



ARKANSAS

FOOTBALL



WESTERN KENTUCKY vs ARKANSAS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | FAYETTEVILLE, AR

POSTGAME QUOTES: ARKANSAS HC CHAD MORRIS & PLAYERS

CHAD MORRIS

Opening statement

"I was very disappointed that we were unable to send our seniors out any better than that. It was not at all what was intended for these guys today. We could not overcome a slow start, couldn't get off the field and were unable to get much time of possession in the first half."

On Boyd's limited rushing attempts...

"I think a lot of it had to do with us only having four possessions in the first half. When we fell behind, we had to mix it up a little bit; try to throw the ball a little bit. I think (Western Kentucky's) time of possession had a little bit to do with that."

On Western Kentucky's offense...

"Obviously they were very efficient on third down and, when they got to fourth and short, they were efficient on that. I think they were perfect on third and fourth downs in the first half. They did a great job of keeping us off the field and controlling the clock. I thought they did a good job mixing up some run and pass. We have to be able to get off blocks and make some plays. We have to get them into some third and longs."

On the team's struggles ...

"You could look at us over the last few weeks. We're struggling at stopping the run and that's one of them. We've got some areas there, and, from a depth standpoint, we got to create depth on both sides of the ball. The offensive line and defensive line, in this league, that's where it starts. It's a line of scrimmage league."

RUNNING BACK RAKEEM BOYD

On eclipsing 1,000 rushing yards this season...

"I was proud of my offensive linemen for helping me get there. That was the goal this week, to get 180 [yards], and our offensive line went out there and got the job done. I was really proud of those guys up front. You know they did real good today even though I didn't touch it much."

On his touches this week...

"When I got the ball, I was just trying to score every time I got the ball. I got the ball eight times so I was trying to make something happen out of those eight times."

On quarterback play...

"I thought they played fine. I thought we could have executed a couple drives. It was just little mistakes. Treyton [Burks] going down there, ball hit his chest, bounced off his helmet. Those are big long plays; John Stephen [Jones] made a good throw, KJ [Jefferson] made a good throw. It's just stuff like that we have to correct."

On his long touchdown runs...

"My offensive line did their job. They opened it for me, so I hit it. Those guys up front all year have been doing their job and I've been proud of them."

DEFENSIVE BACK KAM CURL

On WKU's offense...

"The first half is really where they got all their points. We really could not get off the field on third and fourth down and if you can't get off the field on third and fourth down that is what happens."

On what the coaches say after each defensive drive...

"They keep us going and keep us focused on the next play, because you can't keep dwelling on what happened, or it is going to keep happening."

On if there was a lack of effort...

"All eleven guys need to be giving 100% all the time, if not, the effort won't be up to par."

LINEBACKER BUMPER POOL

On the defense's performance...

"Yeah I agree with [Kam], we started off way too slow and couldn't get off the field on third and fourth down."

On the lack of execution...

"You know we just have a lot of youth including myself, and we're making too many mistakes. We aren't playing sound and when you aren't sound, they are going to run the ball and that is something we have to work on. That is on as a defense, we have to lock in and get that right."

On what the coaches say after each drive...

"With all of the defensive coaches, when we get off the field, they address what happened and fix the mistakes that we made. Coach Coop gets us fired up and get us ready to go back in when it's our time."

On if there was a lack of effort...

"I'm not going to come in and make excuses, we fought hard, you all saw the score. That is something that is not acceptable and we got to reach down and we got to look in the mirror and understand that it is not someone else's fault, it's our fault and you got to fix your mistakes and if you had that mindset and you got eleven guys with that same mindset, you are going to have a successful defense."