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Postgame Quotes

Kansas head coach Les Miles

On how challenging missing key players makes it to compete:

"I'm not going to worry so much about the guys we didn't have as much as the ones we did. We aren't perfect, certainly, but we can still put this team together."

On Jalon Daniels' status after leaving the game:

"My next step is to find out how he's doing. I'll visit with the trainer and see what's going on, but from where I was standing it looked like just another tweak of an ankle."

On what he saw from Kenny Logan Jr., today and how has he progressed:

"We saw that out of Kenny Logan even before we recruited him. We watched his film and did an evaluation and he is just what you saw today. He has the potential to break a play and he has the potential to break a game open. I probably under-expressed his talent, but his talent is pretty extreme; he's fast, he's tough, and will strike you. We will look forward to him (play for Kansas) for quite some time."

On if today was a step forward in terms of overall progress:

"I don't know if it was a complete step forward. We still have improvement to make, we have to put the pieces of the team together and right now I think we have a view of our team in bits and pieces that you guys can see. You're starting to see some guys step forward and make plays and I think we can put them together."

"That secondary is young, but they are really going to play big. Duece Mayberry got a pushing off (penalty) but there is going to be a time where he is going to be one of the best players in this league."

On how the freshmen on the offensive line performed:

"I think they performed extremely well. Armaj Adams-Reed is a guy who is probably 325 (pounds) but really came off of the football and smashed a couple of guys. He is youthful and probably not as good as he is going to be. Down the road someplace, hopefully not too far from now, he will be a dominant player. We missed our center (Api Mane) and we had Garrett Jones step in. You have center snap and you have calls, it is an important thinking-man's position. There were a lot of guys who stepped in and played significantly considering there were a lot of guys missing."

On if the younger players like Jones get many reps:

"He gets a lot of snaps, (assistant coach – offensive live) Luke Meadows gets him over there. Several days he had very significant snaps in those practices."

On what true freshman WR Luke Grimm did to impress him today:

"What he did when we recruited him, he runs fast and he has ball skills. He's really going to be a guy we can count on in the games we have remaining."

On the team's biggest issues with the run game:

"We have to be able to run the football better. I want the ability to use the quarterback, but I don't want to use the quarterback as often as we have. We are improving and (offensive coordinator – quarterbacks coach Brent) Dearmon is doing a really good job, but we have to

continue to improve. You saw a new formation today and you saw guys in the backfield who were Wildcat so I think there is some experimentation that is good for this team."

On if he expects junior LB Dru Prox to be back this season:

"I think Prox is a guy who won't be back. He's an opt-out and I think that is something he wants. He is a fine linebacker and he can significantly play. I like the linebackers who were here today."

On when he learned Prox was opting out and what the reason was:

"It happened late Thursday or late Wednesday. He has a very significant personal reason that is not something I will share. He has reason to opt out other than football."

On if Prox will be back next year:

"Honestly, I don't know but I would love to have him. He's got some work he's got to do, not for me, but for his family."