



OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH LON KRUGER

Opening Statement:

"Pleased that the group continues to make progress from two weeks ago, really good practices, working hard every day, making consistent progress, but there's a long way to go, but excited about that as well. Defensively better in the second half, obviously. Offensively just making good plays for each other, moving the ball and sharing it and finishing it."

On Oregon scrimmage:

"After Oregon, we had a couple days of practice. Good job there and they know what we've got to do."

On OU's defense:

"We need to maintain better position between ball and man and better at stopping tough shots."

On bench depth:

"Based on production. How many people are producing and getting good results, the competition in practice has been healthy and they're pushing each other in a good way. I wouldn't be surprised if we go 9-10 deep."

JUNIOR GUARD CHRISTIAN JAMES

On his comfort level right now:

"Definitely, I put in a lot of time and work over the summer. That helped me build my confidence a lot. My teammates, who just trust me, and they just give me even more confidence."

On getting his confidence back:

"A lot of rhythms, shoot a lot with my coaches, I shoot a lot on my own, early mornings, repetition."

On ball movement being different this year:

"Obviously we have more athletes out there; starters and off the bench, anybody can come in and get hot. So, I feel like we are just trusting each other (with the ball)."

REDSHIRT JUNIOR CENTER JAMUNI MCNEACE

On confidence going into the season:

"I feel like there is a lot confidence on the team. I just try to get the guys out there to do their part, and I will do my part."

On the potential of being a good defensive team:

"We have a lot of athletes around the team and Coach (Kruger) knows what he is doing. He's a hall of famer."