HEAD COACH BILL SELF
“It was a great grind-it-out win. We dealt with some stuff today, and to basically only have six guys and to be able to pull that off when we were totally gassed makes me proud of my team.”

“It’s big that we were able to stay out of foul trouble. The first half was ‘head and feet, not hands’. The second half, we fouled them more but we were much more active. We got more steals. I think it was okay to play that way in the second half, in large part because we put ourselves in a position that we could.”

KANSAS SOPHOMORE G MALIK NEWMAN
On Devonte’ Graham’s play:
“We just told him to play. We know that he can make shots, even though he didn’t really shoot it well tonight. He did other things that were great. At the end of the day, with Devonte’ it’s not really about scoring. It’s really not for all of us. He did what he was supposed to do. He was the leader of the team and he kept high energy and kept us going.”

KENTUCKY HEAD COACH JOHN CALIPARI
“They’re freshmen. We got all these young guys. I’m trying to get them to think less and play more, and just worry about competing. We haven’t even worked on late game situations, we’re still working on slide and staying in front of people. I thought we did a much better job of staying in front of people.”

KENTUCKY FRESHMAN FORWARD KEVIN KNOX
“In the first half, we were getting killed on the rebounds. Loose balls we should get. Coach Cal got on us about it at halftime about that. We kind of got better on that in the second half. I think if we would have been better about that, the outcome would have been different.”