

(Opening statement)

“The KFC Yum! Center has not been kind to us in the last half dozen years and it was very important for us to play well and to get the win. Certainly Louisville was equal to the task and came at us very hard, especially in the second half, just driving the ball to the basket. We were very fortunate that we were able to hang on late. Isaiah Wong’s four-point play was huge and Charlie Moore getting us off to such a good start, hitting those long distance threes... And I loved our team’s execution against their zone. They don’t zone that often, but we have discussed with the team how to handle the zone and we were going to look for a lob and we were able to get a couple of them right away. So that got them out of the zone and got us a comfortable 10-point lead at the half. As I said, in the second half they were really attacking and made it very difficult on us, but we were able to hang on for the win.”

(On clutch play Kameron McGusty’s performance)

“I think our three guards have always been able to step up when they were needed the most this season. You saw Isaiah (Wong) make the three and get fouled, you saw Charlie (Moore) get fouled and make free throws and Kam’s ability to hit the medium-range elbow jumper was critical. You have to have players that make plays, you can tell them what offense to run but they have to execute, and the guys did a great job.”

(On his team’s ability to come away with back-to-back wins on the road)

“The road has always been very, very tough on old teams. The thing you have to do is, you have to play really well. The home team is like to have a really good game, and in order to beat them, you have to play not just as good as them but better than them. You have to do things that give you a chance to win the game and we did that tonight by getting out in front and having a 10-point lead at halftime.)

(On responding to Louisville’s surge out of halftime)

“The whole key at halftime was us coming out and trying to re-establish our game. We did a good job; we scored the ball pretty quickly. Sam Waardenburg was really good at the beginning, we hit him on a slip, he drove it and got fouled; later in the half, he drove it and dunked the ball. We did a good job, the only thing is Louisville turned it up a notch and started driving the ball to the basket and posting us up, and as I’ve said all season, we’re not a big, strong, physical, bulky team. They are much bulkier than us, so when they started going to the rim and posting us up it was very hard to stop them.