

Marshall Head Coach Doc Holliday

Opening Statement: “I thought our kids came out and executed really well. I’ve got great confidence in Grant (Wells). I saw it today. Critical thing is he took care of the ball. You worry about how well we tackle. I thought the game was pretty crisp and pretty clean for not playing in a while.”

On the offensive line: “When you got that offensive line out there, they’re a solid group. I know our quarterbacks have a lot of confidence in those guys and they went out there and got the job done today.”

On keeping momentum going into an open week: “Well, I think we need to give these kids a couple days off. Times are different right now. We have to be accountable.”

Marshall Redshirt Senior Safety Nazeeh Johnson

On seeing Wells in the game: “He does the same thing in practice. It’s nothing new. I already know he can do that.”

On getting ready for Appalachian State: “I feel like we still have a lot to prove. We’ve got a potential top-25 team coming in. I’m gonna get these boys locked in.”

Marshall Redshirt Senior Linebacker Tavante Beckett

On Eli Neal: “That was good for him to get some tackles under his belt. I’m proud of him and I let him know.”

On getting ready for Appalachian State: “We got a big team coming up and if we are able to get two wins, then we can start patting ourselves on the back.”

On having fans in the stands: “It was definitely motivating to have some people watching. It’s definitely a blessing to have people out there because some people can’t.”

Marshall Redshirt Freshman Quarterback Grant Wells

On his first start: “I don’t know if I imagined it’d turn out quite like it did.”

On if he felt any nerves: “I went back and looked at the guys around me and I knew I trusted all 10 guys around me so that took out some of the nerves.”

On celebrating his first touchdown: “I blacked out. I had to watch a video of it just a little bit ago. It was insane.”

Redshirt Senior Tight End Xavier Gaines

On coming out strong today: “I mean we started before everybody. We’re confident in ourselves. We believe we can come out and do what we did today.”

On Wells’ performance today: “I mean in camp he’s been lights out. He made all the right decisions. I honestly thought he’d put on a performance like this.”