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

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1-1, 0-0 Big 10

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POSTGAME NOTES

Series History: Illinois leads 3-2

Kansas Captains: Jalon Daniels, Mason Fairchild, Rich Miller, Mike Novitsky

Coin Toss: KU

Team Notes

- Kansas is now 596-675-58 all-time, including 10-17 in the Lance Leipold era.
- Kansas has started 2-0 in back to back years for the first time since 2008 and 2009.

Offensive Notes

- With 542 yards total offense, this marks the second time in the Lance Leipold era the Jayhawks have posted back-to-back games with 500-plus yards of total offense. The first was last season with 554 vs. Oklahoma State (11-5-22) and 525 at Texas Tech (11-12-22). It marked the sixth time in the Leipold era the Jayhawks have posted 500-plus yards total offense.
- The Jayhawks finished with 542 yards of total offense against Illinois, including 280 yards passing and 262 yards rushing. It marked the second consecutive game that KU totaled more than 200 yards passing and 200 yards rushing. This is the ninth time under head coach Lance Leipold that KU has had more than 200 yards rushing and passing, after it occurred five times in 2022 and twice in 2021.
- Kansas has scored on its open drive in both of its first two games of 2023.
- Junior quarterback Jalon Daniels made his first appearance of 2023 and finished 21-of-29 for 277 yards and two touchdowns. Daniels has now thrown for multiple touchdown passes in eight games for his career, including five times in 2022.
- Junior running back Devin Neal posted his seventh career 100-yard rushing game, first of the season. He had 94 yards in the season opener versus Missouri State (9-1-23). Last season, Neal posted three games of 100-plus rushing yards.
- Neal rushed for 120 yards becoming the 13th player in Kansas history to rush for 2,000 yards for his career. Neal has 2,011 career rushing yards which ranks 13th at KU. He added a rushing touchdown in the second quarter, marking his 19th career rushing score and second of the season.
- Redshirt sophomore running back Daniel Hishaw Jr. rushed for a career-high 98 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries. He capped off a 4-play, 75-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. It was his second rushing touchdown of the season and 10th of his career.
- Redshirt-junior running back Torry Locklin hauled in a four-yard touchdown on KU's first drive. It was his first touchdown reception of the season and fourth of his career.
- Junior WR Luke Grimm has caught at least one pass in his last 25 games played dating back to the 2020 season. With a 48-yard reception from Daniels in the second quarter, Grimm recorded his 100th career reception. He became the 16th player in Kansas Football history with 100 career receptions.
- Daniels threw a five-yard touchdown pass to junior TE Jared Casey. This was Casey's first touchdown reception of the season and sixth in his career.
- Senior TE Mason Fairchild has caught at least one pass in 22 career games after hauling in one pass for 16 yards against Illinois. He has 58 career receptions.
- With three 10-play touchdown drives covering 80-plus yards in the first half, Kansas became the third team in the last 20 seasons to accomplish the feat, joining Texas Tech in 2013 (vs. Iowa State) and Florida State in 2009 (at BYU).

Defensive Notes

- Four players combined to help Kansas finish with 6.0 sacks on the night. Jereme Robinson and Austin Booker had 2.0 sacks apiece, while JB Brown and Patrick Joyner Jr. both recorded their first sacks in a Kansas uniform. The 6.0 sacks are the most by a Kansas team since at least 2013.
- Kansas combined for 9.0 tackles for loss, led by 2.0 apiece from Brown, Booker and Robinson. The 9.0 TFL is the most by a Kansas team since the Jayhawks totaled 12.0 against Tennessee Tech to open the 2022 season.
- Senior S Kenny Logan Jr. recorded eight tackles (three solo, five assist) against Illinois, giving him 301 for his career. Logan is now the second defensive back in KU history to record 300 career tackles. He passed Darrell Stuckey (295 from 2006-09) tonight and trails LeRoy Irvin, who had 347 tackles from 1976-79.
- Robinson totaled a career-high two sacks in the contest. He has recorded a sack in back-to-back games to start the 2023 season and now has 7.0 sacks for his career. For the year, Robinson has three total tackles, each of which has been a solo sack.
- The Jayhawks had two interceptions for the second consecutive game. Junior cornerback Mello Dotson recorded his fourth career interception in addition to three tackles, while senior cornerback Kwinton Lassiter hauled in his second interception in as many weeks.
- Making his first start as a Jayhawk, junior linebacker J.B Brown recorded his first sack as a Jayhawk late in the fourth quarter and he now has three tackles for loss this season.

Special Teams Notes

- Redshirt senior placekicker Seth Keller converted both of his field goals in the third quarter, first from 41 yards out, then from 30. He also made good on all four of his extra points. Keller is now 4-4 on field goals, and 10-10 on extra points this season.
- Freshman P Damon Greaves made his Jayhawk debut in the second quarter, with a 37-yard punt from inside his own end zone.