened. Just kind of didn't quite feel right. He did practice last two days. He was a little limited yesterday, but again, we've been trying to be very cautious. With him, and his return, I thought we really missed his energy tonight, for sure.”