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

**TENNESSEE TECH  
GOLDEN EAGLES**  
0-1, 0-0 Ohio Valley

## POSTGAME NOTES

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

### First time starters at KU

**Offense:** Dominick Puni (LG), Ky Thomas (RB), Torry Locklin (RB)

**Defense:** Lonnie Phelps (DE), Craig Young (LB)

### Team Notes

- Tennessee Tech won the coin toss and elected to receive the opening kick.
- Kansas' 56 points were the most scored in a season opener since 1912 when the Jayhawks shutout St. Mary's 62-0 on Oct. 5, 1912.
- Kansas' 56 points were the most scored at home since the Jayhawks defeated Nebraska, 76-39, on Nov. 3, 2007.
- Kansas' season opener drew a crowd of 34,902 fans, the largest in a season opener since 2014, when Kansas drew 36,574 against Southeast Missouri State.
- Kansas' 46-point margin of victory is its largest since Sept. 3, 2016 vs. Rhode Island (+49).
- Kansas' all-time record goes to 591-667-58 and 364-291-6 at home all-time.
- Kansas moves to 3-10 under head coach Lance Leipold, while Leipold's career record improves to 149-49.
- Kansas improves to 76-51-7 in season openers all-time, including to 7-3 over the last 10 years.
- Leipold improves to 14-2 in season openers all-time, including 6-2 at the Division I level.
- Kansas moves to 5-0 against the Ohio Valley Conference all-time, while the Jayhawks win the first meeting in the series.
- Kansas improves to 5-1 in games played on September 2 all-time.
- Kansas totaled 502 yards, the most yards in a game since totaling 530 at Duke on Sept. 25, 2021, and the most in a season opener since Sept. 3, 2016 vs. Rhode Island (570 yards). The 502 yards were also the most in a home game since Oct. 26, 2019 vs. Texas Tech (527 yards).
- Kansas rushed for 297 yards which were its most at home since Sept. 15, 2018 vs. Rutgers (405 yards).
- Kansas' 21 first quarter points are the most in a Jayhawks' season-opener since 2014, when Kansas scored 24 in the first quarter against SEMO.
- Kansas' 12 tackles-for-loss were the most in a game since 2017, when Kansas had 12 tackles-for-loss against Kansas State.
- Kansas' 35 points in the first half was its most in the first half of a season opener since scoring 35 against Central Michigan on Sept. 1, 2007.
- Kansas' six rushing touchdowns were the most in a game since Nov. 1, 2008 vs. Kansas State (six touchdowns).
- Kansas' defense recorded five sacks which were its most in a season opener since Sept. 4, 2004 vs. Tulsa (six sacks) and its most in a home game since Oct. 22, 2016 vs. Oklahoma State (five sacks).
- Kansas had a 75.0 percent (6-for-8) conversion rate on third down, its highest third-down conversion percentage since an 80.0 percent (12-for-15) mark on Nov. 3, 2007 vs. Nebraska.
- Kansas did not punt a single time on Friday night, which is just the third time since at least 1996 with no punts in a game and the first time since September 6, 2003 vs. UNLV.

### Offensive Notes

- Sophomore Devin Neal scored on his first touch of the season from 19 yards out, which was then-the longest rushing touchdown of his career.
- Neal's third quarter touchdown went for 80 yards, was a career-long rush for Neal and the longest by a Jayhawk since Khalil Herbert ran for an 82-yard touchdown at Boston College in 2019.
- Neal rushed for 108 yards on four carries and two touchdowns, marking his fourth-career 100-yard game. Neal's two touchdowns mark his third-career game with multiple rushing touchdowns.
- On Kansas' second drive of the game, quarterback Jalon Daniels hit Quentin Skinner for a 56-yard play to put the Jayhawks in the red-zone. The big play was Skinner's first-career catch.
- Running back Daniel Hishaw Jr. scored his third-career touchdown on a carry from nine yards out, which was his first carry in nearly two years. Dating back to December 5, 2020, Hishaw has two touchdowns in his last six carries.
- Daniels finished the first half completing 14-of-15 passes (93%) for 182 yards and one touchdown. Dating back to last season, Daniels has thrown at least one TD pass in five straight games with eight in that span.
- Daniels ended the contest 15-18 (83.3%) surpassing his highest completion percentage for a game. His previous best was 73.3% (22-30) at TCU last season (Nov. 20, 2021).
- On the ground, Daniels scored a second-quarter touchdown from 11 yards out, marking his seventh-career rushing touchdown, including his fourth in his past four games.
- Kansas had five rushers score a touchdown on Friday (Neal, Morrison, Hishaw, Daniels, Bean), which is the first game with five or more since at least 1996.

### Defensive Notes

- Junior defensive end Jereme Robinson registered 1.5 tackles for loss. Dating back to last season, Robinson has at least one TFL in each of his last three games and four of his last five contests.
- In his KU debut, redshirt-junior Lonnie Phelps posted seven tackles, including four tackles-for-loss and three sacks. His three sacks were the most in a game by a Jayhawk since Cameron Rosser had three sacks against TCU in 2016.
- Phelps' seven tackles led the team, while senior Rich Miller added six tackles.
- Redshirt senior Eriq Gilyard intercepted Tennessee Tech's Jeremiah Oatsvall in the third quarter and returned it for 11 yards. The interception was Gilyard's first of his KU career.

### Special Teams Notes

- In the first quarter, defensive end Jereme Robinson blocked the Tennessee Tech field goal attempt, which was returned 61 yards for a touchdown by Cobee Bryant. The blocked field goal return was the first by a Jayhawk since 1996, when Patrick Brown returned a field goal 56 yards against Oklahoma.
- The touchdown return was the second-career touchdown for Bryant, after returning an interception for a touchdown (31-yards) against Texas in 2021.
- The blocked field goal was Robinson's first of his career.
- Senior Kenny Logan Jr. recorded a 38-yard kickoff return in the second quarter to mark the sixth time in his career he has posted a return of 30 yards or more.