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**KANSAS
JAYHAWKS**
3-0, 1-0 Big 12

**HOUSTON
COUGARS**
1-2, 0-0 AMERICAN

POSTGAME NOTES

Kansas Captains: Jalon Daniels, Rich Miller, Sam Burt, Mike Novitsky

First time starters at KU

Offense:

Defense:

Team Notes

- Kansas called tails, Houston won the toss. Houston deferred to the second half. Kansas returned the opening kickoff.
- The Jayhawks rushed for 280 yards and three touchdowns against Houston, marking the third-straight game with 200+ rushing yards. The three-game streak of 200+ rushing yards is the first by a Jayhawk team since 2012 and Kansas now has 13 rushing touchdowns through three games.
- In the second quarter, the game was delayed due to weather. The delay lasted 69 minutes and was Kansas' first weather delay since October 5, 2019 (vs. Oklahoma).
- Kansas converted on 7-of-12 third down conversions, good for 58.3% success rate. The Jayhawks entered the game leading NCAA FBS with a 73.9% conversion rate on third downs and they are now 24-of-35 (68.6%) for the year.
- Kansas improves to 2-0 when leading at halftime this season, while going to 4-3 under head coach Lance Leipold. Kansas also led at halftime against Tennessee Tech (35-3).
- Kansas is now 2-7 under head coach Lance Leipold when opponents score first and are 2-0 this season.
- For the second consecutive week, Kansas overcame a 14-0 deficit on its way to earning a victory. The Jayhawks trailed Houston 14-0 with 7:18 to play in the first half before scoring touchdowns on four consecutive drives to lead 28-14 at halftime.
- Kansas opened the 2022 season with a third-consecutive game scoring 40+ points, marking the first time since 2007 that the Jayhawks have accomplished that feat in the first three games of a season. The last time the Jayhawks scored 40+ in three consecutive games overall was the final two games of 2008 and the season opener in 2009.
- With 48 points on Saturday, the Jayhawks have now scored 159 points through the first three games of the 2022 season. That offensive output equals the school record for most points through three games, matching the mark of the 2007 Orange Bowl team.

Offensive Notes

- Junior quarterback Jalon Daniels rushed for a career-high 123 yards on 12 carries with two rushing touchdowns against Houston, marking the first 100-yard rushing game by a quarterback since Jason Bean rushed for 100 yards at Coastal Carolina in 2021. Daniels broke off a pair of rushes that were career longs on Saturday, taking a rush for 22 yards in the first quarter and another for 37 yards in the second quarter. Both carries were new career longs as his previous long of 21 yards came against Tennessee Tech in the season opener. Daniels recorded three plays of 20+ yards on the ground on Saturday.
- In the first quarter, Daniels took a 12-yard rush for a touchdown, his eighth career rushing score and second this season.
- After Logan's interception in the first quarter, redshirt sophomore Daniel Hishaw Jr., scored his sixth career touchdown on an eight yard rush. The touchdown was Hishaw's fourth of the season.
- Redshirt sophomore Trevor Kardell recorded his first reception of the season on a 17 yard reception. The catch was Kardell's first since a 44 yard reception at TCU in 2021.
- Hishaw had one reception for 17 yards in the game, establishing a new career-long reception.
- Following the 69-minute weather delay, Daniels connected with Luke Grimm on a 5-yard touchdown pass, Grimm's sixth-career receiving touchdown and first of the season. The touchdown pass was Daniels' 13th of his career and fifth of the season.
- In the second quarter, Daniels completed a 60-yard pass for a touchdown to redshirt junior Torry Locklin. The touchdown was a career-long for Locklin and the second career receiving touchdown, third overall for Locklin.
- Daniels completed 10-of-16 passes in the first half for 137 yards and two touchdowns. He completed a pass to nine different receivers in the first half, with only Lawrence Arnold hauling in multiple receptions before halftime. Daniels tossed touchdown passes to Torry Locklin and Luke Grimm in the first half.
- Facing a 4th and 5 in the third quarter, Kansas converted on an 18-yard reverse to Quentin Skinner. Kansas is now 2-for-3 in fourth-down conversions this season.
- Following the fourth-conversion, Daniels reached the end zone on the ground for the second time on Saturday, marking his second career two-touchdown game. It was also his first-career game with multiple passing and rushing touchdowns, marking the first time a quarterback rushed for multiple touchdowns and threw multiple touchdowns in the same game since 2009 when Reesing passed for two touchdowns and two rushing touchdowns (Northern Colorado, Sept. 5, 2009).
- Daniels completed an eight-yard touchdown pass to Jared Casey, Marking Casey's third-career touchdown and first of the season.
- Redshirt sophomore Sevin Morrison broke open a 30-yard rush in the fourth quarter, matching a career-long set vs. Tennessee Tech.
- Through the air, Daniels finished 14-of-23 passing for 158 yards and three touchdowns. He has now thrown for 566 yards and 7 touchdowns through three games while completing 47-of-70 passes, good for a 67.1 completion percentage.
- Kansas' offensive line kept Daniels clean in the pocket for the third straight week as the team has not surrendered a sack during the 2022 season.

Defensive Notes

- With a stop on Houston's opening drive, Kansas senior safety Kenny Logan, Jr., recorded his 200th career tackle. Logan would finish the game with 5 tackles, which tied for third-most on the game.
- In the first quarter, Logan intercepted Clayton Tune's pass, Logan's fourth career interception and first this season. Logan returned the interception 26 yards, giving KU possession at the 8-yard line following a penalty against the Cougars.
- In the second quarter, super-senior Caleb Sampson recorded a sack for a loss of eight yards, marking 1.5 sacks this season and 4.5 career sacks. Sampson now has 2.5 tackles-for-loss this season and 10.0 in his career. Sampson also added a pass deflection on Saturday.
- Junior Jerome Robinson recorded a sack in the third quarter, marking 1.5 sacks this season and of his career. Robinson also forced and recovered a fumble on the same play, both of which were the first of his career.
- Junior Taiwan Berryhill recorded a sack of three yards, marking his first career sack.
- Rich Miller led the Jayhawks in tackles for the second-consecutive week, totaling 9 tackles (7 solo, 2 assist) along with 1.0 tackle for loss.
- Craig Young totaled 7 tackles for the second consecutive game, each of which being a solo tackle. Young has 16 tackles for the Jayhawks through the first three games.

Special Teams Notes

- Junior kicker Jacob Borcila was 2-for-2 on field goals in the fourth quarter, connecting first from 22 yards before hitting a 33-yard attempt on KU's final drive. Borcila is now 2-for-3 on field goal attempts this season and 17-for-28 for his career.
- Punter Reis Vernon punted twice in the first half and averaged 43.0 yards per punt, including a season-long 53-yard punt.