



Mizzou Men's Basketball Postgame Quotes vs. Lindenwood

Mizzou Arena - Columbia, Mo.

Final Score: Mizzou 82, Lindenwood 53

Whitten Family Men's Basketball Head Coach Dennis Gates

Opening statement ...

"I thought our guys, from a 48-hour turnaround, did a great job. It's one of those things where you can't practice live. So you have to do certain things from a rehab and culture standpoint but these moments like this will hopefully prepare us for those days come when we're playing three-straight days. We have a veteran group and I thought they did some remarkable things. The one identity piece that comes about to have 20 assists again, is a great stat to have. It allows us to now continue what I truly believe is who we are. And that's winning by committee."

On keys to defensive success...

"The key is our depth. Being able to play to exhaustion is a very important thing when you have guys on the court at all the times playing as hard as they have, that's a special thing. You have to have the energy, the enthusiasm and the effort related to playing at a high level by committee. If you have guys with that unselfish spirit, subbing in and subbing out, playing as hard as they can and pushing each other, it's going to ignite our defense any day of the week because there's no gaps in our connectivity."

On finding team identity...

"I think when it comes down to the beginning of the season, you allow each game to identify who you are, through the situations that you encounter through adversity that you may have to get through. But also through the different players that stand up and lead. I think through it all, you've seen in our first three games, different guys step up in different ways. I just think ultimately, we have to allow each situation to figure out who we are. Sometimes roles are going to differ from game-to-game and our guys are wise enough, they're unselfish enough to do what needs to be done to come away with a win."

Senior Forward Kobe Brown

On what goes into his game to excel in assists ...

"Oh, yeah, nothing specific just, you know, playing, just playing the right way. Just getting my teammates involved in opening routes."

On how teams spreading out helps his own shots ...

"It definitely helps, it helps a whole lot. A lot of teams, you know, like the double team in the post or on drives or whatever, but it's kind of hard to do that when guys are making shots and guys, that's the score. So, you know it's a big thing for us. We're kind of hoping, banking on the double team because it just opens shots."

Graduate Point Guard Nick Honor

On the 48-hour turnaround...

"We just really have like a 24-hour grace period for the next game. So we just looked at some film on the next team, did a little bit of a walkthrough to some things we need to fix from prior games and the game

coming up. Pretty much the biggest thing is focus. Coach Nutt always tells us that's going to be our biggest thing in the game. So we just did that. It seems to be working.”

On coming back in the game after two early fouls...

“Oh, pretty much just guarding with my feet and not my hands. Coach Gates has called me back for at least a couple of weeks. I disagree. But no, just moving my feet, watching the waist and just sticking with our principles. I get a little aggressive sometimes on that end, trying to get a steal, but I'll try to improve the game.”

On the high amount of assists...

“That is just the style of play that we try to incorporate every time in the game and then just having pretty much everybody on the team who can knock down a jumper or get a score in and so it's definitely exciting. And my job as a point guard, that's just what I plan to do, you know, every game moving forward, so it's exciting.”