QUOTES FROM LEWIS PRESSER

“Really good Auburn football team, top ten for a reason, kids fought really hard, but they are the standard that we are trying to achieve. We did some really good things but in the end, they showed why they are part of something that we aspire to do ourselves.”

“Was really pleased with the way both quarterbacks played. When we execute and do things the right way, you see the results. At the same time, we left some “meat on the bones” so to speak whether that’s fundamentals or decision making, those are things that we can control, sure up and get better at as we head to week four. “

On the fast start

“We were executing, doing some different things, giving unique looks and making the plays that were in front of us. Our level of detail there was really, really high because we knew the margin for error was really, really low. That attention to detail, I am sure that you saw, over the course of the game it waned a little bit and that’s when the game got away a little bit.”

On third down conversions

“That was one of the things that we stressed, we got ourselves into third and manageable situations because of what we were able to do on first and second downs. I think we were 9-18 on the night and against that defense and what they were able to do this season, I am pretty proud of that effort.”

On the personal foul in the first quarter

“That was a double pass and I thought they got to our quarterback a little late. I wanted to make sure that our kids knew that we’re not going to get pushed around down here. And that one is on me, I took it too far, went out too far and said too much.”

“Like any other game we got some bumps, some bruises, but we will get home get into the training room tomorrow and get ready for Bowling Green. “

MISC

- First meeting between Kent State and Auburn
- Third time in four years Kent State played an SEC school (2016-Alabama, 2018-Ole Miss)
- Opening drive 17 plays 71 yards that took 6 minutes 18 seconds, longest drive since a 15-play scoring drive vs Monmouth in 2016
- Kent State went 4-5 on third downs on drive

OFFENSE

Dustin Crum

- Got the start at quarterback, 5-9, 66 yards on opening drive
- Connected with McKoy on a 54-yard TD, second-longest TD this season
- Set career high in passing yards and total yards, both originally set last week vs Kennesaw
Mike Carrigan
- Made first start of season after missing first two games of the year

Adam Dulka
- First reception of the year went for 16 yards on a 3-11
- Career high in yards, surpassing the 29 he had at Howard

Isaiah McKoy
- 54-yard touchdown catch in second quarter
- First Kent State receiver to have scores in three straight games since Casey Pierce in 2014

Jo-El Shaw
- 21-yard catch on opening drive is longest of career, 33 receiving yards matches total at Ole Miss last season

DEFENSE

Will Burns
- First-career tackle for loss
- Tied career high with three tackles

Manny Lawrence Burke
- Recorded first career solo sack, dropping Nix for seven-yard loss in second quarter

Akeam Peters
- Set career high with tackles, previous career high was eight set at Arizona State

Cepeda Phillips
- Recorded first solo sack of his career, did have a half sack at Buffalo last season

SPECIAL TEAMS

Derek Adams
- Has now put 9-of 14 punts inside opponent’s 20 yard line this season, booted two of four first half punts over 50 yards and had three total in the game
Matt Trickett

- Hit from 21 yards and missed from 39
- First miss this season, now 19-23 on his career