

Middle Tennessee State vs. Marshall

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MTSU QUOTES

Head Coach Rick Stockstill:

Opening Statement:

"Congratulations to Doc and Marshall, they got a good football team. I thought our guys, especially our defense played exceptionally well. We stopped the ball. The second half, we gave up some 50/50 balls. Offensively, pretty disappointing, punting and didn't do anything. I thought our defense played really well the first half. The second half, we gave up some balls."

On offensive performance:

"It's highly disappointing just because the first half, defensively, we forced them to punt. It's disappointing, and you come out in the first half and put the ball on the ground. "

On defensive performance:

Our defense really did a good job of stopping the run. We shut down the run really well. The run being stopped so well, they went to the pass. He (Grant Wells) picked us a part."

On offensive struggles:

"Offensively, it's been the same story all year. We're not scoring. It's hard moving the ball. I don't think being off three weeks was the result. We've done it all year. We either punted it or turned it over. That's not a recipe for winning."

On open offensive opportunities:

"We got to get more opportunities. Asher (O'Hara) had some nice runs off some scrambles. We just got to be more consistent. When you go back and look at it, it's probably not just one person or position. It's no secret. We're not good at running the ball. We've got to get better."

Players:

Quarterback Asher O'Hara:

On the game overall:

"My first take away is how proud the offensive line played today. Our receivers did a great job as well. It was a weird game, but I thought it was played well. I give them (Marshall) credit. I'm proud of our guys and would go to war with them any day."

On turnovers:

"It's tough. We got to take care of the ball better. The momentum hurts. I think there's a lot of over stuff that can be worked on, like turnovers."

On not having games for a few weeks:

"I didn't notice any heavy legs. Normally you get loose on the first drive. That's where I started settling in. The two weeks didn't hurt us."

On Marshall's defense:

"The safeties were coming down for the runs. We took what was given to us, a lot of short stuff. We couldn't make big plays out of them."

Wide Receiver Jarrin Pierce

On Marshall's defense:

"Defensively how they were playing, we take what they give us. They really weren't biting. It was just taking what they give us."

On numerous turnovers:

"It's frustrating. Once the turnover happens, we have to forget about it. Turn the page and go to the next play."

On not playing games in a few weeks:

"We were fresh. There's no excuse. Rest is key, especially in this sport. We're going to bounce back and we're taking it one day at a time."

Defensive End Jordan Ferguson

On team's defensive plays:

"We're trained to sudden change. We put the ball down, wherever we are. We got to have energy."

On defense's main objective:

"The whole key to the game was to stop the run and then make (Grant) Wells beat us over the top."

On lack of games in the last few weeks:

"The first half, I got winded early. We were off two weeks. We're all tough and we'll bounce through it."

On pressuring Marshall's quarterback:

"It was a tough game on pressuring the quarterback today."