HEAD COACH BILL SELF
On if he has ever had a team shoot the ball this well:
“Probably not for this long of a period of time. But we’ve had some pretty good shooting teams. (Our) Competition is definitely going to step up come Saturday. Think about it, we have Syracuse, Washington, Arizona State, Nebraska, Stanford and then start Big 12 (Conference play) at Texas. So the fun and games are over. But the teams (we’ve played so far this season) are better than how they played here (in Allen Fieldhouse) and I think we had something to do with that. I think our defense was pretty good early, and I think Devonte’ (Graham) did a really good job on (Tre’Shaun) Fletcher after we switched up and had him guard (Fletcher) instead of Lagerald (Vick). I thought that we shot the heck out of it. Devonte’ and Svi (Mykhailiuk) made everything they looked at in the first half. To hang 59 on that team at halftime, I was shocked. We shared the ball, and of course Devonte’ was great. He needed to see the ball go in the hole and he saw it tonight.”

On the performance of senior G Devonte’ Graham:
“He shot it great and handled it great. He underthrew (Udoka Azubuike) a little bit on the lob to start the second half, and overthrew him on a lob that should have been a dunk in the first half. But other than that, he was a 10. He tried his butt off defensively also. He was good, Svi was good, Malik (Newman) was good. (Udoka) was solid. Marcus Garrett was very good. Even though he didn’t score, I thought he played great. Lagerald probably had his worst game of the year, and Mitch (Lightfoot) was ok. But we have to have all seven playing moving forward.”

On the performance of senior G Svi Mykhailiuk:
“He just needs to shoot threes and quit shooting twos, I guess. That is what we told him afterward. He played well and he’s trying so hard. When you practice right, good things happen, you get confident and get on a little roll. Hopefully he can keep that going. I thought everyone played pretty well and I thought we shared the ball pretty well.”

On expecting Toledo to play more zone and preparing for Syracuse’s zone defense:
“They probably would have, but it seems like we made threes as soon as they went into it in the first half, and in the second half, Mitch got a dunk right when they went to it. But it is a little bit different (type of) deal. I’m not going to say (Syracuse’s) zone is like Baylor’s, but it is long like Baylor’s, and we have always struggled attacking that. So we will have to come up with some ways to attack them because they are so long. Things look open when you have little guards out there playing defense, but when everyone is 6-foot-6 and 6-foot-7 at the guard slots, and bigger behind, those passing lanes don’t seem nearly as open.”

KANSAS SENIOR G DEVONTE’ GRAHAM
On what the key was to his great performance (career-high points):
“Just coming out being aggressive. I told Malik (Newman) ahead (of the game) that my shot was going to be good, I had been shooting the ball well. I just wanted to come out being aggressive. My shots were falling, so I just kept attacking off the pick and roll and my guys did a good job of finding me for open threes.”

On his feelings before the game started, during warm-ups:
“I did feel good during warm-ups. I have been putting on some shots. Coach T (assistant coach Kurtis Townsend) has been on me about holding my follow through and I think that just listening to him and getting to the gym (helped). I felt really good.”

On the comparison between this game and the Texas Southern game:
“I think we played better that [Texas Southern] game. I feel like we played good (tonight), but at halftime, Coach (Self) told us they were shooting 55 percent, so we could’ve done a little bit better, even though we were guarding pretty good. But we could’ve done a better job on closing out that 3-point shot.”

On KU’s past struggles to close game compared to this year’s success in doing so:
“Having that mentality that you’ve got to come and jump on to the game. And the second half, make sure they (the opponents) know they can’t play with us. Put it on their throat, don’t give them any room, any confidence. We talked about that during halftime. We are playing for 40 minutes, not just one half and then giving them momentum.”

KANSAS SOPHOMORE F MITCH LIGHTFOOT
On the team’s 32-3 run that started with his jumper:
“Yeah, I mean, as soon as I hit that I knew … no, I was kidding. I just wanted to help my teammate get open on the ball screen, so it just happened that it got me open.”

On being part of this year’s success so far as a team:
“It’s pretty cool. Obviously, it feels good when the other team calls a timeout to regroup after (we go on) a run. But the guys were doing great tonight. The ball was going in. The others were playing amazing, so it’s cool to be a part of that.”
TOLEDO HEAD COACH TOD KOWALCZYK

Opening statement:
"Obviously, (we’re) disappointed with how we played tonight. I thought we came out in the first 10 minutes and competed. They went on a big run and I feel like we had way too many turnovers during that stretch. When you turn the ball over against a team that talented – they didn’t miss a three during that stretch I don’t think. Every shot they took they made. That’s a very, very good basketball team. I’m not a Kansas historian by any stretch, but I can tell you this: in 30 years of college coaching, that’s as good of a team I’ve ever seen. They just score from every position. Watching the film and even how we played tonight, they’re on ice skates and everyone else is in sneakers. They’re just that fast. They’re so unselfish and move the ball. I don’t say that to put pressure on our team, I just have that much respect for that team (Kansas)."

On starting sophomore G and Lawrence native Justin Roberts:
"He deserved it. I think the world of Pascale (Roberts) and Norm (Roberts) and Justin’s been a great guy to coach. When you come play at a place like this, his hometown, his Dad’s on the (opposing) bench – to be perfectly honest, that was a really easy decision. I made that decision in the summer. He’s got a freshman who came in, Marreon Jackson, who is a very talented freshman, a guy who’s going to have a very good, a very bright, future for us, and is playing over him right now. Nobody could handle it as well as he (Justin) has. He’s been tremendous. Something that I was really proud of, (was that) I did tell Marreon that I was going to start Justin and there was nobody happier than Marreon Jackson. That speaks to the character of him."

On how important Devonte’ Graham is to the pace of the game for Kansas:
"How he’s transitioned to playing the point (guard position), we couldn’t stop him. Their ball screens, if you help too much, they just throw it up to the big fella (sophomore C Udoka Azubuike) and he dunks everything. If (we) didn’t help enough, he (Graham) just scored over the top of Justin Roberts and Marreon Jackson, our guards. He’s got such a good pace to him and understanding of this game. His assist to turnover ratio is unbelievable. I don’t know if it was the Oakland game (or another game), but he came down in transition and threw it behind his head knowing that there would be someone there for a wide-open three. His plays like that, he makes them consistently. I would venture to guess he’s a pleasure to coach."

TOLEDO SOPHOMORE G JUSTIN ROBERTS

On what it was like to be on the other end of things tonight:
"It’s just what it looks like on TV. They’re fast, they push the ball, they have good pace. They can shoot the ball and it’s just unfortunate for us that we had to be a part of it today."

On Devonte’ Graham:
"I’ve always known he was a capable shooter and player so I knew that he could do that at any given time. Like I said, it’s just unfortunate that it happened today."

On what it was like to be home:
"It was great to see them (his family). As soon as I got here, my mom picked me up and I went and hung out with them at the house for a little while. I got to see my brother, he came in town. It was definitely good to see my friends and family for a little while."

On how special it was to start this game:
"It was everything I thought it would be. I didn’t expect to get a standing ovation when they called my name, so that was great. It’s a great atmosphere. I knew it was going to be loud."

On what his dad (Asst. Coach Norm Roberts) said to him after the game:
"He said that he was proud of me and that he loved me and to just keep playing and finish out the year positively."

On how he felt when he made his basket:
"It was a good feeling, but it was just unfortunate that it wasn’t really impacting the game as much as I would hope."

On what’s different about this team compared to other KU teams he’s been around:
"Everybody can shoot the ball. Everybody is a threat from outside. Everybody can drive the ball. Azubuike is a force on the inside, he's just so big. Like Tre (Fletcher) said, we just didn’t do a very good job guarding so that's what really messed us up in the game."

TOLEDO SENIOR G/F TRE’SHAUN FLETCHER

On what Justin Roberts told the team about Kansas and the atmosphere of Allen Fieldhouse:
"He told us that we weren’t even going to be able to hear ourselves think, so we knew that coming in and he was totally right. It was hard getting calls, communication was lacking. We’ve just got to do a better job of echoing calls and things of that nature."

On if he had time to process KU’s 32-3 run:
“We stopped guarding. I think we were doing an okay job of guarding.”