

## **Marshall vs. No. 23 App State Quotes**

### **Marshall Head Coach Doc Holliday**

*Opening statement:* “What a great football game that was. I’m really proud of our guys. I’m so proud of our team to get this win. We have a chance to be special. Nothing changed my mind about that today. We went out and defeated a top 25 team. People will maybe step up and notice that we have a pretty good football team.”

*On Wells:* “For a young player, he took care of the ball today.”

*On winning in prime time on CBS:* “I think it’s huge. It’s huge for our program and community. Marshall is a special place. I’m just so proud of our fans for showing up today.”

*On Knox:* “He’s a great back. He’s a great kid. I don’t worry about Knox. He’s going to show up.”

*On Beckett:* “All he does is make plays. He just plays with great intensity. The guys have great respect for him.”

### **Redshirt junior running back Brenden Knox**

*On winning in primetime on CBS:* “I could cry. I was just telling all the offensive line and defense that this is something that you can talk about for the rest of your life, not many people get to do that. To knock off a top 25 team, that is what people dream about on national TV.”

*On beating a top 25 Appalachian State team:* “For sure, again like I was telling the rest of them, it started with practice. I saw some things that we hadn’t seen in a while or really ever. Practice was looking just great, kind of feel something is in the air, but you know you never really know until you get out there and all of that showed up. I am proud of those guys.”

*On taking what happened in the game into the rest of the season:* “Mainly just realizing what got us to this point. Yes, this was a tremendous win and it’s a great view, but at the same time we have to remember what got us here and keeping that mindset moving forward and carry that into every week.”

### **Redshirt senior linebacker Tavante Beckett**

*On playing against a ranked team:* “For me personally, when I get to play a ranked game like this, I just try to make the most of it. Just making the most of the opportunity. What I preach to my team is just don’t let the moment get too big. Look at it as a regular game and just play your game and don’t try to do too much. Everyone just did their job today and that’s why they only scored seven points. Just keying in on what you’ve got and making your individual plays and making opportunities when they come. That’s what they did today and I am proud of my guys.”

*On playing in primetime:* “The day before the game I don’t try to get too high or too low. I just try to be myself and calm down and make sure the guys are locked in. So when I talk to them, I just tell them to seize the opportunity. Don’t let it be too big for you.”

**Redshirt freshman quarterback Grant Wells**

*On how long it took him to settle into the speed of the game:* “It sure wasn’t the first drive, I can tell you that. It didn’t take long. We knew we had a great game plan going in and once that settled down and we got to feel how they were playing it got a little slower out there. “

*On his rushing touchdown turning the momentum:* “Certainly, help turn the momentum and we felt the crowd was great after that. We could feel them losing it mentally and physically after that. That didn’t win us the game, we had to finish the game. There was a lot of crucial points after that that secured the win.”

**Junior defensive back Steven Gilmore**

“I think our defense did a great job. We did great on defense, special teams, and on offense. It was a group effort for us.”

**Redshirt senior safety Nazeeh Johnson**

*On what it took to win:* “Focus on the little things. We were coming off a bye week and we had to keep our minds focused. We knew the team coming in here liked to run the ball a lot and likes to take shots. Our team came and we did a pretty good job today.”