



POSTGAME QUOTES

2020 KANSAS FOOTBALL

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On what led to the offensive struggles today:

"Our quarterback left the game early, and we're a team that needs to put it together. We're fortunate to have the Miles (Kendrick) lad, so it felt like he came in and gave us a spark. He has a couple of nice little naked throws and handled the stage pretty comfortably, too. I think that we need to put some consistency behind the quarterback play, but I think we will."

On if the plan was to play Jalon Daniels all of today:

"Yes, obviously Miles Kendrick knew that he would get to play. He was (on) all of the backup reps this week and we did (use him)."

On how long it will be until Thomas MacVittie can play again:

"I don't know exactly, I can tell you that heading into a bye week. I would say that Thomas is a week away."

On if he felt like his team was overwhelmed on the field of play:

"I really felt like the plays that were made weren't that style of play. I didn't feel like they were overwhelmed, I felt like should we continue to go on the course that we're going and we'll be fine. I like us, I like our team. I think that we'll work together and do things that this school has done before."

On if he can explain why he has that faith and on if he thinks the team will be fine:

"The resilience that this team has, the competitiveness and I believe in them, and that is my choice. I think that they will overcome some things."

On what is keeping the offensive line play from getting better:

"I want you to know that our (offensive) line coach has busted their tails and the kids playing for him are really good people and committed to being quality players. I saw him speak to his group at halftime and I believe that he'll make something out of that group."

On what happened on the 55-yard touchdown? Was there blown coverage?

"I can't wait to meet tomorrow with some of these coaches to find out what happened. I didn't see any coverage."

On what his message was to the players in the postgame locker room:

"We're in pain, but in my opinion, we're going to continue to work hard and be something."

On what his postgame addresses are to the team after a loss:

"Just be honest and optimistic. I think that it is fundamental to tell people that you reward and enjoy them, rather than kick them in the tail."

On if the last two weeks are an indication of what it's like to not have a full nonconference schedule:

"That and no spring ball, and not having an opportunity to continue to hit the weight room. There are a bunch of those things that (are that) way but I'm not taking that road. I'm believing that this team will do the things we need to do to make this team better and I think it'll happen sooner rather than later."

On if he got the sense after three games last year of nonconference play that his guys were more prepared for Big 12 action?

"Nonconference to Big 12, without question, is different with the size of the athlete, the speed of the athlete. I think there is a difference. I think that difference can be overcome. This is a different time too and yet this team will have the opportunity to overcome whatever COVID-19 may throw at us. I think we have overcome some (already) to this date."

On how today's absences of Kyle Mayberry, Ricky Thomas and Gavin Potter affected the team:

"Those are three starters. Nick Channel stepped in and went hard, I can't tell you how happy I am for him. The Gavin Potter loss was big, the Dru Prox loss was big, Kyle Mayberry's loss was big, but we have to find guys who will step in to the mix and play and I think we have that."

On what things the team needs to accomplish during the upcoming bye week:

"We need to look at the quality of our positions and where we are at. I want to make sure we are heading in the right direction and we will self-scout. That's a fundamental piece for this next week. I think the defense is improving and I want to spend some time with those guys."

On how the staff is evaluating the defense while the offense struggles to move the ball:

"That is so painful, two to three (yards per play) in the first two quarters. I think the defense did a fine job playing with the idea we had not scored. I'm still for us and for our guys."

On how he believes Daniels has played so far:

"He has the ability to throw, he's a person who has self-confidence and he's a guy who down the road will be very special here. I think we will all enjoy how he turns out."

On the challenges that Pooka Williams Jr., faced in today's game:

"It's not Pooka, it's going to be another position group because he does those things that you can't coach."