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### Head Coach Lance Leipold

#### On his reaction to the game...

"Proud of our guys for battling. We had some opportunities to get a bigger lead and can't do that against good football teams that are well coached. We played extremely hard and they played hard. I can see some guys put in work in the week and the way they came through and put it out there tonight. I'm really proud."

#### On Devin Neal's run game...

"You know he wasn't in practice until Wednesday this week and to play like that is definitely inspiring. You know, he continues to make big plays for and his patience seems to get better every week. He gave us everything he had."

#### On Cole Ballard's game...

"Yeah, you know, he's out to make plays. The one throw he's trying to drop when in you know, but he's got to be competitive. For a freshman who went from very limited playing to play that well and hard again, proud of him. He's got things he's got to learn but all in all, I thought he handled the offense and the atmosphere and everything extremely well,

#### On Austin Booker's performance and the defense...

"You know, early I don't know we had a hard time getting pass rush against that experienced offensive line. And then we started to play a little more aggressive around the edge a few times and Austin gets a big sack. You know, it continues to go well, you know, first drive which we gave up, plays early, they had to get on the board, you know, but we settled in well and got some stops. You know, Mello gets a pick. I think Rich walks in if he hangs on but there were some plays being made. Then in special teams we got hurt you know, the two point hurts and then the pass interference called. So you put those together, those were are all things that hurt us. And when you're playing like this at home, you can't let those happen to you if you're going to get to be teams like this.

#### On his the message to the team/seniors...

"We've talked about it, it stings. We are still a good football team and we have a chance to win a football game, and then win a ninth game in a bowl. As we know, that hasn't happened around here in a really long time. I told them how proud I am of them considering where this was at three and where it's at today."

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### **Kansas State Head Coach Chris Klieman**

#### **On overall thoughts on the game...**

“That was a good football team we beat in a really good environment. We knew we were going to get their best shot, and I think we did get their best shot. For a while, it didn’t look very good, we were struggling to slow them down on defense, they did a good job of shift trade motions and getting us misaligned. Give them credit, I thought they did some good things.”

#### **On the blocked point after attempt...**

“That really changed the game even though they ended up getting ahead, I get it that they got ahead, but they were chasing those two points all game, and we go for two and get it, and there’s your four points right there.”

#### **On the atmosphere at David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium...**

“It was loud in here, and it was hard to hear.”

#### **On the Kansas offense...**

“Give them credit they’ve got good running backs and good players, and I don’t think we tackled exceptionally well.”

#### **On the matchup and thoughts on Kansas...**

“I knew they were a good team, I knew we were a good team, I thought this would be a four quarter game, they’ve got a lot of guys with a ton of pride over there. I have so much respect for Lance and what he’s done, he has done a phenomenal job there.”