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POST-GAME QUOTES | Marshall (38), WKU (14) | October 10, 2020

WKU HEAD COACH TYSON HELTON

Opening statement:

"Disappointing game. A lot of things went wrong, particularly offensively. It was a good Marshall team we just played - very talented team. But, that's no excuse for the poor execution that we made, particularly offensively for most of the game. We'll rebound, wake up tomorrow and get ready for UAB."

HILLTOPPER PLAYERS

Redshirt Sophomore Quarterback Kevaris Thomas

On subbing into the game in the third quarter:

"We had a very big talk tonight about unity before the game and we said no matter what happens we just have to stick together, and that's what I went in and did - stuck together with my offense."

On his comfort in the passing game:

"I'm very comfortable throwing the ball. I just listen to my coach; keep everything he tells me in my head and I went out and did it."

Redshirt Freshman Defensive Tackle Ricky Barber

On Marshall's opening touchdown drive:

"That's football. Things like that happen and we just had to respond and I think we responded okay."

On what positives the team can take away from the game:

"Everyone kept fighting to the end. We didn't have anyone give up. Our senior leadership kept our spirits up, they didn't let anyone get down. They refused to watch anybody quit."

MARSHALL HEAD COACH DOC HOLLIDAY

Opening statement:

"Number one, I'm just proud of our football team. You know, I was concerned coming into this game against the team a lot of people had picked to win our league and an excellent football team with a quarterback who gives you problems. And I was concerned about being off three weeks and being rusty and all that, but I thought our kids came out and we started fast like we wanted - like we always try to do. I thought our kids really tackled well and didn't miss a whole lot of tackles in space which is good against that quarterback and a couple other players they have. So, I'm proud of the way our kids played. We have a lot of work to do to get better as a team but we'll take this one to head on home and get ready to go to Louisiana Tech."

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On Grant Wells' ball security and decision-making:

"We're really proud of Grant. He took care of the ball. It was a plus-three turnover margin for us. We didn't turn the ball over, which is huge, and they turned it over three times, which early on went for a touchdown. For a young quarterback he plays with a lot of poise. We had a couple other throws that we should have made for him and for our team. He just keeps getting better and better. Our wideouts stepped up and made some plays and you look up and [Brenden] Knox has over a 100 yards, which is what he does."

THUNDERING HERD PLAYERS

Redshirt Senior Linebacker Tavante Beckett

On the turnover margin:

"We're just staying hungry and wanting to be the best in the country. That's the motivation. That's what gets us going every day. We hadn't played in a few weeks, so getting back out there today meant a lot and you could tell how hungry we were on defense."

Redshirt Junior Running Back Brenden Knox

On the offense capitalizing on WKU's turnovers:

"Honestly, and like I always say, it's about just getting in a groove really and having that tenacity – having the ability to get one in and create momentum for the next man and keep it rolling."