

POST-GAME QUOTES VS. ARIZONA

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COACH WEIR

"Our defense was awful. I don't want to pretend it wasn't. You do have to give Arizona some credit. They shot the heck out of the basketball tonight. I know those guys are skilled enough to shoot threes and they are special. They really showed how good of a team they are, made a lot of big shots and that is a good basketball team."

"I don't know if (the slow beginning) was scared of the moment, or what it was, but it just wasn't good enough. It's going to change tomorrow."

"I thought the game was played and moving at the pace we wanted. We didn't want them to be able to set up their half-court offense and get the ball inside and run all of their sets/actions and beat us that way. We wanted them to beat us the way they beat us and they're really good players. They made very good plays. There's another part of our energy level, defensively, that wasn't good enough. It has to get better."

"I thought offensively, we could get pretty much any shot we wanted. It was just our patience level and, whenever we took quick bad shots, we weren't able to get good looks. I thought Dane just had great looks at the rim tonight. A lot of it, you have to credit his teammates. We were really able to set it up, get it inside-out and some kick outs. That's what, hopefully, he's going to continue to do for us."

"We just couldn't get a break to go our way, which, in a close game, I thought maybe, but when you're down 16 points, it's just hard to spot somebody that much."

DANE KUIPER

"I just really wanted to come out and stick to my form. I've been shooting not how I would like to the last two games, so every time I had an open shot I just took it with confidence and my teammates found me. Having it on my birthday, I thought I'm either going to foul out or score a lot because I was so excited."

"We finally spaced the floor on offense correctly. We've been doing a lot of driving, coming to stops and finding people, so I think that was really opening up the game tonight."

"I think it was a let-down for our team in the first half – we can all agree on that. We didn't have the deflections we wanted or play as hard as we wanted. If we put a full game together, like we did in the second half, I think we would have been good."

"Sometimes the game just doesn't flow right but, in the end, we just picked it up and came up short."

TROY SIMONS

"I think we just weren't communicating with one another and that's why Arizona was getting so many open shots (in the first half)."

"We knew we didn't play as hard as we did in the first half like the second half. The coaches told us at half-time that we need to come out and play harder in the next half."