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# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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## OKLAHOMA 82, NORTH TEXAS 72 NOVEMBER 30, 2017 • OKLAHOMA POSTGAME QUOTES

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### OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH LON KRUGER

#### Opening statement:

"Tough challenge, all the way. I thought Coach McCasland, his guys played great. He had a great plan and play in a different style. It was a very good win, I thought we played great."

#### On second half defense:

"They made some shots, that sometimes you don't expect to go in, but they kept making them. We've got to do a better job of guarding and making those shots a little bit tougher. I thought creating that nine-point margin was a key time."

#### On Trae Young's play:

"He made a lot of good plays, as he has done in every game. He was attacking and effective and getting to the paint and finishing. He found Shep (Jordan Shepard) in the corner and Khadeem (Lattin) at the rim and did a lot of good things there. So, we've just got to keep attacking and doing that."

#### On North Texas running possessions deep into the shot clock:

"It's tough because it can break your spirit a little bit. We did a pretty good job for 25 seconds and then they'd throw a shot up. In the second half when they got late in the clock, we stood up stronger. That's what we talked about in the huddle, is being tougher."

#### On taking away the 3-pointer from opponents:

"They for sure got comfortable, they were doing what they wanted to do. I thought their game plan was good and they executed it well, but we didn't affect it very much. Later in the second half we scrambled it up a little bit, but yes that can break your spirit especially late in the clock. We survived it and we have to learn from it and I think this group will."

### OKLAHOMA FRESHMAN GUARD TRAE YOUNG

#### On improving throughout the night after a slow start:

"Yeah, I felt like that one quick foul on me really took away my aggressiveness. I wasn't being as aggressive, just being cautious after that foul. But once one goes in, I feel like it's just repetition, and continuing to do the same routine whether I make my first two shots or not, the same thing every time."

#### On how he chooses to attack the defense:

"I feel like it's really just depending on how the defense is playing me. They started off in a zone and I feel like you have to shoot teams out of zones and with our team, we have a lot of really good shooters and we weren't making shots early on and that's what helped them stay in the zone and cause us a little bit of problems at the beginning but once we started knocking down shots, you've got to switch it up. I felt like if we're doing that, we're good."

#### On the crowd tonight:

"That's what helps good teams win ballgames. Especially when its home court advantage, that's the definition of it. If we have a great crowd like we did tonight, that's home court advantage and that's what helps you pull out close games like tonight. The crowd really got into it in that second half and that was a big pull for us. I can't wait for it to get even louder, they did a great job coming out and supporting tonight and I'm looking forward to seeing them on Monday."

### OKLAHOMA SENIOR FORWARD KHADEEM LATTIN

#### On the crowd's engagement in the game:

"It was exciting. It has been a real exciting electric feel in the Lloyd Noble Center. We are going to carry that moment with us. To Sooner fans, we love you and we need you and we know you are coming so come on out."

#### On being aware of faster passes from Trae Young:

"We just have to get ready and stay ready. It is fun. We just go out there and have fun and we will let the rest just take of the rest."

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