

UTEP Football vs. Middle Tennessee
November 10, 2018

Middle Tennessee Head Coach Rick Stockstill

Opening Statement...

“Really happy for our team. Great win coming in here it's a tough place to play. I really liked our intensity and focus. Anytime you are coming out and playing a 1-8 team, and you have to travel three hours for an away game all of those things makes it tough. Our mission was to win and we accomplished that mission. I am really excited we got our seventh win and we are still in the hunt in this conference race. Seven wins probably guarantees you a bowl game, so I am fired up about that. I really liked how we played offensively and I thought Brent (Stockstill) was really sharp. We did not run the ball as effectively as I would like, but we did towards the end. Defensively, I thought we played really good and really fast, until probably about seven or eight minutes left in the game when we started substituting trying to get some younger guys some experience, because we have so many guys hurt right now. Trying to get them some reps out there and I didn't want to get anyone else hurt. We were terrible and I thought we stunk in the kicking game. It was an embarrassment in the kicking game and we will get that corrected this week. We miss a field goal, we don't snap good, we miss two extra points, we snap a punt too soon and it hits our guy and our punter runs the ball on fourth and 10 with no need for that. Playing a better team or a closer game that's the stuff that gets you beat. Really disappointed in how we played in the kicking game.”

On the connection between Ty Lee and Brent Stockstill...

“We got a lot of man coverage and Ty (Lee) ran a lot of good routes. Brent was really sharp throwing the ball. Ty made some catches there and it would have been nice to see him get in on that second possession down there where he got stopped, but I thought Ty played really well.”