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POSTGAME QUOTES

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Head Coach Lance Leipold

On the secondary's play...

"I thought our DB's the whole game played extremely aggressively. Slovis is a talented quarterback and you can see that experience and composure with his ability to buy time. It was tough and it was a challenge and that's a very good football team. I still think overall between playing the run and doing other things, that was one of the most physical and best performances by our secondary."

On only surrendering one rushing yard in the second half...

"I think part of it was score related. I think with Kenny Logan's pick-six we got a chance to hold them and get the ball back again. When we had that lead, we kind of forced them to throw the ball. The one thing is, it didn't seem like there were a lot of plays by either team. Possessions were very important, but again the efforts and strain by our defense was really great to see."

On defensive players stepping up...

Cornell Wheeler, I talked about him in the spring. It was starting to click and he was coming around with some confidence, then he got slowed by a hamstring in fall camp. It set him behind and he lost some time, and he started to show some things these last couple of weeks. He plays with a burst and can close distance quickly. He is a physical guy and we are going to need that. Taiwan Berryhill wasn't available again today, and we have to get him healthy, but when we do, we have a rotational linebacker core that gives us some ways to mix and match. It allows us to put some things together that I think are going to help us move forward."

On the running game, along with the run blocking effort...

"It's great to see, we ran the ball well when we needed to. I was kind of hoping that we could have found a way just to grind that thing out and make it sting a little bit by running the clock out inside the five, but they made some plays. We allowed them to play downhill quite a bit in the first half, but I think we were running laterally a bit more than I thought we needed to. We got downhill better in the second half. I thought Daniel Hishaw gave us a nice spark, and the effort from different guys rotating in gives us that effort on the outside."

On the secondary forcing turnovers...

"We almost got an interception on the first play of the game by Mello Dotson. Cobee Bryant, what a hit, and scoop and score for being the lightest guy out on the field. Even the first play of the second half, I think O.J. Burroughs read it really well. The first thing I think of is that our players are watching film, our coaches are telling them certain tendencies, and they jumped the ball on a couple of those. That was really great to see that they had a feel for what was happening, and of course a couple plays later Kenny Logan Jr. comes up with the big play."

On the upcoming matchup with Texas...

"Well, it's going to be a big challenge, of course they are an excellent football team. I had a chance to catch a part of their game that night they played Alabama and had a big win there. First of all, the biggest challenge will be early in the week again, much like the Illinois game. This was a very physical football game. For us to be healthy, and for us to get to work and understand, going down to Austin and playing where this isn't two years ago. I am so proud of our team, our staff, and the players about how we have put ourselves in a position to be respected and reckoned with. Now, we are going to need a great week of preparation, but I know they will accept the challenge."