Postgame Quotes Texas 59, Kansas 20 Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015

Kansas Quotes

Kansas Head Coach David Beaty

On final sequence at the end of the first half: "We put together a nice drive to get the ball down there towards the end to atone for the previous drive when we weren't able to convert on fourth down. That was a momentum changer. I thought it was a big play for them, but our defense stood up and got us the ball back. We got the ball back down there. Ryan [Willis] was hurt. He was barely able to walk at halftime and I wasn't even sure he was going to come back out. I didn't want to take a chance on him making a bad throw there and us no having those points. We've got to be able to convert that field goal right there. We have got to convert those two drives and maybe the game is a little different. There is no excuse for it. We have to get in the end zone, especially when we are in the red zone."

On Dorance Armstrong and defensive play: "He is a good player. I keep watching this guy improve. In the first half, I was so impressed with what those guys were doing defensively. I think we did a good job controlling a pretty good run game. [Texas] exploded in the second half and you have to take your hats off to them.

On his team's morale at halftime: "It was a great halftime. We always come out of the half energetic, but when those guys walked out of the tunnel they believed they were ahead. I loved the look in their eyes - they could not wait to get back out there. I thought that was a good halftime for us. Defense was playing well. We had great communication at halftime. The game turned and it started snowballing, but we came out of the half really well."

Darious Crawley, So., WR

On the importance of making a big impact in the game: "I knew that I had to step up and make plays - just do what I had to do to help us be successful."

On Kansas' missed opportunities: "I definitely think it could have been a lot better than that. We left some points out there on the field. We missed some opportunities, but we just have to keep fighting and never give up."

On if he felt a turn of momentum in Kansas' favor in the second quarter: "I definitely did. I wished we had gotten that touchdown to make it 21 to 24. Momentum was on our side and we just had to take off with it. We just missed a few opportunities."

On if the game vs. Texas a step forward for Kansas: "I believe that it is a step forward. A lot of us are starting to fight a lot harder for each other. That's a great thing to see, so I'm loving it. We're getting better every week."

Fish Smithson, Jr., SAF

On Texas making it a difficult night for the Kansas secondary: "We have to get better all around on defense. We gave up a few runs that we can't give up. They came out and attacked us, and we just have to get better and stay on top of them."

On whether he was surprised by Texas' penchant for passing vs. Kansas: "No, we knew that this quarterback [Texas' Jerrod Heard] likes to run more than other quarterbacks, but they can throw the deep ball."

On if he had a chance to stop the 93-yard Texas run in the third quarter: "That's one that I wish I could have back. I was playing deep middle, he came down and gave me a little move and I shouldn't have gone for it. I should have just done as we've been coached – running through and keeping my leverage. He gave me a little move, I missed the tackle, and they scored."

On frustration with giving up big plays, considering Kansas played well much of the game: "It is really frustrating. We contained them and we've done our job playing together, and then one play somebody messes up. I missed my tackle. We just gave up big plays and we can't do that. We just have to get better."

Ke'aun Kinner, Jr., RB

On if he has reached his potential: "I really just try to do what I can. It is definitely there. I just try to make the most of my opportunities."

Taylor Cox, Sr., RB

On Kansas' passing success: "I thought [Ryan] Willis did a really great job. The offensive coordinator [Rob Likens] did a great job for calling plays. We were just getting the defensive what they were running, reading the coverage. I thought we did a great job of that, which helped us ultimately get our passes off."

On Kansas quarterback Keaton Perry: "I thought he did a great job. It is hard when you don't play all game and come in cold like that, but I thought he did great. I thought he did a great job leading the offensive. I was really proud of him, for sure."

Shakiem Barbel, Sr., WR

On keeping Texas off balance by using multiple receivers: "One of the main things is, the more you spread the ball out, the harder it is for any defense to cover."

On his fumble recovery touchdown near the end of the first quarter: "I was coming back to block for D'Andre [Banks]. We have emphasized population to the ball. When it goes on the ground we had to jump on it, and it just happened to be for a touchdown. Right place, right time."