

## MARSHALL POSTGAME QUOTES V. UMASS 11/7/20

### Head coach Doc Holliday

**On Defense:** “Early on in the second half, we made some mistakes. Our players challenge each other.”

“What a great football team will do is go out and take care of business, and that’s what we did.

**On Opponent:** “If you don’t have a mature football team, if you go out there and sleepwalk, you can go out there and have trouble with teams like that.”

“I’m a little disappointed with that first half, but we came out in the second half and performed well.”

**On Offense:** “It was great to see those guys (2<sup>nd</sup> string) play a substantial amount of time, because we might need them down the road.”

**On the 75 game:** “This is the most important game of the year. This game means more to us, our community, and our fanbase more than any other game.”

### Grant Wells

*On the high expectations coming into today’s game*

“I wouldn’t say it’s hard, just for the fact that we treat every game like it is a championship game. If we do that, I wouldn’t say any team is hard to beat. Going into every Monday knowing that that game means a little more, nothing really changes. From the offensive standpoint, we’ve been emphasizing all week that if we don’t turn the ball over, with as good as our defense is, we’re going to win a lot of games.”

*On his connection with Xavier Gaines*

“We knew he was going to have a great game and he did. Throughout this whole year, I don’t know if he was very content where he was, props to him for sticking to it, he had a monster game. If he keeps that up, he’s going to be pretty dangerous.”

*On next week’s game as the 1970 anniversary game as a local product*

“Man I don’t know if I can put that into words. Growing up not far from here, I’ve grown around the story and have learned about it since I could throw the ball. Representing the Herd especially in this game on the 50th anniversary will be surreal. I can tell you that this team is already looking forward to that game.”

### Xavier Gaines

*On his one-handed touchdown catch*

“I thought Devin [Miller] was going to get it, he’s usually the one who gets the ball in that formation. The defense shifted over to him so around 10 yards I stepped inside and

went out to the corner and I didn't even think I was going to get it, I thought it was too far to be honest. I just stuck my hand out. Grant [Wells] made a great throw and I had to make a play."

*On his versatility*

"I just need to go out there and make plays, whatever they want me to do, that's just the kind of guy I am. Wherever coach wants me or lines me out, I just have to go out and do my job and live up to my potential, I definitely love going out there, who wouldn't, going out and making plays."

### **Brendan Knox**

*On the team's quick start capped by his 45-yard touchdown run*

"Just trying to get a fast start, get the ball rolling early and keep it rolling. It can be easy to overlook the work [the offensive line] does, all praise to them in every aspect all the time."

*On his performance for the team with another 100-yard performance and his experience*

"Honestly whatever they need me to do, whether it's 100, 200, 300, honestly it's about putting the team in good positions. Using the experience as an advantage, knowing how things are supposed to go, there's a lot of different aspects you can touch on that."

### **Jamare Edwards**

*On the defense's mentality after allowing an early touchdown*

"We don't like getting scored on at all, we try our best to limit as many touchdowns as we can. It starts at the line, everyone on our front, we don't want to be blocked. We have to watch film the next day, pretty much when you get blocked on a run or pass play, someone will be after you. We try our best to not get blocked at all."

*On returning to conference play with next week's game as the 1970 anniversary game*

"We take every team the same, we're just going to lock in and do our best and focus on our next opponent, Middle Tennessee. That's a special game around here, that's a big tradition, the 75 game. We're going to try to go out there and do what we do."