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INDIANA HEAD COACH DARIAN DEVRIES

Q. Thoughts on how Lamar Wilkerson has been contributing to the team all season, especially in Big Ten play...

DEVRIES: Lamar, he's an elite player. I even think from like a pro standpoint, I think he's one of those guys that people aren't talking about enough because he's going to play in that league for a long, long time. He has all the things you need, the intangibles, in addition to like he has that one skill that everybody wants, and he can throw them in there. And he's a winner. I love everything about him, and he continues to showcase what makes him so special.

Q. On winning close games...

DEVRIES: I think it's great. I even mentioned earlier we went to Puerto Rico, and we had a game where we got down 20, a meaningless game, like we talked about, and we were able to come back and win on the last-second shot. That was where you saw a little bit of like these dudes don't quit. They keep competing. They keep fighting. I think you saw it again tonight. There's some things out there we'd like to clean up a bit. We get a double-digit lead there late, we don't need to go to overtime, you know. But again, they found a way. They didn't give into it. They kept fighting. They kept in the huddle encouraging one another, and I think that's a sign of a veteran team. They didn't panic inside the huddle. They just knew you've just got to make that next play, and they were able to do that.

Q. On what he expected in that moment of Conor Enright's charge, and what did you see from that play...

DEVRIES: Again, we were trying to get a quick trap, see if we could get a quick steal. We thought we had enough time to try to take a few chances there, and if we could get them sped up, try to get one first. Conor just does what he does. He keeps competing, keeps fighting, and that was a huge play for us.

Q. On how important it is moving forward to create points in the paint when the 3-point shots aren't falling...

DEVRIES: We've really been trying to do that a lot more. These last five, six games, we felt like there's a couple games in there where we just weren't being aggressive enough driving the ball. Even though we don't maybe have a lot of wiggle to our -- with some of our ball handlers, I thought the guys have been doing a much better job of just finding creases to get in there, finish at the rim, get fouled, and then get some kick-out 3s. So we weren't as reliant on it.

A lot of nights we're up in that 30 range in attempts and tonight we were at 22. If we're making them, we fire a few more up there, but we just weren't hitting them as we normally do. So I thought the guys did a good job of adjusting and adapting. Even Lamar, he didn't just keep -- he didn't shoot 16 3s, he went and got fouled, got to the rim. So I thought that was good for him to take that adjustment to the game.

Q. On how Jasai Miles continues to play a more important role moving forward...

DEVRIES: He's doing a good job. His roles continue to expand here. He's coming in, giving us good energy. He gives us some length on the defensive end. He's been trying to go to the glass. He had a big offensive rebound in there. I don't think we converted on it, but he went and got a big play for us.

He's doing good things. That length and athleticism, ability to rebound, that's something down the stretch we're going to continue to use.

Q. On what the difference was between Wisconsin getting offensive rebounds earlier in the game and late...

DEVRIES: It felt like they got 10 of them in a five-minute stretch before that. I thought the guys did a better job. We were -- they were taking a lot of long shots, long rebounds. We talk about it all the time. Our guys were going to crash, something we don't really want them to do in terms of just running underneath the rim. A few of those long shots came off deep, and we weren't able to get them.

I thought they did a better job that last five minutes of really going and finding bodies before they went and ran to go retrieve it.

Q. On his thinking of letting the game keep going and playing through it during the second half...

DEVRIES: It depends maybe a little bit how the game is going, how they came back. Did it happen fast? Is it slow? Is there a media coming up, whatever. Our guys, they understand what we're trying to do.

So if it's a timeout, a lot of times it's just to give them a rest. Maybe we could have used one in there somewhere. I'd have to go and look more at the tape to see if there might have been a spot for us to do that.

Overall, I trust those guys out there. They know what we're trying to run. They know what we're trying to get. Like I said, we'll see were we getting the shots we wanted or not. It felt like we had a few good looks and opportunities in there. We just didn't make them.



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INDIANA PLAYERS: CONOR ENRIGHT AND SAM ALEXIS

Q. On what was going through his mind on the charge call...

ENRIGHT: We were trying to get a turnover first, trying to see if they'd cough it up. Honestly, I was kind of panicking, trying to get a hold of him because he was wasting time, 15 seconds, something like that. Then I just saw his shoulder go into me and figured from a foul I might as well try and get a charge. It worked out.

Q. On the mood of the team in the huddle down the stretch...

ENRIGHT: Yeah, it was similar to UCLA. It was very calm and collected, no screaming at each other, pointing fingers, kind of just next play mentality, which I think we've gotten a lot better as the season went on. You can tell with a senior group like this, obviously we don't want to blow leads and go to overtime and do all that, but we still battled together and got it done.

Q. On how the team stays mentally at the end of games...

ENRIGHT: I think just because we've played so much basketball. We know guys are out there giving their 100 percent, so pointing fingers isn't going to do anything for us. So just staying together, that's what Coach has been preaching to us every day, even since June. I think that's just showing what we worked on.

Q. On Sam's (Alexis) offensive performance today and his growth over the year so far...

ENRIGHT: Yeah, he's been awesome. I think today was a big example because we were kind of low energy and flat because guys have been sick the last couple days. I think Sam came out and set the tone right away, offensive rebounds, defense, and he picked it up in the second half too. His energy spreads to other people. He's been doing that every day in practice, in the weight room.

It's contagious. Him just being around has been awesome for us. Obviously when Sam goes and gets whatever he had, 15, 20, whatever, it's awesome.

Q. On thoughts of game and effort and fight gave by team...

ALEXIS: I was just cramping out there, but Coach tells us every day in practice just to bring the intensity. I felt like we had a good practice last practice, and I thought it just carried over into the game. I was just trying to do what I did in practice yesterday.

Q. On Lamar (Wilkerson's) clutch free throws with the game on the line...

ALEXIS: He don't really miss in practice or like ever. So I don't really think he feels any pressure, to be honest, when he's shooting them.

Q. On how team has rallied around and been able to fight and pick up a few big wins...

ALEXIS: We've got a whole bunch of seniors. It's our last year. We're all trying to make it like a big year for us. So we're just trying to go out there and play hard and make it fun.



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WISCONSIN HEAD COACH GREG GARD

Q. On what flipped defensively the last six minutes and into overtime...

GARD: I thought even in the first half, we were more physical for stretches in the second half, specifically the back half of that second half, I thought we had figured out some things, where we could help from and where we couldn't. We just played more physical. I think that was the biggest thing, we're able to get some things going offensively, which obviously helped us defensively. Early, I thought we missed a lot of really good looks early in the first half, we had good looks from three, but I didn't think we were played with the physicalness that we needed to play with in that middle part of the first half, but we were to be able to battle back, take a lead, and then to have that happen in overtime, its frustrating.

Q. On the difficulty of the Sam Alexis matchup and guarding him defensively and what he did inside...

GARD: Sometimes we got caught where we switched to stop the ball, and we end up with the small on them, and they were putting them in positions, and they obviously have the floor littered with shooters, right? So you you're cognizant of not giving too much help and being caught in too long of close outs. When we did stay big on big, we got to our digs, and are we able to squeeze as much as we should have. But again that's the double-edged sword part of that, how far you want to come off Wilkerson, how far do you want to come off DeVries, how far do you want to come off Dorn? I thought we, for the most part, we did a really good job on those guys and negating that. But we needed to be better in the paint, been better one on one, and then we needed to be able to squeeze better and send some help.

Q. On how the team's spirit and competitiveness is able to bounce back after a loss like that...

GARD: A toughness has grown within them since the first of the year, that they didn't have consistently in 2025 and that puts us in position. When things don't go well, it doesn't always get perfect, they continue to battle, and they did a terrific job of battling back today. You got to be able to make one more play.