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1-0, 0-0 Big 12

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POSTGAME QUOTES

Head Coach Lance Leipold

On special teams and building the unit this offseason..

"I think they did a great job, Kickoff coverage is pretty good when they are mostly touchbacks. Another year to understand what we have to do to put a lot more emphasis in some areas. Taiwo (Onatolu) is still leading it on the field, but Zac Barton and Aaron Miller and of course the addition of Sean Snyder has helped us completely in a lot of different ways. Really proud of the way those units played. I'm sure there's some things we got to clean up."

On Jason Bean's performance..

"I've said it probably too many times, but its showed itself today, for the second consecutive August Jason Bean has played extremely well in fall camp, and I think he's continued to get better. Again with everything going down, I'm glad the young man came back for another year and his confidence in understanding and running the offense, running the ball. I think there is only one time he was really flushed out of his pocket, like to his left or something. So its really great to see and really proud of his performance."

On the play of the offense line..

"Again, it goes back to all the things that we talked about last season, those extra practices and the opportunity to do some of that cross training. We went through our growing pains and then you get a chance to see some depth, a guy like Dylan McDuffie and Sevon Morrison got some late touches and I thought Missouri State played extremely hard and played well. But you know, it is a matter of you hope some of your depth and physicality can help you out in the second half, especially in the fourth quarter. And I thought it did tonight."

On the play of the defensive line..

"I thought we had some of those guys showing up and doing things. The younger guys, TJ Withers, Tommy Dunn, you know, are another year older and stronger. Then you look at some of the additions. Austin Booker, unfortunately had that penalty. But Devin Phillips, Gage Keys are a couple guys that are really helping. It is hard to tell with roating so many guys but, a guy like Patrick Joyner, who's really struggled staying healthy. I think he is really going to help us in the run game and things from the defensive end spot. It's going to be a collective effort. Instead of rotating eight guys up front, we might be rotating up to twelve."

On defensive back's response to the offensive talent..

"I thought our secondary did well. I think a lot of stuff was underneath things and crossing routes and that's your second level of defense and things, but again, I think we gave up big plays tonight and you know. Looking at the first half, it was the delayed hit that kept the drive alive, the fumble that gave him a short field. And they stopped us on fourth and one and other than that I thought our defense played very well."

On Kwinton Lassiter taking the ball to Kwamie..

"I didn't see him give the ball to his brother but, I saw Kwamie there for part of the second half. You know, you talk about a great family a great group of guys that are passionate about this place. Kwinton is very well respected in the locker room on both sides of the ball for who he is and how he goes about it, how he helps others. And you are so happy when you see guys like that make plays."

On next week's match up

"We got plenty of cleanup and that starts tomorrow morning. This is our first game, you know we had some ealy success but then added our back to the wall a little bit and thats good. Then you have to find a way to pull away. As we talked about after the game, this is going to change real quickly in the type of physical play and the opponent that is coming in. It is going to be a great opportunity for our team and our fan base. To be in a national spotlight on Friday night and our guys will be looking forward to it."