



Mizzou Men's Basketball Postgame Quotes

Mizzou 54, Northern Illinois 37

Mizzou Arena - Columbia, Mo.

Head Coach Cuonzo Martin

Opening Statement...

"I'm hopeful that Monday was a valuable lesson, though painful often brings a lot of value. I thought the guys did a great job. Thought we got better in practice. We were sluggish just because of the mental part. You need this game, get it out of your system and move forward.

Really happy for Jordan, how he played because he puts the time in. I think the biggest thing was Jordan believing in Jordan, understanding 7-foot-3, his presence, his physicality and just the confidence. I thought Kobe played a great floor game, distributing and attacking and making plays, defending; and an exceptional defensive job. Team but mainly Dajuan and Amari, just embracing the challenge on Hankerson - he's an elite level scorer, shoots it, pulls up off the break. In transition, he'll make you pay, but I thought our guys did a great job of really getting his legs and I thought he had two or three open looks but didn't get them to go."

On Jordan Wilmore and Kobe Brown's performance...

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On tonight's game

"You're just trying to get better. You're a new team with so many good guys. This is a great step. It's just one game at a time. We'll celebrate tonight, watch a lot of film tonight, but it's just one game at a time."

Boogie Coleman, R-Jr., G

On building momentum after Monday's game...

"I would say it is definitely a great way, especially on defense. We played great on defense and it was a big step up for us."

On the second half game plan...

"We were just trying to get great shots the rest of the game cause we didn't get many open threes, so we were just trying to drive"

On Coach Martin's message about perimeter defense...

"He just basically says defense is all pride. You gotta have heart at the end of the day...we know what we gotta do and we need to do it every night"

Jordan Wilmore, So., F

On his development since getting to Columbia...

"I think it means working on my hook shot, working on being more aggressive, defensive boards, offensive boards. It's just mainly focusing."

On what was going through his head after his big night...

"Oh, I gotta say it's just all the hard work and stuff, so I just gotta keep working and keep pushing..."

On Coach Martin regarding Jordan's confidence...

"I just have to believe in myself, so it definitely boosts my confidence going forward. I think even furthermore, I just know I could do it, so I just gotta keep it up."

DaJuan Gordon, Jr., G

On Jordan Wilmore's presence...

"It opened up everything, I mean he's 7'3", he intimidates people down there (the paint)."

On Jordan's dunk in the second half...

"It gave us an energy boost, we started taking the lead, and once you get that dunk, it just makes everyone happy. We all have that ability."