First time starters at KU

Offense:

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.

Junior Jereme Robinson recorded a sack in the third quarter, marking 1.5 sacks this season and 10.0 in his career. Robinson also forced and recovered a fumble on the same play, both of which were the first of his career.

Junior running back Dvaldani 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.

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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 for a 67.1 completion percentage.

Daniels completed a 60-yard pass for a touchdown to 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.

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Redshirt sophomore Sevion Morrison broke open a 30-yard rush in the fourth quarter, matching a career-long set vs. Tennessee Tech.

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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.

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