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## **Purdue Player / Postgame Quotes**

**[20] PURDUE 66, Wisconsin 55 / Mackey Arena (14,804)**

**QUESTION:** On how big of a win this is versus this Wisconsin team...

**Isaac Haas:** "I do think we understand. I do think that it was a big win and it is going to come to us when they are choosing teams for the tournament and when it is Big Ten standings kind of deal, it is going to feel nice that we are on the top of the list because we just beat a top ranked team. So it is nice to put our name at the top so we understand."

**QUESTION:** On the missed layup before the 12-0 run...

**Ryan Cline:** "We were really fortunate that he did miss. It kind of unfolded in our way and in our favor too. We were just playing really good team basketball and getting each other open so those open shots that I was able to have, I knocked them down."

**QUESTION:** On the 12-0 run...

**Caleb Swanigan:** "We gave ourselves chances and during that stretch we didn't turn the ball over and when we do that we usually get a good shot at the rim or we have shooters open. Ryan got hot and we ran three plays in a row for him and he hit all three. You want it to happen that way every game."

**QUESTION:** On the team's overall defense...

**Caleb Swanigan:** "We felt like we could play really good defense the way that we matched up with them and we were going to make Happ shoot over our size all night. He is going to make some and same with Nigel he is going to make some. Just don't foul them and don't give Bronson any open threes because that is what gets their offense going."

**QUESTION:** On the improvement of Caleb Swanigan's game from last year to this year...

**Caleb Swanigan:** "I feel it is going well because I am playing a lot with my team and not really forcing too many things. I had a lot of turnovers tonight, a couple were forced, a couple were the way of the whistle where they called a travel and when they pulled the chair. That is just where my growth continues, just taking care of the ball is my biggest thing."

**QUESTION:** On the hot streak of Ryan Cline...

**Ryan Cline:** "It is just in the flow of the offense and Coach Painter and Coach Gary were drawing up plays for me and we were really executing them well. I got just a little bit of daylight and knocked them down."

**QUESTION:** On the mentality of coming off the bench rather than starting...

**Isaac Haas:** "I don't want to say the mentality has really changed, it was just a matter of preparation of going into the game. I had a stretch where I wasn't doing so well and that all led up to how I prepared for the game. Ultimately led me to being on the bench so it kind of just sparked me up and renewed what I was doing in the beginning of the season and it paid off tonight."

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## **Coach Painter / Postgame Quotes**

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**QUESTION:** Holding them to 39 percent shooting...

**Coach Painter:** "I think we made a conscious effort to stick with those guys on the perimeter, but we also wanted to help to the best of our ability when they drove the ball especially with [Nigel] Hayes and [Ethan] Happ when they go into their isolations. We also knew that could be a problem for us because when you are driving the basketball, you're making plays, obviously scoring at the rim and getting to the free throw line which gets your guys in trouble. So we wanted to give as much help as we could without exposing ourselves. Let them shoot perimeter shots. We got all the respect in the world for [Bronson] Koenig; I think he makes them go. When he gets going early in the game it really helps their team because now he's scoring and distributing. We knew Happ and Hayes were going to get a lot of opportunities, but we just wanted to keep them in front and make them score over us. At times we did okay, and at other times we struggled in that area. We still didn't want to open up the box, where they are getting layups, threes, and free throws. Maybe they might score some tough twos over us, but we were just going to live with some of them."

**QUESTION:** on 12-0 run after missed layup...

**Coach Painter:** "It was huge. They were going to make a basket, and then you get to set up. You are trying gain a little momentum, and you aren't able to gain that momentum. We were fortunate enough to make the next play and start a run of our own. It's hard on the road, you need everything you can get on the road. You want to get that home team reeling a little bit, and get that lead down. It was a huge play for us."

**QUESTION:** On reconciling turnovers...

**Coach Painter:** "Our defense was good, and obviously our rebounding offset that. Our rebound numbers are clearly better than theirs. So you are minus nine on the turnovers, but then you are plus twelve rebounds. So, you have more possessions in the game. It just offsets it. Thought our defense was great, thought our rebounding was great but we just didn't take care of the basketball. We had some plays in the post where we traveled or had some careless passes. Happ had six steals. His hands are so good, he is so much quicker than everyone he goes against and we didn't adjust to that."

**QUESTION:** On Caleb Swanigan's growth...

**Coach Painter:** "He has improved his body even more and he has done a good job of playing through other people. Even though he is our leading scorer, when he is passing the ball and being opportunistic he is very efficient. He has improved in every facet of the game. He puts in extra time. He works really hard at it. Just the experience of playing, how many guys play in college basketball in their first year average ten and eight and they skip their senior year of high school. He only went to three years of high school. So just that experience of going that first year in college, which was really his fourth year. He just has an unbelievable story and he just keeps getting better. I don't know how he's not going to continue to improve down the line, especially when he's a pro."