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// 2019 KANSAS FOOTBALL

**HEAD COACH LES MILES // AUGUST 30, 2019**

**Opening Statement**

"Electric defense, a return man that can put points on the board. We were fortunate to score. We worked hard. I liked how our kids fought. If they continue to do that, they'll improve. We'll have an opportunity for significant victories as this day, as this season continues.

OU with their transfer quarterback Jalen Hurts is a tremendous player. Good quality and toughness and just an arm that he can just uncork it. Very accurate, very strong.

Now, any questions?"

*On Khalil Herbert...*

"I had the opportunity to visit with him Friday night at length. It's really his business, and it's something that I'm not going to comment on. It will -- you'll eventually get it."

*On Herbert's future...*

"Again, the ongoing conversations with Khalil are still going. So I'm not going to comment on that."

*On the redshirt rule...*

"We're -- any team that's in this building looks at attrition in the same way. That's not something you want. You want your guys that -- you want them to stay with you. You want to give them the opportunity to have great success and have all the dreams they want fulfilled right here."

*On California's law on a player's image and likeness...*

"College football, it certainly will change the landscape of college football. Those places that have, New York City, for instance, as a marketplace or southern California as a marketplace will certainly have great advantages for opportunities for their players. It doesn't look -- it's not really my call."

*On recruiting...*

"I think we'll compete very comfortably with quality of education kind of campus we have and the people that are here. I think we'll compete very well. I think the -- it will be interesting to see. In other words, basically, a head coach might solicit support so that we could compete in a fair and accurate and comfortable manner."

*On Velton Gardner's production...*

"Yeah, a guy from Dallas, a big runner, has great change of direction, big smile on his face after he came off the field. He's a guy that will have a long and very capable career."

*On Oklahoma's run of quarterbacks...*

"They have a group of receivers that are big and strong and capable and a nice offensive line that can protect them. And Jalen Hurts is a known commodity. He's a great player, and certainly a capable passer. They have all the goods."

*On Dom Williams...*

"I really can't. Again, it's Dom's information, not mine. He'll be at practice today, and we're going to go on from there."

*On Mike Lee's status...*

"Yeah, I think -- I'm going to take HIPAA on that one because I don't know exactly where he's at in terms of his health, but he did take significant contact. He's a tough young man. I'd expect him to return as soon as he can."

*On Gavin Potter stepping up...*

"Gavin Potter had about nine unassisted tackles, and although some of his unassisted tackles took about four or five yards to get him to the ground, I enjoyed how he played and how his toughness reared. You could see that he's going to be a very, very capable linebacker as we go forward."

*On Dru Prox's timeline of return...*

LES MILES: I don't know when we expect Dru Prox to be back. I think we'll know more as we get through the next couple of weeks.

*On the upcoming bye week...*

"It's an opportunity for young guys that are nicked up to get healthy. We'll also review, self scout, in other words, what plays the opponents think we're going to run, and let's see if we can put together a quality game plan such that they'll not understand where they're going."

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So we'll do an in depth self scout, and then we'll get some freshness and get this piece of the season and have the need to relax and get off your feet. I think that they'll do that. They'll be -- coaches will be recruiting. Yeah, the coaching staff will be out."

*On Herbert...*

"Again, it's not something that I want to spend a lot of time on. I spent some time on this. This is not something that did not go with effort from the head coach. Everybody has a different path."

*On the team...*

"I think the guys are going to want to improve and play well at the back end of this, the remainder of our games. Yeah, I don't know if that will be a real issue."

*On his run of success against Oklahoma...*

"I think they enjoyed the rivalry. I think that they looked at bedlam and an opportunity to fill one stadium and celebrate the football in that state as something that they could really enjoy. Yeah, I don't know that -- I do know of one fan that absolutely did not enjoy me, and he made it very clear in the number of words that he chose to speak to me with, but other than that, I really enjoyed the people from Oklahoma. They've responded to me and my family very well."

*On what was missing against TCU...*

"I think the effort and energy was there. I really do. And put the defense in a tough position, and I still think they performed. I think we're a team that's -- you know, needs some improvement and needs to work, and I think they'll do that. I don't have any -- I really don't have a lot of questions there. I think that they're -- I think that that quality that you speak to will certainly show itself as we go forward."

*On Oklahoma's quarterback success...*

"Lincoln Riley's done a great job taking the reins from a great coach in Coach Bob Stoops. But they've had a great run with quarterbacks and receivers that can fly and have height and ball skills, not to mention the quality rushing attack that really kind of matches their ability to throw.

I think that they're -- I think they're right now on the cusp of college football. I think Alabama's probably in the defensive side and Oklahoma more on the offensive side."

