HEAD COACH BILL SELF
On the second loss of the week and confidence of Arizona State:
“We came out ready to play in the first five minutes and then they totally controlled the game. They were so quick and they got anything they wanted against us.”

On Arizona State Guards Holder, Martin and Evans performance:
“Martin dominated the game. They picked on our ball-handling errors and we didn’t handle it very well. You’ve got to be really turned up in order to keep up with them from a speed standpoint. They basically played six guys and had all the energy. They came to win the game.”

On switching to zone defense from man-to-man:
“It’s hard to play a team like that with zone because you’ve got four shooters in their at all times that can really shoot the basketball. We always put in work over the break. We’ll have some time to do that this week. Maybe we need to slow our offense down so we’re not as fatigued defensively.”

On strength of nonconference schedule and next meeting at Nebraska:
“Our nonconference schedule is a lot harder than what it looked like going into the season. It’s going to be a dogfight. We don’t need to worry about getting back into the top five soon, so we need to enjoy the process and try to grind to get a little bit better each and every day.”

KANSAS SENIOR G DEVONTE’ GRAHAM
On what Arizona State did differently:
“They did a good job of shooting the ball; their guards really made plays, getting to the paint; getting easy baskets and knocking down perimeter shots.”

On the team’s emphasis of getting it inside to sophomore C Udoka Azubuike:
“That’s always the emphasis. Coach (Self) is always getting on us about throwing the ball to him, and for him to be aggressive. We were just trying to get their big man in foul trouble and get Dok going.”

On the toughness and quickness of Arizona State guards:
“They were really tough. They were so quick and they could shoot the ball really well, it was hard to guard both. You wanted the short close out because you’re worried about the drive and then they’d just shoot it, but they did a great job of knocking down shots.”

On the effect of the turnovers:
“Turnovers are always critical. It lead to easy baskets that they really didn’t have to work for. We never like the turn the ball over.”

On mindset once it was a six-point game:
“It was critical turnovers, right when we had the momentum going a couple times, and then it would kill the momentum. They’d come down and hit a three or get a (bucket) and one, or something that deflates the momentum.”

On where the team’s defense is at right now:
“We’ve got to work on it, a lot. We aren’t guarding the ball really well right now. We’ve got to get better, especially on that end of the court. We have a whole week until our next game and we’re going to get better.”

KANSAS SOPHOMORE C UDOKA AZUBUIKE:
On coming out with more intensity tonight than Wednesday night vs. Washington:
“I think we did. We came out with a lot of intensity the first few minutes of the first half. I wasn’t guarding my man. We just tried to come back, but we caused (ourselves) a lot of turnovers.”

On the team being tired:
“I wouldn’t say we’re tired. They’re a good team, they have good guys that are really fast and shot the ball (well).”

On KU’s defensive breakdowns:
“Like I said, they have some fast guys, they were really fast. Every time I would guard my man, they would drive it in, and would do it really fast.”
ARIZONA STATE HEAD COACH BOBBY HURLEY

Opening statement:
“This was a very special win for us and our program, and I didn’t really have to coach a whole lot today. You know, these guys sitting with me here deserve all of the credit because of their playmaking ability, their shot-making ability their selflessness, the energy they played with on both ends of the floor. Getting the deflections on defense, getting down the court, just a lot of great things. Tra (Holder) had a good first half and kept it going. Shannon (Evans II) made some huge threes as they were chipping away at our advantage. What a player he is, one of the best guards in the country, as is Tra, and how about our freshman Remy Martin? Coming in to this type of place, which is unbelievable by the way, just the support and proudness and how electric it was in here-- to see Remy Martin score 23 (points) and (go) 8-for-11 from the field and make his own defense. It was a tremendous thing for me to witness and be a part of."

On the team’s mindset after KU’s opening run that has knocked a lot of teams out before:
“It was on our board. In all of the games here that I have watched, they have really gotten out (to) some great advantages in the first half so we knew that they would take a big swing at us early in the game and see if they could knock us out and we really overcame that deficit. (We) Just want to get our feet under us in a game and give ourselves a chance to show what we are capable of doing."

On what this win means for the Arizona State program:
“No one really wins here (in Allen Fieldhouse). So you come in here and most of the time you’re not leaving real happy. I trust these guys with (senior guard) Kodi Justice and they really play for each other and they are fearless. They really stepped up to the challenge, playing against a great group (of players) that Kansas has and is a high-scoring team. For Shannon and Tra and Remey, we just kept calling their numbers and kept giving them chances to try to make plays and that was the difference."

On the Sun Devils’ 15-0 run in the second half:
“It’s a blur to me right now. I just remember us generating more stops. Our defense may not be perfect, I think we could look at it and find things that we need to improve on and get better at, but I think our energy was there enough. We could defeat teams on offense, you just keep scoring and these guys over here they could hit the three and they could drive (to) the rim and (they are) just complete players, all three of these guys. And Kodi Justice (too). So it makes my job a lot easier, having these guys between the lines."

On what it was like to have Remy Martin play at such a high level in a game like this:
“Remy has played in big games in high school (as he was a part of) a really good program and he has played against some really elite players. It is just all in his attitude and how he approaches the game. He’s fearless. He is not afraid of big moments and at our other game in Vegas, against Xavier, (he) had (a) similar impact on what happened. I just think in general the guys feed off of each other and they give each other confidence because they are all really good. Any number of those guys could be the difference maker on any given night so they feed off of each others’ positive energy."

ARIZONA STATE FRESHMAN G REMY MARTIN

On the fatigue they were having to battle today after Friday night’s close game:
“I think we worked hard in practice every day, so when we get into games it’s the same situation, we could run all day. And then (us) guards we have to stay fresh because we have got to run the team. So we weren’t tired at all, we were just happy to win.”

ARIZONA STATE SENIOR G TRA HOLDER

On KU’s defense throughout the game:
“Shannon and I were talking about it. The game slowed down for us. At first it was really rapid, the crowd got into it, but every time we tried to get to spots to find each other. The defense worked out and made some big shots toward the end. Remy was all over the place the whole game so credit to these guys and Coach Hurley."

On what he told the team with three minutes left to play in the huddle:
“That this is the hard work that we put in the preseason and this is what the offseason is all about. Coach had the Herby call, the early drill, which is really hard so I said that this is like running the Herby drill and we are going to get the drill in. Similar to every other game."

On Kansas being vulnerable after its last loss:
“(They were) Not really vulnerable, but more so hungry and nasty and gritty, things like that. I thought that Coach Self did a great job of getting those guys prepared for us and things like that."

On their guards being ‘on’ today:
“It’s not just today, it is every day. We go hard … it is all fun and games.”
ARIZONA STATE SENIOR GUARD SHANNON EVANS II

On how quickly things are moving for their team as far as success goes:

“We are trying to stay in the moment. For me and Tra it is our last year so we are starting to think about March and things like that. You start losing track of times like this where our coach and our teammates we’re all happy and having a good time doing what we love to do. So it is great (not just) trying to think about the future, but just about what we are doing now.”