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**KANSAS
JAYHAWKS**
5-1, 2-1 Big 12

vs



**UCF
KNIGHTS**
3-3, 0-3 Big 12

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POSTGAME QUOTES

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Head Coach Lance Leipold

On winning as a collective group...

"I'm really proud of the guys our coaching staff for approaching this week the way we did, taking the challenge we knew for us to have a chance we were gonna have to be the more physical football team and at the point of attack and I thought we were. As you said, we were in the first half especially. I thought we were flying around all three areas. Trevor's big punt return was something that we haven't had since we've been here something like that and the return game. So it was really a good all-round performance"

On the dominance of the offensive line...

"I think we're finding out some things that we can do within the scheme that they do well. I think we're starting to see Daniel Hishaw get back in a rhythm. Devin Neal continues to play at a very high level. Then of course late in the game our thought was if we could kind of you know run the ball well with the first two guys and then Dylan (McDuffie) could come in later when they're starting to get tired and kind of put the nail in it and I thought he did for the most part. We didn't have to throw the ball much, we told the receivers it may be that type of game and they were going to need to accept it and you know do a great job on the perimeter blocking and I'm really proud of the way they handled it as well."

On the defensive performance...

"Yeah, from first view of just seeing it from the sideline, I agree. I mean, there's always gonna be things we have to get better at but again, we prevented big plays that they're known to hit. You can see on the one touchdown drive I don't know they did a couple of double pass attempts, and you know, plays they had to go to some other things to try to get some things moving. And that in the maybe the one right before the half so when they really needed to drive I think we really kind of buttoned up and played well. So again, a nice performance from our defense, as you said with a very explosive offense."

On the response from the defense bouncing back from last week...

"Again, as you allude to the experience, the depth that we're starting to develop especially I think sometimes at the linebacker position, that has allowed us to rotate a little bit more give us a little bit more later in the game, Cornell Wheeler. I thought Jason Gilliom made some really nice plays just with effort and pursuit from the backside and you know to see him do that, JB Brown, Taiwan Berryhill, you know, we're finally getting him healthier. So hopefully we can get there. We lost a couple of defensive ends to some things hopefully they can bounce back and try to be as full go as we can as we head on down to Stillwater."

On preparation for the OSU game...

"Yeah, I think the unique thing that's going to be more so and I'll continuously grows is it's really how you match up against people. You know, you can't get into comparative scores because you just don't know your strengths versus another teams or what it's going to be, and you can't get fooled by what it maybe happens a week or two weeks earlier or something like that. And once again, it's hard to win games in college football and in the Big 12 conference and that's why I'm so proud of these guys."