Kansas Captains: Sam Burt, Kwamie Lassiter II, Miles Kendrick, Kyron Johnson

First time starters at KU
Offense: Mike Novitsky, Colin Grunhard, Trevor Wilson, Jason Bean
Defense: Ra’Mello Dotson, Deuce Mayberry

Team Notes
• Kansas’ all-time record goes to 589-657-58.
• South Dakota won the opening coin toss and elected to defer to the second half. Kansas received the opening kickoff.
• Head coach Lance Leipold moved to 1-0 with the Jayhawks, and 145-29 in his career and 13-2 in season openers.
• Kansas held South Dakota to 0 first half points, the first time the Jayhawks held a team to a first half shutout since November 10, 2018 against Kansas State.
• KU is now 8-3 in season openers over the last 10 years.
• KU is now 3-0 against South Dakota all-time.
• KU is now 14-2 against teams from the Missouri Valley Conference all time.

Offensive Notes
• Leading the team, redshirt Junior quarterback Jason Bean rushed for 163 yards during his first career game as a Jayhawk.
• At the end of the third quarter, Kenny Logan Jr., returned a kickoff for 83 yards, marking his second longest return of his career. His longest of 100 yards came against Iowa State in 2020.
• In his first appearance as a Jayhawk, redshirt sophomore Trevor Wilson totaled 50 receiving yards. He averaged 10 yards per catch.
• Mason Fairchild led the team in receiving yards with 58, while averaging 14.5 yards per reception. He also recorded a new career-high with 4 receptions, beating his previous career high of three against Iowa State in 2020.
• Redshirt senior Lawrence Arnold recorded his first touchdown as a Jayhawk. He would then go on to score the game winning touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

Defensive Notes
Sophomore Keanan Caldwell recorded his career tackle for loss during the first quarter. Caldwell recorded 3 total tackles on the day.
Kyron Johnson, Kenny Logan and Gavin Potter led the team with 7 tackles. Kyron Johnson was just two shy of his career high of nine, which was achieved against Iowa State in 2019.