
OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH LON KRUGER

Opening statement:

"I thought it was a good opener. There was a lot of activity, a lot of good plays for each other. I thought we did a good job spreading things out and making shots. Lot of opportunities for a lot of minutes for folks and some guys stepped in and played well. Good start."

On the offensive performance tonight:

"The guys are moving the ball well they are attacking. Of course Trae (Young) did a great job pushing the ball back down the court. I thought (Jordan) Shepard played great tonight when he came in, both at the point and the off. A lot of different guys played well, I think activity, moving the ball, making the extra pass making plays for each other; a lot of good things."

On Trae Young's debut:

"I thought really good. Trae is going to make shots, there is no doubt about that. So, I thought tonight he made a lot of good decisions and moved the ball well and made the right read and kept the pressure on the defense all the time."

On the point guards combining for 16 assists:

"It's an indication that we are moving the ball well. I think we moved well without the ball but I think Trae and Shep really moved the ball well, found people and made the right decisions. I thought they made a lot of plays too when shots didn't go. Guys did a good job moving the ball."

On the bench scoring and team's depth:

"This should be a deep squad. Obviously the more depth the better so whether we get in foul trouble or a tweaked ankle or whatever, it is nice to have long range, probably go deep into the bench and get good production. These guys have done a good job competing in a healthy way since the start of practice. A lot of confidence in the guys they stepped in and doing what they did tonight."

OKLAHOMA FRESHMAN GUARD TRAE YOUNG

On playing in his first game:

"I think my teammates helped me out a lot and had a really good game. I had 10 assists but I had three turnovers and I remember two that shouldn't have been turnovers. I'm hard on myself in that turnover column. I can get better and my teammates had my back tonight and they played really well."

On if the pace felt different from the exhibition games:

"No it didn't feel any faster, it felt like a regular game to me. My first ever shot in college basketball, I shot an air ball. That's something I'll never forget but I'm just happy to get that first win under my belt."

On whether he felt nervous before the game:

"No I wasn't nervous, I was just anxious. I was just ready to get it going. I was just tired of the wait, tired of waiting for this game to arrive. But no not nervous, just very anxious."

On his mentality on defense:

"Just knowing where he wants the ball, I know when guys are going to cut me off and go shoot a layup in the middle of the rim. You've got to know how to time it and I feel like I have really good instincts and when it comes to that, that's how I manage to get digs on big men and stuff like that."

OKLAHOMA JUNIOR GUARD CHRISTIAN JAMES

On starting the season:

"It feels good. We were moving the ball pretty well and playing together as a team. I think we're playing well defensively. We always have room for improvement though. I'm just glad the season is back."

JUNIOR CENTER JAMUNI MCNEACE

On his activity on both ends:

"I just felt like it was like a practice. We try to just transfer what we do over to a game."

On his confidence:

"I just want to go out there and compete. I'm just competitive and I like to win, so I'm going to go out there and work hard."
