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**KANSAS
JAYHAWKS**
6-3, 3-3 Big 12

**#18/18
OKLAHOMA STATE
COWBOYS**
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POSTGAME NOTES

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

Team Notes

- Oklahoma State called heads for the opening coin toss, Kansas won the toss and deferred to the second half. Oklahoma State chose to receive the opening kickoff.
- Kansas is bowl eligible for the first time since 2008. It is Kansas' 13th all-time bowl eligibility.
- Today's win is Kansas' first win over a ranked opponent since Sept. 11, 2010 (vs. Georgia Tech), ending a 44-game skid against ranked opponents, and Kansas' first win against a ranked conference opponent at home since Nov. 26, 2005 (vs. Iowa State).
- After falling to both Iowa State and Oklahoma State by 50+ points last season, Kansas defeated both opponents this season. That is the first time since at least 1980 that a team has beaten two opponents after falling to both opponents by 50+ points the prior season.
- Kansas' 37 points are the most against Oklahoma State since KU defeated Oklahoma State, 49-19 on October 19, 1968.
- The win is Kansas' first win over Oklahoma State since Nov. 10, 2007, ending a 12-game skid against the Cowboys. It is Kansas' first win over Oklahoma State in Lawrence since Oct. 29, 1994.
- Kansas is now 4-1 at home this season, giving Kansas four home wins for the first time since 2009.
- Kansas improved to 27-181-2 against AP ranked opponents all-time, including 15-89-2 against AP ranked opponents in Lawrence. The Jayhawks are now 1-13 all-time against a ranked Oklahoma State team.
- Kansas moved to 596-670-58 all-time, including 8-13 under head coach Lance Leipold. Leipold's career record improves to 154-52 all-time.

Offensive Notes

- Kansas had 554 yards of total offense (351 rushing, 203 passing) compared to 415 total yards for Oklahoma State. Kansas' 554 total yards were a season high and marked the third time this season KU has posted 500-plus yards total offense (540 vs. TCU, 528 vs. Duke, 502 vs. Tennessee Tech). Kansas' 554 yards were the most since going for 569 at Texas in 2019, it was the most yards of offense at home since 2017 vs. West Virginia.
- Kansas' 351 yards rushing were its most since Sept. 15, 2018 vs. Rutgers (405).
- Sophomore Devin Neal scored his seventh rushing touchdown of the season on a 31-yard touchdown in the first quarter. The touchdown was his 15th rushing touchdown of his career.
- The 31 yard touchdown rush was Neal's second-longest rushing touchdown of the season after his season-opening 80 yard rushing touchdown against Tennessee Tech.
- Kansas now has 22 rushing touchdowns this season, marking the most since 2008 (22).
- In the second quarter, redshirt senior quarterback Jason Bean took a career-long 73 yard carry to the endzone, his third rushing touchdown of the season and fifth of his career. The touchdown rush was the second longest of the season behind Neal's 80 yarder against Tennessee Tech in the season opener. The touchdown was also the longest rushing score by a Kansas quarterback since Bill Whittemore had a 74 yard touchdown rush on September 28, 2002 at Tulsa.
- With 0:22 seconds remaining in the second quarter, redshirt sophomore Lawrence Arnold caught an 8 yard pass for his fourth touchdown of the season. The four touchdowns for Arnold are a new career high, passing his total from 2021 (3).
- Neal finished with 32 carries for 224 yards, surpassing 100 yards for the fifth time in his career. Neal finished the first half with 146 rushing yards.
- Neal's 100+ yard rushing game was the third by a Jayhawk this season and most rushing yards in a game since Pooka Williams Jr. had 252 yards on Nov. 17, 2018 at Oklahoma.
- Neal's 156 first half rushing yards were the most in a game since Khalil Herbert rushed for 190 in the first half against West Virginia in 2017.
- Neal became the first Jayhawk in school history with at least 200 yards rushing and over 100 yards receiving. He is also just the fifth power-five running back to accomplish such a feat since at least 1996 (Joe Mixon - Oklahoma, Christian McCaffrey - Stanford, Steve Slaton - West Virginia and Thomas Jones - Virginia).
- Neal is the third power-five player, fourth overall, with at least 220 rushing yards and at least 110 receiving yards in a single game.
- Neal's 334 yards of total offense (rushing and receiving) makes him the first power-five player with at least 334 yards of total offense this season.
- Junior Luke Grimm finished with a career-high seven receptions for 65 yards. Grimm's previous career high in receptions was six which came on three occasions, most recently against TCU in 2022.
- Kansas scored four touchdowns, including two on the ground and two through the air, marking the fourth time this season with multiple rushing and multiple passing touchdowns in the same game. Kansas is 3-1 this season in games when scoring multiple touchdowns in each category.

Defensive Notes

- Kansas has at least two interceptions in back-to-back games for the first time since Nov. 23, 2018 vs. Texas (2) and Aug. 31, 2019 vs. Indiana State (2). It's the first time with multiple interceptions in consecutive games in the same season since Sept. 8, 2018 at Central Michigan (4) and Sept. 15, 2018 vs. Rutgers (3).
- Sophomore cornerback Cobee Bryant had his third interception of the season with 12:53 remaining in the first quarter. Bryant made the interception to halt a 7-play, 40-yard drive on the first possession for Oklahoma State.
- Bryant's third interception of the season is the most in a season since 2018, when Hasan Defense and Shakial Taylor each had three interceptions.
- On Kansas' second defensive possession, Mello Dotson came up with Kansas' second interception of the day, marking his second interception of the season. Dotson returned the interception for 13 yards.
- Senior linebacker Rich Miller had his first career interception in the fourth quarter with 3:40 remaining in the game. The interception was the third of the game for the Jayhawks.
- Paired with Miller's interception, he also recorded a sack, becoming the first Jayhawk since 2015 to have a sack and interception (Marcquise Roberts at Iowa State).

Special Teams Notes

- Jacob Borcila connected on a pair of field goals from 20 and 21 yards, putting him at 6-of-8 this season. Borcila is now 3-of-3 from 2-of-29 yards this season.