

MARSHALL POSTGAME VS. MT

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Doc Holliday

(On today's game)

"It's a very emotional week for us but I'm just so proud of our guys. What a great day it was for the fans. It was just a great day, very special day."

"It's so emotional. There's so much that goes into this week and the kids are just fired up and ready to play."

"A lot of stars lined up for this game."

(On the offense)

"You've got to be able to make plays on the outside and at the end of the first quarter we did that."

"It got to a point where we had to throw the ball to move it, and that's okay. We were able to execute."

(On Wells)

"I see a young kid that's growing up. He's getting better every week."

(On receivers)

"I thought we threw the ball extremely well down the field, that was great to see. They're (Willie & Corey) peaking at a great time."

(On defense)

"I thought our defense did a great job. (O'Hara) has created a lot of problems for a lot of people but didn't cause that many for us."

Nazeeh Johnson

Nazeeh on what it is like to play on the 50th anniversary...

"It means a lot because I got my first start four years ago on this exact game. It means a lot to the community and to me but it feels good to do this on the 50th year."

Nazeeh on how the different type of warmup/day affects him...

"In a sense yes, we just control what we can control, and we just come out faster the next game. We will work on that because practice makes perfect."

Nazeeh on tackling the space when everything is spread out...

“It was very important because it minimized their big plays. You can’t have big plays because those result in touchdowns. We have a very fast defense, we run to the ball, so you can take a shot knowing that your brother is right behind you to assist you on the tackle.”

Tavante Beckett

Tavante on the fumble recovery...

“For us as a defense, we are going to force a couple turnovers. He likes to scramble around back there and make plays and we just wanted to make a play on him. Darius got the strip sack, you don’t see him lose the ball too many times, but he lost it and I just tried to take it to the house.”

Tavante on the difficulty of their QB...

“One of the most talented quarterbacks I have ever faced throughout my life. I wanted to have some competition with him, it took a lot of film watching this year and last year. I just wanted to be patient and we just wanted to contain him.”

Tavante on playing on the 50th anniversary versus other 75 games.

“For me it’s only my second game played for the 75, it’s always special, I haven’t had many opportunities to play in these games. You could say it has a little bit more, but at the end of the day this week is the same thing. We have to win. At the end of the day we have to go represent and make them proud. We have to make their families, the people that come to the game and the community proud. It is the same thing as last year, go win.”

Willie Johnson

Willie on the significance of winning on the 50 anniversary...

“It is the best feeling in the world. We had a great game, everyone came out firing on all cylinders. It just feels awesome to come out and play on the 50th anniversary of the plane crash. It is a great feeling to come out and do what we did.

Willie on finally making a connection from Grant on the 44-yarder...

“It felt great. Just finally connecting and getting the chemistry better. We have been working throughout the weeks on practice on hitting the deep balls and it just all came together today for the 50th anniversary, it just felt great.”

Willie on how Baker helped in producing a game like today...

“Just stay in it. Just stay in it. It is going to be frustrating; it is going to be hard but just stay in it because your time is going to come and when your number is called you have to be locked in to make your plays.”

Grant Wells

Grant on playing for the 50th anniversary...

“There were a lot of emotions to say the least, especially after coming out there like we did. We knew going into this week that it was going to be special for not just us but the entire community so having the outcome that we did sure means a lot.”

Wells on how the emotion changes for this game as the quarterback...

“Walking out there were a lot of emotions but when the foot hit the ball, I had to snap back in to playing Middle Tennessee. It was just a great day.”

Wells on the 44-yard connection to Willie Johnson...

“Having a deep threat like that and when we connect, we start something special and it gets our whole entire offensive rolling.”

Wells on being the first WV quarterback since ‘95

“I have been around this story all throughout my life, to honor them and to be quarterback on this day and represent them is beyond words.