

ULM WARHAWK FOOTBALL



POST-GAME QUOTES: ULM 31, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 17

ULM Head Coach Todd Berry

Opening Comments:

As always with Middle Tennessee, it was a hard fought game. Rick (Stockstill) does a great job with those guys. I think they are athletic and a really good football team. I thought we played well at times, but I don't think we played well all the time. We had some mistakes today that are really not like us. Going into this game we were fifth in the nation in least number of penalties, but all the sudden it seemed like every snap was a flag. Our kicking game was pretty good today. I thought we had some good returns, but we've got to do a better job on coverage. We gave up too many big plays defensively in the second half as well.

On the fake punt:

I felt like we needed some momentum. We had gone into a shell on offense. We haven't had much experience protecting a big lead late. Defensively, we were struggling and giving up big plays that were costing us. I just felt like if we gave them the ball then we were going to have a problem.

On Middle Tennessee's adjustments after half time:

I think they executed really well. They have some really good athletes. Their quarterback and running backs all do a nice job and have the ability to put pressure on the defense. Don't get me wrong, I'm always happy about a win, but we have some issues that came up in the second half we need to get corrected.

S Isaiah Newsome

On Interception in the end zone:

We had to come up with a big play. Everybody on defense was getting tired and we had our backs against the wall. We just needed a stop so when I saw the route develop, I just stepped in front of the ball.

On MTSU's offensive production in third quarter:

They definitely picked up the temp. They would get a big play, hurry back to the line and go get another big play. We as a defense seemed to let up. Not to take anything from them, they have a great offense. But we let up. We got complacent. That's a lesson we have to learn. We have to keep the intensity up going into the second half.

On containing Benny Cunningham:

We came in knowing that they have a great running game. We had to shut that down. He's a great player, but we just did what we had to do. Coach gave us a great scheme and we stuck to it.