



Kansas head coach Les Miles

"I think the most important thing that we can take from this is victory, okay. It was a position that a team who didn't have the experience in coming back in those games, gave them the experience that they needed, which was to play very, very competitive and tight quarters. Andrew Parchment I thought just played lights out. Next time I see him I'm going to try to give him some MVP award somehow.

I thought our quarterback played hard and did the things we asked him to do. Imperfectly, but really played hard.

Defensively for three quarters they had to play and make plays for the team, with little support from the offense yet, but they did. They continued to make plays, and made plays.

It's a start. It's the start. It allows us to step to another opponent, play hard and recognize that when we get in the back end of a game, we can win. I'm excited. I can tell you that right now. I just told somebody, I said, you know, there's a lot of games that I was fortunate to be a part of where we finished first in that game. I don't know that I've enjoyed a group of men and a team and their effort any more than the one that I enjoyed right here today, tonight. What time -- how early is this? (Laughter.) It's not tonight, I can tell you that. Wow, what a game."

On the excitement of coaching again:

"Yeah, the run out on the field, heart rate was about (pounding fist on podium), and then when we were throwing balls to AP, my heart rate was (pounding fist rapidly on podium). It was great. One, I enjoyed the people. It was wonderful to see the stadium come to life and root for our guys. Yeah. All good."

On the offense responding on the final drive:

"The turn and throw to Andrew Parchment was just exactly right, and he responded with all of the talent and ability that we thought he had. I think we could have -- I think we'll learn to win games like this without as much drama. We think we can throw the football to a number of guys and rush the football better and more efficiently than we did today, and that would make these -- might distance ourselves from the opponent."

On starting Carter Stanley:

"Well, we felt like his play early on was good and made some significant throws, and our ability to move the ball with him at quarterback was definitely a positive. Now, you know, was he perfect? Absolutely not. But he was good enough and significantly a leader enough to win."

On having a leader at quarterback:

"I think he's a team guy. I think he wants it for the team. Those thoughts, they carry you a long way. And it's not easy what we did, okay. We put him out there and give him the wristband where at least two calls were -- we had the wristband right but we didn't give him the calls properly, which will be easy to fix. But can you imagine standing in front of a stadium of people waiting for the big play and knowing that the big play was just sending to your wristband and you're trying to make that look? He did some really, really good things. We'll go forward from here."



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On the turnovers on defense:

“Well, when you win games, those plays are made by people who cannot wait to be put in that position and have always thought that they would be the one that would make that play. Yeah, there weren’t two more exciting plays in the game.”

On when he went with Carter Stanley as the starting quarterback:

“Carter found out just about a little after the game started -- no. (Laughter.) I told him on Thursday I think it was that he was going to be my starter, and he responded well. And you know, we’re fortunate; we have some talented quarterbacks and some guys that can step in and play, and we’re going to, in my opinion, need all of them. Yeah, I think -- you knew I was going to call one. Have you ever seen a formation without a quarterback? I haven’t.”

On the significance of New York, New York played at the conclusion of the game:

“Okay, here’s the significance of “New York, New York”: New York, New York, I went there several years ago with my family, and I would stop and get an orange juice at a deli, right? It’s the best orange juice I’ve ever had, okay? Went over to another place, got a sandwich, best sandwich I ever had. So basically for me it told me if you’re going to have success in a place like New York, you’d better raise your game and compete. Okay, and so I’ve kind of enjoyed that song because of kind of what’s unsaid. But I want you to know it was fun hearing it played at the end of the game, and I’m walking out and there’s a young gal that’s kind of watching the tunnel, and she’s just singing away. I think it’s a good thing.”

On Liam Jones:

“Strengths and weaknesses: He missed some, but you know, after the miss, he made. And so I would always ask and say, Liam, so tell me, how did you -- he says, “oh, I overswung.” Even when we didn’t get the opportunity to see, he acknowledged that he had it. It’s never the last kick that you made, it’s always the next kick you’re going to make. I think he gets that.”

On the leadership after giving up a touchdown:

“No, they have to have that, okay, and unity council and leadership and the three captains and coaches, they have to have that. It has to come from inside them, and it did, and it will again and again because they were rewarded. They were rewarded with victory.”

Kansas senior QB Carter Stanley

On the final drive:

“It was closer than I expected and I wanted it to be, but that was the hand that we were dealt and I’m proud of our guys on that last drive for us.”

On what was going through his head on the final drive:

“I knew we had to get down there and score. I’m thankful for these coaches, we work (the) two-minute drill all the time, fall camp leading up to that. We did some of our favorite plays in there. (The) O-line did a great job of protecting, receivers did a great job of getting open and we pulled it off.”

On the team:

“It’s a really talented group we have and it all starts with the coaching. I’m really proud of the way we played and I’m looking for more.”

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On importance of winning the season opener:

“I think at the end of the day we accomplished our goal. We went 1-0 this week and that’s all we can ask for. We definitely have some things to clean up, in my opinion, but this outcome led to the same goal.”

On what it’s like playing for Coach Miles:

“He has a very calm and relaxed approach to him. In the most hectic parts of this game, he was still 68, breezy, calm and that reflects on the rest of us and helps the rest of us be calm.”

Kansas senior DE Darius Moragne

On the defensive line:

“Everybody did pretty well today, we just all did our jobs and stuck to the game plan. Everybody played as one.”

On the role of the defense:

“For defense, we’re the tone-setters. We set the tone for the whole team; if we’re doing good, then the team is doing good.”

On how it feels to win:

“It feels great. Just know that the Jayhawks are coming and we aren’t done yet.”

On the fan atmosphere:

“It feels great. Just keep coming with us. It’s going to be a great season.”

Kansas senior S Jeremiah McCullough

On the Jayhawks’ defense coming up with turnovers:

“Everybody is playing their keys, being in the right place at the right time. That’s all we can ask, we emphasize ‘allow no turnovers’ in practice and make it a habit. Correlating that with being in the right place at the right time, they are going to come.”

On the defense setting the tone of the game early:

“We love to get that energy early and then give that energy to the offense. We play off each other.”

On the team earning a victory in week one of the season:

“We are always going to face adversity; we need to be prepared for it. Today we were prepared for it. Regardless of who the opponent is, we are going to face adversity, but it is all about coming out on top and today we came out on top.”

Kansas senior WR Daylon Charlot

On the team’s final offensive drive of the game:

“We were asking the defense, ‘Can you all please get a turnover?’ Somebody is going to have to make a play with this.”

On his game-winning touchdown catch:

“The touchdown catch was fine. I knew Coach Miles was going to come to me for this, we’ve been practicing. He said, ‘If it comes your way. I’m going to call on you.’”



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On the offense running some of its favorite plays on the last drive:

“Carter (Stanley) and I practice these plays Monday through Friday and he just knew. We are very good at that connection.”

On the team’s depth at the ath the wide receiver position this season:

“We have a good group, all those guys can make the same plays that I can. I expect the same thing from them, we hold each other accountable.”

On what needs to be fixed moving forward:

“Route running; we just need to know the assignment and clean up the communication on the field.”

Indiana State head coach Curt Mallory

On the difference in the game:

“Both teams played awfully hard and toward the end of the game Kansas made some plays. We give them credit for converting on some deep throws.”

On how the Indiana State defense played:

“I thought our defense fought awfully hard, making them earn things offensively, but played stout defense throughout the game. They made some big plays (the deep ball downfield) it was a matchup they won, and we give them credit.”

On his halftime message:

“They knew what we needed to do differently. They knew that our defense was playing tough. We gave them the defensive touchdown on the pick six. Ryan just read the throw wrong, but I would not trade Ryan Boyle for anybody. He threw it into coverage and they took it (for a touchdown). This team knew what we had to do after halftime -- open with a quality drive, get some things going and get some momentum in the second half.”

Indiana State WR Dante Hendrix

On how he is processing the loss:

“We just gotta take it as this is our first game, we can do nothing but go up from here. This is not how we wanted it to end, but it’s a great learning experience for us.”

On the mood going into halftime:

“Everything happens for a reason. We made some mistakes we weren’t happy about, but we knew going into halftime that we had a chance to go out and win this football game.”

On if he feels they deserved this loss:

“We just have to learn from it and do things in practice this week to make sure it doesn’t happen again.”

Indiana State RS-senior QB Ryan Boyle

On how he is taking the loss:

“It was a great game, executing both offensively and defensively. We came in here wanting to win, knowing that we could win and we lost due to self-inflicted wounds.”

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On the attitude of the team in the second half:

“We knew what our game plan was and we were going to stick to it. We just had to come out in the third and fourth quarter and do our job.”

On if the team deserved this loss:

“It comes down to turnovers and big plays, and I think they won those categories. We are disappointed our team didn’t reach our potential this game, but you live and you learn and we’re going to come back next week.”

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