HEAD COACH BILL SELF

On losing on the three-point shot:
“They took everyone away but Lagerald, they even took Dok (Azubuike) away. They pretty much said, Lagerald see if you can beat us. We didn’t do a great job, even though Lagerald got numbers they weren’t real numbers, they dared him to make a lay-up. Obviously that was a good strategy, we didn’t attack it very well and that was my fault. They out-hustled us, they were quicker, bigger and tougher. They deserved what they got tonight, and we deserve exactly what we got tonight.”

On Udoka learning to play through fouls and staying aggressive:
“The first foul was a weak foul, the second foul was a 94-feet foul, he took himself out of the game, he checked himself out with the second foul. In the second half, he did some decent things but the bottom line is that he didn’t protect the rim at all, they got to the rim off ball screens. We can all certainly get better but he can definitely learn that two fouls at half-time is not foul trouble, he acts like he shy’s away from fouling, because he obviously doesn’t want to get out of the game.”

On what Washington was able to do to hurt 3-pt game:
“They put four perimeter players to guard it, we only had three perimeter player’s out there. So when you put Udoka and Lagerlad in the middle, they basically played two-on-one with their center. Basically, when the ball would go inside the guys would fan to the shooters. We had some plays we tried to do but our execution is so bad. We are not a good execution team. When we’re playing well, we’re a good playing team, but we haven’t scored all year on plays, and that was again the case tonight.”

On what Malik Newman should be doing that he is not:
“He’s struggling, if he would just worry about things that have an impact on us winning or not, I think he would be better off. His shot is fine, but just not making plays for others, not pitching ahead in transition. We missed Devontae a couple times, wide open in transition, and we ended up not getting anything out of it. We’ve got to get more out of him, but right now it’s almost like we only have to guard two guys on the perimeter, Svi and Devonte, and Malik’s a lot better than that.”

On what Washington did to take away from Graham and his struggle throughout the game:
“I think they did a lot to take away from Devonte, they ran to him every time the ball went to the high post. Thybulle, he is so long, and they had him stay close to Devonte wherever, so even when he had a little space, he wasn’t open. They did a good job, you’d like to move him around but if you move him around you take away the one guy who can feed the post out of the equation sometimes. I still thought we got the ball where it needed to go for the most part, our defense was horrendous and obviously our hustle plays weren’t very good either.”

KANSAS SENIOR G DEVONTE’ GRAHAM

On his struggles facing the Washington defense:
“They just executed their game plan pretty well. Every time we threw the ball to the high post, both of their top guys just stayed with me. The bottom wings fanned out and took away Malik [Newman] and Svi [Mykhailiuk], and basically said let’s just make Lagerald [Vick] make every play. They just tried to take all the shooters away.”

On Coach Bill Self’s comment that he’s not going to leave thinking anyone played well despite Lagerald’s big numbers:
“We just didn’t have it tonight. We have to give them credit for executing their game plan well. I felt like they made every shot. They did a good job of not letting us get comfortable and we couldn’t make shots.”

On if he feels like Washington competed harder than Kansas tonight:
“Maybe on some possessions. They were quicker to the loose balls and got the majority of the loose balls, diving on the floor and things like that … we could’ve done a better job. But you have to give them credit; they came out and played hard.”

On the lesson to take from this game:
“We just have to come in more mentally prepared. We can’t count on the crowd to get us going. We have to be able to bring our own energy and get stops. We couldn’t get stops when we really needed them, especially when we cut it down to one, they went on a 7-0 run after that. Just getting stops when we need them and clamping down defensively.”

KANSAS SENIOR GUARD SVI MYKHAILIUK:

On the difference between Washington’s and Syracuse’s zones:
“They play a little bit different. Syracuse is way longer, but Washington did a different job. They just left Lagerald [Vick] wide open in the middle and just let him score most of the time. They [Washington] took out the 3-point shot.”

On if he felt more pressure to knock down 3-pointers tonight due to Washington’s defense:
“No, I had the same mentality. If you’re open, you have to shoot it no matter what.”
WASHINGTON HEAD COACH MIKE HOPKINS

Opening statement:
“Coming here today was obviously an incredible opportunity and a challenge to play a great program like Kansas … we thought it would be a great opportunity to see where we’re at. You know we felt if we could limit the 3-point shooting and force them to make twos, take away the threes, they would be able to execute. The biggest thing is that you score against Kansas. I thought our guys executed well, we got the ball in the right spots and guys made shots these players. And it is just a huge win for our program and I’m just so happy for these guys.”

On their gameplan for Vick:
“Well we tried to not lose by the 3-point and they are all very dangerous shooters. If he gets 50 points by scoring twos that’s what we are going to go with and trust me it is hard when you see a guy make four in a row. Sam [Timmins] and Noah [Dickerson] did a good job. They just forced them to miss a couple. We were able to score and keep our lead. Matisse [Thybulle] made big shot after big shot, David [Crisp] managed the game and made a huge shot on that loose ball and we were able to show the poise in the end and come out with a great victory.”

On their unusual style of defense:
“It is unusual. We have been very fortunate this year to play a lot of teams that shoot 30 to 35 3-pointers and it’s really the kryptonite of the zone. So we’ve had to be able to adapt and adjust and figure out that so I think the experience of these other games allow these guys … again there is also awareness and focus and urgency. These guys were on top of their zones and holding [Devonte’] Graham to three points was just a huge part of it and you got to credit these guys for actually keeping the game plan.”

On his scouting with the Syracuse coaches:
“I had talked to Gerry [McNamara] and Allen [Griffin] on the Syracuse staff and we watched the game and obviously I’m really familiar with the program. You’re watching it and I just figured this was our best opportunity to win the game if we do this. You never know. And we were able to execute, and I think the biggest part about tonight was that we were able to score when we needed to score. Coach Bam taught me a long time ago he said ‘When you are on the road you got to keep scoring’ and when the crowd got into it and the guys started making runs these guys showed poise and they came out and made a run.”

WASHINGTON JUNIOR G DAVID CRISP

Each minute your team confidence as a team grew. Did you always feel like you could do this or just at the end?
“I felt so confident with the way coach prepared us for this game and just seeing how locked in everybody was all week. I just know our confidence was high. Second half, everybody, confidence was getting more. I was just trying to keep telling these guys ‘don’t let up’ they’re a great team. So we just stuck to the plan and kept going on.”

When you told your team to calm down, how important was that moment?
“It was huge. I felt like that was on me. It got sped up a little bit and I know for us to win that game we have to play at our own pace and not get too excited, that was on me. And I was just saying slow back down, get back to what we were doing and more success. Keep doing the same thing we were doing so that was a huge break for us that we didn’t connect but it was good to get everybody calmed down.

You said ‘I told you boy’ who and why did you say that?
“That’s my long life friend, Winston. He’s been like a brother to me. Every game he watches and even if my confidence is gone he’s calling me and telling me ‘I believe in you when nobody else does’ and I told him I’m there so I told him I was going to get it done because he was going to be there and I just wanted to come out and really show him and represent our city.”
WASHINGTON JUNIOR G MATISSE THYBULLE

You won in a hostile environment, how did you do this?

“I mean basically from the beginning of the season we knew that it was going to be on us to believe in us and we weren’t going to have a lot of help from the outside. We realized from the Pac-12 media day that had us going into a tent and people didn’t believe that we couldn’t do anything this season sand we knew that we needed something special and we will be capable of a lot more. I think everyday we just come out trying to prove it and tonight was a great night to do that.”

Able to take advantage of defense you handled?

“I mean getting the ball like coach said it was actually our game plan. We gave out ball to Noah [Dickerson] and I don’t know what team… . We had to double team him and it was simple. Coach says we are playing horse. Basically he kicks it up and then we just find an open guy and I just happen to be the open guy today. Keep taking those shots and just kept it going.”