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vs.



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**KANSAS  
JAYHAWKS**  
2-0, 1-0 Big 12

**WEST VIRGINIA  
MOUNTAINEERS**  
0-2, 0-1 Big 12

## POSTGAME QUOTES

### Head Coach Lance Leipold

*On the resilience his team showed ...*

"I'm so proud of them. We got our backs against the wall early, fought through that and then got the lead. We played really well. I thought once we got the rhythm off of that, (offensive coordinator) Andy (Kotelnicki) did a good job at calling plays and keeping the rhythm. (Junior quarterback) Jalon (Daniels) had a lot of confidence. We got the two-score lead, but you see the ability for them to strike, and to strike quickly. We just couldn't seem to make a play. I don't think we even had a sack. We had trouble getting to them. At the end, the battle and the score and (sophomore cornerback) Cobee (Bryant) makes that big play. We talk about how we want to get the game in the fourth quarter, and we get the game in the fourth quarter on the road. It was a 15-minute deal that we can try to pull it out."

*On the first scoring drive and the versatility ...*

"I think our depth is starting to show. I don't know where we're going to match up against everybody, one side or the other as far as talent and all-conference players. But I like the way our depth is. We've shown we have a lot of guys that have stepped up to make plays in (these last) two games and continue. Sometimes it's tough to get everybody the football, but the spreading it out (helps). (Junior wide receiver) Luke (Grimm) had a big game. (Redshirt sophomore wide receiver) Quentin (Skinner) had some plays. (Redshirt sophomore wide receiver) Lawrence (Arnold) made plays. (Redshirt sophomore tight end) Jared (Casey) makes some big catches. (Redshirt freshman wide receiver) Tanaka (Scott) got his first catch. Of course, the guys in the backfield (were huge). Jalon did a good job."

*On the value of the conference win ...*

"We know this program struggled to get wins. Obviously, first conference game and road wins to begin with (are important). This is a group that's been bruised mentally a lot, and they're starting to gain some confidence and believe in one another. Confidence in the system and how we're going about it. This is one that you hope we're going to build upon. We got a lot of games to play, and we go on the road again next week. But I'm very happy. I said the least I could in the locker room and let them go celebrate."

*On the offensive line ...*

"I was very pleased. It's a credit to them up front. We're able to mix things up too. Obviously you stay focused on the game ahead, but watching that game Thursday night (WVU at Pitt), it was like, 'Oh boy, that's a good group.' Both teams are vastly different than the last game of last year, for the better on both sides. I think we showed that tonight."