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HEAD COACH LES MILES

Opening Statement

"Well, we've not started fast in the last several games, and it's what we've got to work to accomplish. We put ourselves in a bind and then expect us to come find our way out of that hole. We're not going to do that. We're not going to do that. We're going to start fast. We're going to take this week and the open week and pursue improvement, and certainly starting fast has got to be the key piece, see. We'll be good at finishing games. We just need to start."

Oh, excuse me. I want to say this: I was never -- I never so enjoyed an environment, atmosphere. I can only tell you that our guys truly appreciate those people that were in the stands and rooting for the Jayhawks. I did not notice a lot of purple. It looked like to me that this was bought by guys from Kansas and guys and gals that wanted the Jayhawks to win. It was a loud stadium, and it was a Jayhawk loud. I truly appreciated -- I know our players, too. They're sick right now. They wanted to come and play a great game for you. Another time."

On the offense's lack of production...

"Carter's interception was one that was just a poor throw. When you don't start fast, you've made some bad decisions, okay, and you've got to come off fast. If we do that, we'll score and have success because we'll get in the groove in the back end because that just seems to be what we do."

On offensive concerns...

"Most concerned that we had teed up a great opponent, the opportunity to play and play extremely well, and we did not start fast. I mean, it's something that we're going to work on. We're going to change the practice schedule. We're going to -- we're going to reevaluate all the things because I really thought we were doing really well, and I think that we have everything in place that we need. It's just we need to make first steps differently."

On the mistakes...

"Well, each play has a series of, you know, commands. This is the first read, the second read, this is the third read, okay. And those plays are most easily corrected, okay, because they have such a direct path, okay. And those are the plays that we're going to use and make ours and have success with, that style of play. That's it."

On third downs on defense...

"Yeah, this team that we ran into ran the football and kept all of their 3rd downs into real manageable down and distances. I think that's one of the reasons that D.J. and Crude didn't have more success on 3rd downs."

On a season theme...

"I certainly hope not, okay. I kind of look at it that way, that in this bye week, we'll do, again, a self-scout and kind of figure out kind of some of the things that we did and didn't do in the last couple weeks well. I mean, if you look at how we played in the last couple weeks, you'd never figure that that would start that way and finish that way. At least I didn't."

On Carter Stanley's status...

"We made a decision that we were going to stick with him and take him to the -- hopefully get a drive and get him back on track so that when we get to the open week, it wouldn't be that bad. I don't think it is. I think he's nicked, but I don't think there's anything serious. I immediately talked to the trainer. The trainer said, we just need to take him out. So then we took him out. He's our quarterback, and we want him to know that, and we'll make our quarterback and our offense better."

On the defensive switches...

"Yeah, I don't know exactly why. I know that there was some conversation on headphones that I think we wanted Kyron in, and that would certainly have been the thought."

On the upcoming bye week and recruiting...

"Absolutely, yeah. We'll be out on Monday some, and then we will leave Friday after our work out and go see Friday night football."

On the rivalry against Kansas State...

"Yeah, I think it's exactly the style of rivalry that I'm used to seeing, close proximity, people that knew -- they know us, we know them, and it was a hard-fought -- certainly a hard-fought game. Yeah, they're pretty talented."

On emphasizing a rivalry game...

"You know, every victory right now is kind of at this point in time awfully important, including the one we just walked off the field and did not achieve, did not get. Yeah, I'm kind of looking at each game, kind of balance."

On the injuries...

"Attrition? Yeah, I don't think -- I think the next guy up goes and plays pretty well for us. I didn't see the -- I mean, I knew that a couple guys got nicked right away, but one of them came back in, and I don't -- I try not to emphasize guys that are injured more than the guys that are in the game."

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On the sellout...

"Well, I can tell you this: I'm going to draw a picture of a player. He sits just about right there. I told him, I said, we're -- I told the team, but I just happened to watch one of the players. I said, we sold -- we're 4,000 tickets from being sold out at this time. I said, it's pretty conceivable it'll be a sellout come game time, and I said, and certainly it will be TV -- as I painted the picture of the environment that we were going to play in, he closed his eyes and he ducked his head, and he wasn't even knowing that I was watching him, and this smile came to his face, and he said, without ever saying a word, oh, how cool. And we appreciated that. And I promise you, that was relived time and time again. This team enjoyed playing in front of that crowd. Wish we would have played better."

On Kansas State...

"They kept the ball on the ground the whole day. I mean, if they threw a couple passes, it's a -- so you had to tackle, and I think that that was certainly the tough piece of the way they ran offense."

Kansas Senior Quarterback Carter Stanley

On his knee injury...

"I'm feeling alright. It's kind of tender, but it should be all good."

On Kansas State's defense...

"That is a good football team. They are really well coached. I also hurt us a lot today. I had two interceptions to start the drive, on two separate drives, and that killed us as a team. It was definitely frustrating, not how I imagined it at all, but they are a good team and they played some good ball today."

On how fun was it playing in front of the sold-out crowd...

"It was incredible from our fans today. I can't thank them enough for their support. It was unreal. My first time in five seasons running out of the tunnel and not seeing a single seat available. That means the world to us, but at the same time I'm crushed that we couldn't give them a better show. We appreciate the support greatly."

On the offense's slow start...

"It is tough to tell. I think for, for me personally, I can get the guys going a little better. In some of the games I have been inaccurate in the early quarter drives. I think a lot of it is me personally. I got to get going and get everyone on the same page, but it is definitely something we got to get better at."

Kansas Sophomore Linebacker Jay Dineen

On his brother having bragging rights...

"It's going to be a tough 365 days, but can't really do anything about it now, except, prepare and get ready for Oklahoma State and get the fans what they want now."

On times they interacted on the field...

"When you seem him you're like 'Oh here it comes, here it comes, here it comes,' because when he hits you, you feel it. I felt it a couple times. He has a big frame, fast, gets off the ball and makes you feel it."

On seeing the sold-out crowd...

"It was awesome. Being a fan in 08-09, having to sit in your own seat, what your ticket said and that was how it was today. They were loud. Disappointed we couldn't give them the outcome that they deserve, but we hope that they stay with us."

On what the keys are for this coming bye week...

"Get healthy and prepare for Oklahoma State. They are a great team, so prepare, get better, fine tune our plays, make sure he get our assignments down better and get ready for a big next three weeks."

Kansas Senior Safety Bryce Tornado

On what made Kansas State difficult...

"Obviously, he just beat us with his legs. He is a great player and has a great arm as well but you know he took advantage of some of the things we didn't cover defensively and really used his legs."

On third downs...

"I thought we did a pretty good job, for the most part. I think they improvised on some plays and that really hurt us towards the end. Collectively, I thought we did our job but we have to be better."

On getting stops...

"Of course, but that is a part of it. We have to improve on it, really contain the quarterback. Not only his arms but his legs are well."

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On the crowd...

"Typically, it goes away once the game goes along but it was awesome to see Memorial stadium full. That is the most people I have ever played in front of at home. That was very exciting to see. It sucks we couldn't pull through."

On the bye week...

"We take everyday, we got to work. We have to get better. Some of our goals at the end of the season are still there so we have to work, we have to improve, progress. Learn from this and move on."

On the team navigating the highs and the lows...

"I think they have. Credit to the guys on this team and our coaching staff. Don't get to high and don't get to low. Keep working."

Kansas Senior Wide Receiver Daylon Charlot

On what slowed the offense down...

"Today I feel like today we got off to a slow start. Practice wise, we need to work on our tempo and our speed. Kansas State just out executed us. We are gonna take this bye week and learn from our mistakes and get ready for Oklahoma State."

On being slow from the start of the game...

"Energy on the sideline, players picking each other up after turnover or the 3 and out. Just being their for each other on the sideline."

On the difficulty of getting the ball down the field...

"Yes sir, Coach Dearman was talking to us after practice and he was like "It is going to be a dog fight." Like I said, KSU out executed us and I think the end of the game was out of reach but we did not wanna give up, so we kept fighting."

On jump balls...

"I feel like, it is no 50/50 ball for me. I tried to get Manny a touchdown. He got his first touchdown and I am happy for him. We are going to take this bye week to get comfortable again and go get Oklahoma State."

On the importance to keep playing...

"It gives us energy. It showed to keep pushing in the situations even if its out of reach."

On the crowd...

"It was great, as the game started because I was so locked. When I first ran out of the tunnel, it was beautiful. Like I said, as I got locked in, you have to stay focused and not worried about the crowd."

On the recent success and moving forward...

"Yes sir, the mistake that we made today, Coach Dearman has to come back. For our bye week, we are just going to look at the mistakes that we made in this game and fix them."

Kansas State Head Coach Chris Klieman

Opening Statement...

"Great effort by our guys today. It was a four-quarter game that, I thought that we need to control the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. That was a challenge to the guys on Monday. The other big thing is don't worry about the results, don't worry about anything that you can't control and just focus on the process of winning each day, attacking Monday to get to Tuesday, I told the guys before the game and at the end of the game don't be a results based program be a process based program. If you do that and attack them on a daily basis you have a good chance to be really successful on Saturday. Really pleased with the entire team, it was our best football game on both sides of the ball."

On the defense...

"It was our best performance, we tackled really well, we surrounded Pooka, because he is a phenomenal Football player. We just didn't give him a whole lot of daylight in the lines. I thought that we were confusing to the offence and our D-line got to the quarterback. That's all three lines doing well."

On being short on running backs...

"We are pleased with the offensive-line, tide ends and fullbacks. We didn't have James or Jordan. Thought that they would be a game time decision. Jordan tried to play but couldn't do it and James couldn't get though warm-ups. We always say the next man up and we've talked about all of the depth that we have a running back and [I'm] so pleased with Harry, Tyler and Joe. We also used Skyler more today."

On Skylar Thompson...

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"I tell everyone all the time; I love the kid. He's such a competitor. He's a winner. Whatever he's asked to do he'll do. In this game he was asked to run the ball a little bit more. We ran a lot of options and we thought we had some advantages running the option game and he made a couple of big plays with his feet early in. Then, pitching the ball. Great job by coach Mess and the offensive of staff. "

On earning a Bowl game...

"Yeah, it's a step in the right direction. We have a lot of games left and we're not going to worry about the results. We're just going to attack this week with Texas. We're going to have another tough game on the road."

On the future of the Kansas-Kansas State rivalry...

"They're a good football team and I told Les that before the game. They're doing some really good things. Especially on the offense. They played well they took some of our deep shots away on defense. It's a healthy rivalry because both teams have gotten better. [Kansas] is going to win some games still in this league."

Kansas State Defensive Tackle Trey Dishon

On the defense...

"I think we're getting better. I don't think it was the best game, we made mistakes, but we definitely proved it today that we're good defense in this league."

On where they can improve...

"We gotta stop getting those penalties. It's hard when it's a rivalry because there are a lot of emotions behind the game, but we have to stop."

Kansas State Linebacker Elijah Sullivan

On the rivalry...

"I will say, the guys that are from this state, it means a lot to them. So as a team, it felt like an instate rivalry for me, just because of the others on the team"

On the season...

"At the end of the day, we focused on the process. Not focusing on what the next player was going to do, focusing on one play at a time."