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Kansas Head Coach Les Miles

Opening Statement...

"Well, certainly it's obvious why we didn't do well. We turned the ball over. Turned the ball over six times. That's uncharacteristic of the teams that I coach and uncharacteristic of this team. They turned the ball over twice in special times, and I just -- it's -- you can't win football games doing it that way and in the same vein this team has taken some strides to improve, and this game was not indicative of the team that played game after game for the Jayhawks. We told them, we said, to those men that are going to stay that are not seniors who are graduating, we have work to do and we'll take every mistake that we made in this season finale, and we will dot the installation with exactly why and what and how it happened. And we will take spring ball and improve. And I told the young guys that would return that they will have to in the next three weeks set their own practice schedule and their own workout schedule, I should say, for the weight room and get it started, because we don't want to finish seasons like this. It's not near as much fun. I mean, these seniors bought in. They improved. They were really going to be one of the first teams that you'll look back on and go, they started this. They did a great job."

On whether the team came in unfocused...

LES MILES: You know, for me to say that there's one or two that showed a view that, you know, he may not be just right on it, I don't know if that's fair. I don't know -- I guess what I'm saying, if somebody's having a bad day, doesn't mean that everybody on the team is. But you can certainly head in the wrong direction based on one or two players that were not playing like they're capable.

On the season...

"I think it's gone extremely well. I think our football team is better than they were. I think they understand what the commitment to a full-time football team, a team that's going to play and play and be given the opportunity to chase bowl games, et cetera. I know that after a game like that, you don't mention bowl games, but we do, because we're going to take some strides and we're going to make corrections and those will be the things that we would look forward to being a part of."

On if hes having fun...

"Yeah. I'm having -- I'm having the enjoyment of relationships. I'm enjoying the team that would go on the prepared to play. I'm enjoying going into homes tomorrow and talk about Kansas and talk about the future."

On the senior class...

"They're mine. And I -- you know, the Hakeem Adenijis, the Bryce Tordedens, the Kyron Johnsons, the guys that I was fortunate to coach were just tremendous people. And I enjoy them. Enjoy them very much."

On the result from today impacting the offseason...

"I think the want to play -- there's not a guy that I practiced with that did not enjoy improving and being there. And I think that you will find that they'll look to do that. They'll look to take this game specifically into their meeting room, into their practice schedule and look to improve. I don't think there's any question that there's not any -- that that team, that that group of men doesn't realize that they're a lot better than how they played today."

On the crowd...

"I couldn't really tell, considering the weather, you know, who came and who didn't. But we were thankful for the ones that arrived. I can tell you that."

On recruiting...

"Well, it's an honest and sincere rendition of a great education, an opportunity to launch a career. Play early, and we're looking for those kinds of players that would develop, do some special things. And I think that guys that will want to come to Kansas will look forward to that."

On how important the upcoming recruiting class is...

"Yeah, considering where we were at at this time last year, we're miles ahead and we'll have an opportunity to be in a lot of real quality homes. So I think our recruitment will be very positive."

On conversations with Carter Stanley...

"Yeah. I didn't really get a lot of opportunity to see him after, so -- but I caught him a couple times in the -- during the game. And I think he was getting where he was looking forward to turning the reins over to somebody else."

On next week's schedule...

"Tomorrow we'll have a couple meetings and one will be a team meeting, one will be a staff. And we'll be in homes Sunday night. And we will be in homes right on through."

On what he is prioritizing in recruiting...

"Yeah, certainly we need a quarterback, and we like (Thomas) MacVittie. We like the other Miles (Kendrick) lad. And but if we can find a great class, a great quarterback in this class, we'll take one, although we have another -- we have a pretty good quarterback that could be a part of us already."



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On the offense in the second half...

"Yeah. To me one of the things we needed to do was to accomplish the opportunity for Pooka to get his career rushing. And being a -- giving him the opportunity to handle his -- get the career and the thousand-yard mark. Yeah. If there was something to smile about this game, that was the idea that he was a part of those two drives that certainly could have scored."

Kansas Senior QB Carter Stanley

On how the season played out...

"It was tough. Not how the seniors wanted to go out. We wanted to give them guys a better end to the season and start to the off season. Baylor is a great team, today wasn't our day."

On what he personally accomplished...

"It is pretty cool now looking back on it. All the creds go to my coaches and my teammates. This is a special place and I am just thankful to be apart of it."

On whether he will flush the final game...

"It will be flushed. The memories I was able to make here with my teammates and that senior class is irreplaceable. It wasn't how we wanted to go out but the memories we made over the past 4 or 5 years are memories for a lifetime."

On how he handled senior week...

"It is a week. Practice on Wednesday and I was like wow that is the first full padded practice I'll do as a Jayhawk, stuff like that. I will really just cherish it all, being thankful for it all looking back at it. It is something I will remember forever."

On what it has meant to be a Jayhawk...

"It means the world to me, a Jayhawk through and through. Choosing this school out of high school and sticking with it was the best decision I ever made. I am so thankful for the people I have met at this program and the people I have met at this University. I can't be more thankful for it all."

On what the future holds...

"I am going to have to talk over with my family. It has always been a dream of mine to play in the NFL. I am going to have to weigh out some options and just see where it goes from there."

On being a quarterback and leader...

"Just all the time you spend with those guys. It is great to see those guys succeed when you go through so much with them in the offseason and throughout the season. It is special be out there on the field and watching your brothers prosper."

Kansas Senior Safety Bryce Torneden

On how the season and last game played out...

"No not at all, it sucks. I thought we were prepared, focused, we had a great practice. The result turned out the way it did. It is what it is."

On whether he will flush the final game...

"I think at the end of the day we do have to flush it and get rid of it but it was senior day, so it will stick a little longer. Will leave a bad taste with most of these guys but at the end of the day you have to move on. Can't hang on to things."

On senior day...

"I tried not to put much into it or be sentimental but with my mom crying and the rest of my family there. I think we did a pretty good job of preparing for that. We didn't get the results we wanted but we were prepared to the best of our ability."

On what it has meant to be a Jayhawk...

"It means the world to me, to represent this town, the high school, family, it means a lot. Going out like this sucks. I wish we could have went out on a higher note but can't change that now."

On handing over the leadership...

"I think this team is a very strong team and it fits a lot of adversity the past 3 and a half years I have been here. This team is a great group of guys and it has many ways of improving. They are a bunch of fighters and I am thankful to be apart of."

On what the future holds...

"I really couldn't tell you, it is not up to me, it is not my plan. We will see."

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Baylor Head Coach Matt Rhule

Opening Statement...

"I'm proud of our guys, they have clerically come a long way in the past two years. Two years ago, we came here and we grinded out a win. I'm really proud of them for the past two years; the process and toughness and the grind they have gone through. The ability to overcome adversity and to go 11-1 in major college football is hard to do. It is an honor to our seniors and the guys who have been here grinding away. I'm proud to coach them. Everyone will talk about next week; I tell them, 'Let's talk about the last two years, and the brotherhood that they have built along the way.' I couldn't be prouder. I think that Kansas is building a tough, hard-nosed football team, they certainly didn't quit."

On how focused the team was this week...

"I think all teams go through a period of where they are learning how to win and who they are. I thought that was (in) the middle of the season for us; that was the Texas Tech game. Where it just wasn't clicking, and I've watched them click and grow. We're not a finished product yet, but they attack everything day in and day out."

On today's wind being a factor in the game...

"The wind was a big factor with getting the ball up in the air. We had a plan all week to run Gerry (Bohanon) a lot, but he got hurt. We knew to attack this defense we wanted a running threat. So, we decided to play two quarterbacks. When we had the wind at our back, we took advantage of it."

On which players made the run defense work so well today...

"Our run defense has really been good. Everyone has been able to run the ball against (us) when they run the quarterback and Kansas really didn't run the quarterback today, so pretty quickly we got a lead. They kind of stopped the run game, but then went back to it at the end of the game. I think their offense is a little more run RPO, and there was really not running threat from the quarterback."

On the team forcing turnovers...

"The players, every bit of success that we have is from the players. It comes with confidence; you only create turnovers when you're confident in your job. When the players get more confident, they see more things and we have some big ball hawks."

On the upcoming Big 12 Championship game...

"We're not going to talk about the game again till 11:59 p.m. It will be a great opportunity and we have earned our way into it. To me, these guys are champions; they finish tied for the best record in the Big 12. It will be a great week, but let's enjoy getting 11 wins."

Baylor junior CB Grayland Arnold

On how important the interceptions and turnovers were for their team today..

"It was big, we talked about getting the ball out. It was big for our defense. For different guys to get turnovers; they got a taste of it."

On how good this game was...

"I feel like we did a good job in not getting comfortable and not relaxing. Kansas is a good team, we got to play until the end. It was nice to see younger guys getting touchdowns."

Baylor junior RB Trestan Ebner

On how good it felt to be a part of today's win...

"I feel good, especially with the love. I was able to go."

On running the ball...

"It was good. I thank the O-Line; we were able to do a lot of things. I'm glad that everyone showed up and was a part of that."



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