



SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
NC State	0	10	9	0	19
Kansas St.	7	14	0	7	28

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	12:35	KSU - #31 D.Giddens 37 yd pass from #2 A.Johnson (#17 C.Tennant kick), 6-75, 00:00	0-7
2nd	07:29	KSU - #31 D.Giddens 4 yd rush (#17 C.Tennant kick), 9-90, 04:49	0-14
2nd	03:22	NCSU - #5 B.Armstrong 31 yd rush (#44 B.Narveson kick), 9-76, 03:58	7-14
2nd	00:55	KSU - #2 A.Johnson 19 yd rush (#17 C.Tennant kick), 10-75, 02:27	7-21
2nd	00:00	NCSU - #44 B.Narveson 26 yd FG, 8-57, 00:55	10-21
3rd	12:51	NCSU - #44 B.Narveson 49 yd FG, 6-44, 02:09	13-21
3rd	01:50	NCSU - #6 T.Pennix 60 yd rush (pass from #5 B.Armstrong failed), 7-75, 04:03	19-21
4th	02:48	KSU - #1 J.Brown 11 yd pass from #2 A.Johnson (#17 C.Tennant kick), 15-72, 07:24	19-28

TIME DETAILS

**Kickoff time:** 05:50 PM  
**End of Game:** 09:09 PM  
**Total elapsed:** 03:18

OFFICIALS

**Referee:** Larry Smith  
**Umpire:** Ken Zelmanski  
**Linesman:** Ryan MacDonald  
**Line judge:** Jeff Meslow  
**Back judge:** Kevin Schwarzel  
**Field judge:** Nicole Randolph  
**Side judge:** Grady Smith  
**Center judge:** Mike Stumberg  
**Replay Official:** Dennis Lipski

WEATHER

**Weather:** Cloudy 61 F  
**Wind:** West 7 mph



FULL GAME

NC STATE

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Brennan Armstrong	17	125	4	121	1	31	7.1
Trent Pennix	1	60	0	60	1	60	60.0
Kevin "KC" Concepcion	3	23	0	23	0	9	7.7
Kendrick Raphael	7	21	1	20	0	6	2.9
Delbert Mimms, III	4	14	1	13	0	5	3.2
Demarcus Jones, II	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>7.1</b>

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Brennan Armstrong	14-28-1	164	0	40	1
Kevin "KC" Concepcion	0-1-0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>14-29-1</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Kevin "KC" Concepcion	10	7	72	12	0	40
Kendrick Raphael	5	3	30	23	0	15
Dacari Collins	5	2	44	8	0	38
Trent Pennix	1	1	11	9	0	11
Julian Gray	2	1	7	0	0	7
Keyon Lesane	5	0	0	0	0	0
Bradley Rozner	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Caden Noonkester	4	163	40.8	44	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Julian Gray	0	0	0	2	23	19	0	0	0
Keyon Lesane	0	0	0	1	26	26	0	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Brayden Narveson	2nd	00:00	26	GOOD
Brayden Narveson	3rd	12:51	49	GOOD
Brayden Narveson	3rd	06:46	52	MISSED

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Collin Smith	4	260	65.0	4	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Brennan Armstrong	121	0	0	0	0	121
Kevin "KC" Concepcion	23	72	0	0	0	95
Trent Pennix	60	11	0	0	0	71
Kendrick Raphael	20	30	0	0	0	50

FUMBLES

NC State - None  
Kansas St. - Seth Porter 1-0

KANSAS ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
DJ Giddens	28	158	7	151	1	20	5.4
Avery Johnson	7	71	0	71	1	19	10.1
Jack Blumer	1	30	0	30	0	30	30.0
Jadon Jackson	1	7	0	7	0	7	7.0
La'James White	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Keagan Johnson	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
TEAM	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6.4</b>

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Avery Johnson	14-31-0	178	2	37	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>14-31-0</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Jayce Brown	6	5	52	22	1	22
Keagan Johnson	6	3	31	6	0	16
Garrett Oakley	6	2	35	14	0	28
Jadon Jackson	4	2	8	3	0	5
DJ Giddens	2	1	37	29	1	37
Seth Porter	3	1	15	3	0	15
Will Swanson	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Jack Blumer	7	230	32.9	46	2	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Jacob Parrish	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
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KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB	
Chris Tennant	4	234	58.5	0	0	
Simon McClannan	1	0	0.0	0	1	
<b>ALL-PURPOSE</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Rcv</b>	<b>KR</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>IR</b>	<b>Total</b>
DJ Giddens	151	37	0	0	0	188
Avery Johnson	71	0	0	0	0	71
Jayce Brown	0	52	0	0	0	52
Garrett Oakley	0	35	0	0	0	35



FULL GAME	NCSU	KSU
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	17	22
Rushing	8	13
Passing	8	8
Penalty	1	1
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	235	257
Rushing Attempts	33	40
Average Per Rush	7.1	6.4
Rushing Touchdowns	2	2
Yards Gained Rushing	243	266
Yards Lost Rushing	8	9
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	164	178
Completions-Attempts-Int	14-29-1	14-31-0
Average Per Attempt	5.7	5.7
Average Per Completion	11.7	12.7
Passing Touchdowns	0	2
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	399	435
Total offense plays	62	71
Average Gain Per Play	6.4	6.1
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	3-17	6-55
<b>PUNTS-YARDS</b>	4-163	7-230
Average Yards Per Punt	40.8	32.9
Net Yards Per Punt	45.8	32.9
Inside 20	0	2
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	2	6
<b>KICKOFF-YARDS</b>	4-260	5-234
Average Yards Per Kickoff	65.0	46.8
Net Yards Per Kickoff	40	39.8
Touchbacks	4	0
Fair Catch Yards	0	16
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	0.0	0.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-49-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	16.3	0.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	1-3-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	29:06	28:29
1st Quarter	09:17	03:18
2nd Quarter	07:44	07:16
3rd Quarter	09:45	05:15
4th Quarter	02:20	12:40
Third-Down Conversions	7-15	4-14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-2	4-4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	3-4
Touchdowns	0-2	3-4
Field goals	1-2	0-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	1-2
PAT Kicks	1-1	4-4
2Pts Conversions	0-1	0-0
Field Goals	2-3	0-0
Points off Turnover	0	0



FULL GAME

NC STATE

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
7	Shyheim Battle	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
0	Sean Brown	4	3	7	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	1
19	Bishop Fitzgerald	2	4	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
3	Aydan White	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
44	Brandon Cleveland	4	1	5	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Caden Fordham	3	2	5	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
9	Savion Jackson	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Davin Vann	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
26	Devon Betty	3	0	3	0.0-0	2.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
2	Jaylon Scott	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
13	Travali Price	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
8	Robert Kennedy	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
47	Red Hibbler	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
37	Nicholas Treco	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Brandon Cisse	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
65	Jacarius Peak	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>5.0-8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

KANSAS ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
19	VJ Payne	7	3	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Jacob Parrish	4	2	6	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0-0	1-3	0	0	0
20	Colby McCalister	4	2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
32	Desmond Purnell	3	1	4	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
57	Beau Palmer	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
41	Austin Moore	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Marques Sigle	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
56	Damian Ilalio	2	1	3	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
36	Jack Fabris	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
5	Justice James	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
92	Jevon Banks	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
45	Austin Romaine	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
29	Khalid Duke	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
8	Ty Bowman	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Keenan Garber	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Wesley Fair	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
38	Brendan Mott	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
98	Chiddi Obiazor	0	1	1	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1.0-2</b>	<b>4.0-6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>



**NC STATE**

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	10	Concepcion, Kevin "KC"
WR	15	Lesane, Keyon
QB	5	Armstrong, Brennan
LB	52	Turner, Patrick
OL	54	McMahon, Dylan
TE	6	Pennix, Trent
OL	65	Peak, Jacarius
OL	74	Belton, Anthony
OL	75	Carter, Anthony
WR	8	Gray, Julian
WR	86	Collins, Dacari

Pos	##	DEFENSE
S	0	Brown, Sean
DL	1	Vann, Davin
LB	10	Fordham, Caden
S	19	Fitzgerald, Bishop
LB	2	Scott, Jaylon
LB	26	Betty, Devon
DB	3	White, Aydan
DL	44	Cleveland, Brandon
DB	7	Battle, Shyheim
S	8	Kennedy, Robert
DL	9	Jackson, Savion

**KANSAS ST.**

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	1	Brown, Jayce
WR	10	Johnson, Keagan
QB	2	Johnson, Avery
RB	31	Giddens, DJ
OL	50	Beebe, Cooper
OL	54	Panzer, Hadley
OL	55	Gillum, Hayden
OL	70	Leveston, KT
OL	73	Duffie, Christian
TE	83	Swanson, Will
TE	86	Oakley, Garrett

Pos	##	DEFENSE
CB	1	Garber, Keenan
CB	10	Parrish, Jacob
S	19	Payne, VJ
CB	20	McCalister, Colby
S	21	Sigle, Marques
DE	29	Duke, Khalid
LB	32	Purnell, Desmond
DE	38	Mott, Brendan
LB	41	Moore, Austin
DT	56	Ilalio, Damian
LB	57	Palmer, Beau

**NC State**

13-Price, Travali, 14-Hinton, Renté, 20-Raphael, Kendrick, 21-Coit, Jalen, 24-Myers, Zack, 25-Cisse, Brandon, 27-Parker, Jayland, 28-Jones, II, Demarcus, 32-Tate, Michael, 33-Poole, Jordan, 34-Mimms, III, Delbert, 34-Bonner, Kamal, 37-Treco, Nicholas, 44-Narveson, Brayden, 47-Hibbler, Red, 49-Mitchell, Reid, 53-Eason, Derrick, 66-McCabe, Matt, 76-Matan, Patrick, 80-Rozner, Bradley, 88-Shirley, Isaiah, 90-Smith, Collin, 91-Shimko, Joe, 92-Arias, Aiden, 97-Potter, Noah, 98-Noonkester, Caden

**Kansas St.**

0-Jackson, Jadon, 13-Hall III, Joe, 14-Dineen, Jet, 15-Lockett, Sterling, 16-Porter, Seth, 17-Tennant, Chris, 18-Fair, Wesley, 24-Krause, Trey, 25-Thomas, Kanijal, 27-Cobbs, Daniel, 28-Van Wyhe, Rex, 30-Maschmeier, Matthew, 35-McClannan, Simon, 36-Fabris, Jack, 39-Schippers, Jordan, 4-Jackson, Joe, 42-Plattner, Randen, 43-Blumer, Jack, 44-Osunsanmi, Tobi, 45-Romaine, Austin, 46-Friesen, Jace, 47-White, La'James, 47-Stufflebean, Cody, 48-Wittenberg, Zach, 5-James, Justice, 66-Shields, Sam, 69-Poitier, Taylor, 75-Hecht, Sam, 77-Willis, Carver, 8-Bowman, Ty, 84-Koch, Isaac, 87-Loftin, Brayden, 88-Nash, Erwin, 89-Pizarro, Erik, 92-Banks, Jevon, 98-Obiazor, Chiddi



**NC STATE**

Team	Qtr	Spot	Drive Started		Drive Ended			Consumed	
			Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
NCSU	1st	NCSU08	12:31	Kickoff	NCSU23	09:31	Punt	4 - 15	03:00
NCSU		NCSU14	08:05	Punt	NCSU30	06:21	Punt	4 - 16	01:44
NCSU		NCSU26	04:29	Punt	KSU10	12:18	Downs	13 - 64	07:11
NCSU	2nd	NCSU24	07:20	Kickoff	KSU00	03:22	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 76	03:58
NCSU		NCSU35	00:55	Kickoff	KSU08	00:00	*FIELD GOAL	8 - 57	00:55
NCSU	3rd	NCSU25	15:00	Kickoff	KSU31	12:51	*FIELD GOAL	6 - 44	02:09
NCSU		NCSU23	09:50	Punt	KSU34	06:46	Missed FG	7 - 43	03:04
NCSU		NCSU25	05:53	Punt	KSU00	01:50	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 75	04:03
NCSU		NCSU21	00:29	Punt	NCSU29	14:03	Punt	3 - 8	01:26
NCSU	4th	NCSU15	11:20	Punt	NCSU21	10:12	Punt	3 - 6	01:08
NCSU		NCSU34	02:42	Kickoff	NCSU34	02:33	Interception	1 - 0	00:09

NC State	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	09:17	07:44	09:45	02:20	17:01	12:05	29:06
3rd down conversions	3-6	2-2	2-6	0-1	5-8	2-7	7-15
Average field position	NCSU16	NCSU30	NCSU24	NCSU25	NCSU21	NCSU24	NCSU23
4th down conversions	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2

**KANSAS ST.**

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KSU	1st				NCSU00	12:35	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 75	00:00
KSU		KSU39	09:31	Punt	KSU43	08:05	Punt	3 - 4	01:26
KSU		KSU16	06:21	Punt	KSU28	04:29	Punt	4 - 12	01:52
KSU	2nd	KSU10	12:18	Downs	NCSU00	07:29	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 90	04:49
KSU		KSU25	03:22	Kickoff	NCSU00	00:55	*TOUCHDOWN	10 - 75	02:27
KSU	3rd	KSU25	12:51	Kickoff	KSU47	09:50	Punt	6 - 22	03:01
KSU		KSU34	06:46	FieldGoalMissed	KSU33	05:53	Punt	3 - -1	00:53
KSU		KSU25	01:50	Kickoff	NCSU48	00:29	Punt	4 - 27	01:21
KSU	4th	KSU31	14:03	Punt	KSU43	11:20	Punt	5 - 12	02:43
KSU		KSU28	10:12	Punt	NCSU00	02:48	*TOUCHDOWN	15 - 72	07:24
KSU		NCSU41	02:33	Interception	NCSU07	00:00	End of half	6 - 34	02:33

Kansas St.	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	03:18	07:16	05:15	12:40	10:34	17:55	28:29
3rd down conversions	0-3	1-2	1-4	2-5	1-5	3-9	4-14
Average field position	KSU28	KSU18	KSU28	KSU39	KSU23	KSU34	KSU29
4th down conversions	1-1	1-1	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-2	4-4



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KSU	1st				NCSU00	12:35	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 75	00:00
NCSU		NCSU08	12:31	Kickoff	NCSU23	09:31	Punt	4 - 15	03:00
KSU		KSU39	09:31	Punt	KSU43	08:05	Punt	3 - 4	01:26
NCSU		NCSU14	08:05	Punt	NCSU30	06:21	Punt	4 - 16	01:44
KSU		KSU16	06:21	Punt	KSU28	04:29	Punt	4 - 12	01:52
NCSU		NCSU26	04:29	Punt	KSU10	12:18	Downs	13 - 64	07:11
KSU	2nd	KSU10	12:18	Downs	NCSU00	07:29	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 90	04:49
NCSU		NCSU24	07:20	Kickoff	KSU00	03:22	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 76	03:58
KSU		KSU25	03:22	Kickoff	NCSU00	00:55	*TOUCHDOWN	10 - 75	02:27
NCSU		NCSU35	00:55	Kickoff	KSU08	00:00	*FIELD GOAL	8 - 57	00:55
NCSU	3rd	NCSU25	15:00	Kickoff	KSU31	12:51	*FIELD GOAL	6 - 44	02:09
KSU		KSU25	12:51	Kickoff	KSU47	09:50	Punt	6 - 22	03:01
NCSU		NCSU23	09:50	Punt	KSU34	06:46	Missed FG	7 - 43	03:04
KSU		KSU34	06:46	FieldGoalMissed	KSU33	05:53	Punt	3 - -1	00:53
NCSU		NCSU25	05:53	Punt	KSU00	01:50	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 75	04:03
KSU		KSU25	01:50	Kickoff	NCSU48	00:29	Punt	4 - 27	01:21
NCSU		NCSU21	00:29	Punt	NCSU29	14:03	Punt	3 - 8	01:26
KSU	4th	KSU31	14:03	Punt	KSU43	11:20	Punt	5 - 12	02:43
NCSU		NCSU15	11:20	Punt	NCSU21	10:12	Punt	3 - 6	01:08
KSU		KSU28	10:12	Punt	NCSU00	02:48	*TOUCHDOWN	15 - 72	07:24
NCSU		NCSU34	02:42	Kickoff	NCSU34	02:33	Interception	1 - 0	00:09
KSU		NCSU41	02:33	Interception	NCSU07	00:00	End of half	6 - 34	02:33



**1st Quarter**

NC State wins toss and defers; KSU will receive; NCS will defend South end-zone.

#90 C.Smith kickoff 65 yards to the KSU00, Touchback.

**Kansas St. drive starts at 15:00**

1-10 KSU25 #43 J.Blumer punt 0 yards to the KSU25.

*0 plays, 0 yards, 00:00*

**Kansas St. drive starts at**

1-10 KSU25 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 20 yards gain to the KSU45 (#3 A.White), 1ST DOWN. R1

1-10 KSU45 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 13 yards gain to the NCSU42 (#7 S.Battle; #8 R.Kennedy), 1ST DOWN. R2

1-10 NCSU42 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 5 yards gain to the NCSU37 (#19 B.Fitzgerald; #0 S.Brown).

2-5 NCSU37 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete deep right to #1 J.Brown.

3-5 NCSU37 Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 0 yards to the NCSU37 (#0 S.Brown).

4-5 NCSU37 Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short middle to #31 D.Giddens for 37 yards to the NCSU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 12:35, 1ST DOWN. P3

NCSU03 #17 C.Tennant kick attempt good (H: #43 J.Blumer, LS: #42 R.Plattner).

**NC State 0, Kansas St. 7.**

*6 plays, 75 yards, 00:00*

#17 C.Tennant kickoff 61 yards to the NCSU04 #8 J.Gray return 4 yards to the NCSU08 (#8 T.Bowman).

**NC State drive starts at 12:31**

1-10 NCSU08 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush middle for 15 yards gain to the NCSU23 (#32 D.Purnell), 1ST DOWN. R1

1-10 NCSU23 Shotgun #20 K.Raphael rush right for 0 yards to the NCSU23 (#21 M.Sigle; #38 B.Mott).

2-10 NCSU23 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush middle for 1 yard gain to the NCSU24 (#19 V.Payne).

3-9 NCSU24 PENALTY NCSU False Start (#54 D.McMahon) 5 yards from NCSU24 to NCSU19. NO PLAY.

3-14 NCSU19 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete short left to #10 K.Concepcion for 4 yards to the NCSU23 (#10 J.Parrish).

4-10 NCSU23 #98 C.Noonkester punt 38 yards to the KSU39 fair catch by #15 S.Lockett at KSU39.

*4 plays, 15 yards, 03:00*

**Kansas St. drive starts at 09:31**

1-10 KSU39 No Huddle-Shotgun #10 K.Johnson rush left for 1 yard loss to the KSU38 (#10 C.Fordham).

2-11 KSU38 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short right to #10 K.Johnson for 5 yards to the KSU43 (#7 S.Battle).

3-6 KSU43 Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short right to #16 S.Porter.

4-6 KSU43 #43 J.Blumer punt 43 yards to the NCSU14 fair catch by #21 J.Coit at NCSU14.

*3 plays, 4 yards, 01:26*

**NC State drive starts at 08:05**

1-10 NCSU14 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush left for 15 yards gain to the NCSU29 (#57 B.Palmer), 1ST DOWN. R2

1-10 NCSU29 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete short right to #15 K.Lesane.

2-10 NCSU29 Shotgun #20 K.Raphael rush middle for 1 yard gain to the NCSU30 (#32 D.Purnell).

3-9 NCSU30 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete deep left to #86 D.Collins.

4-9 NCSU30 #98 C.Noonkester punt 44 yards to the KSU26 muffed by #16 S.Porter at KSU26 recovered by KSU #89 E.Pizarro at KSU24, End Of Play PENALTY KSU Illegal Block in Back (#25 K.Thomas) 10 yards from KSU26 to KSU16.

*4 plays, 16 yards, 01:44*

**Kansas St. drive starts at 06:21**

1-10 KSU16 Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush left for 10 yards gain to the KSU26 (#1 D.Vann), 1ST DOWN. R4

1-10 KSU26 Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short right QB hurried by #7 S.Battle.

2-10 KSU26 Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 2 yards gain to the KSU28 (#44 B.Cleveland).

3-8 KSU28 Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short middle to #10 K.Johnson.

4-8 KSU28 #43 J.Blumer punt 46 yards to the NCSU26 fair catch by #21 J.Coit at NCSU26.

*4 plays, 12 yards, 01:52*

**NC State drive starts at 04:29**

1-10 NCSU26 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete short left to #20 K.Raphael for 3 yards to the NCSU29 (#36 J.Fabris).

2-7 NCSU29 Shotgun #20 K.Raphael rush right for 1 yard loss to the NCSU28 (#56 D.Ilallo).

3-8 NCSU28 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush middle for 19 yards gain to the NCSU47 (#36 J.Fabris; #10 J.Parrish), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. R3

1-10 NCSU47 Shotgun #10 K.Concepcion rush right for 9 yards gain to the KSU44 (#10 J.Parrish).

2-1 KSU44 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete short left to #10 K.Concepcion broken up by #21 M.Sigle.

3-1 KSU44 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush middle for 8 yards gain to the KSU36 (#19 V.Payne), 1ST DOWN. R4

1-10 KSU36 Shotgun #34 D.Mimms, III rush middle for 5 yards gain to the KSU31 (#57 B.Palmer).

2-5 KSU31 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong sacked for loss of 2 yards to the KSU33 (#10 J.Parrish, #98 C.Obiazor).

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td				
NC State	0	09:17	4	0	0	4	2-4	0-0	11-70	2-5-0-7	1-5	
Kansas St.	7	03:18	3	1	0	4	0-3	1-1	7-49	2-6-0-42	1-10	



FIRST QUARTER	NCSU	KSU
Score	0	7
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	4	4
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	11-70	7-49
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	7	42
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	2-5-0	2-6-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	16-77	13-91
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-4	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-41.0	3-29.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	1-10
Possession Time	09:17	03:18
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 4	0 of 3
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	0-0

**NC STATE**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Brennan Armstrong	6	58	2	56	0	19	9.3
Kevin "KC" Concepcion	1	9	0	9	0	9	9.0
Delbert Mimms, III	1	5	0	5	0	5	5.0
Kendrick Raphael	3	1	1	0	0	1	0.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Brennan Armstrong	2-5-0	7	0	4	1		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Kevin "KC" Concepcion	2	1	4	-1	0	4	
Kendrick Raphael	1	1	3	0	0	3	
Keyon Lesane	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Dacari Collins	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Caden Noonkester	2	82	41.0	44	0	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Julian Gray	1	4	0	4			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Julian Gray	1	4	0	4			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Sean Brown	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			
Shyheim Battle	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			
Aydan White	1-0	1	0.0	0.0			
Bishop Fitzgerald	0-1	1	0.0	0.0			

**KANSAS ST.**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
DJ Giddens	6	50	0	50	0	20	8.3
Keagan Johnson	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Avery Johnson	2-6-0	42	1	37	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
DJ Giddens	1	1	37	29	1	37	
Keagan Johnson	2	1	5	1	0	5	
Jayce Brown	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Seth Porter	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Jack Blumer	3	89	29.7	46	1	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Julian Gray	1	4	0	4			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Julian Gray	1	4	0	4			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Jacob Parrish	2-2	4	0.5	0.5			
Beau Palmer	2-0	2	0.0	0.0			
Desmond Purnell	2-0	2	0.0	0.0			
Jack Fabris	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	12:35	KSU - #31 D.Giddens 37 yd pass from #2 A.Johnson (#17 C.Tennant kick), 6-75, 00:00	0-7



**2nd Quarter**

3-7	KSU33	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush middle for 14 yards gain to the KSU19 (#41 A.Moore; #5 J.James), 1ST DOWN.	R5
1-10	KSU19	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush right for 5 yards gain to the KSU14 (#19 V.Payne; #29 K.Duke).	
2-5	KSU14	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete short middle to #10 K.Concepcion for 2 yards to the KSU12 (#20 C.McCalister).	
3-3	KSU12	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush middle for 2 yards gain to the KSU10 (#20 C.McCalister).	
4-1	KSU10	#5 B.Armstrong rush middle for 0 yards to the KSU10 (#92 J.Banks; #56 D.Illalio).	
<i>13 plays, 64 yards, 07:11</i>			

**Kansas St. drive starts at 12:18**

1-10	KSU10	No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 4 yards gain to the KSU14 (#47 R.Hibbler).	
2-6	KSU14	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short right to #10 K.Johnson for 10 yards to the KSU24 (#3 A.White), 1ST DOWN.	P5
1-10	KSU24	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson rush left for 0 yards to the KSU24 (#19 B.Fitzgerald; #7 S.Battle), out of bounds.	
2-10	KSU24	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short left to #1 J.Brown for 5 yards to the KSU29 (#10 C.Fordham; #3 A.White).	
3-5	KSU29	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short middle to #86 G.Oakley.	
4-5	KSU29	No Huddle #43 J.Blumer rush middle for 30 yards gain to the NCSU41 (#37 N.Treco), 1ST DOWN.	R6
1-10	NCSU41	No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush left for 9 yards gain to the NCSU32 (#10 C.Fordham).	
2-1	NCSU32	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short middle to #86 G.Oakley for 28 yards to the NCSU04 (#8 R.Kennedy; #7 S.Battle), 1ST DOWN.	P7
1-G	NCSU04	No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 4 yards gain to the NCSU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 07:29.	
	NCSU03	#17 C.Tennant kick attempt good (H: #43 J.Blumer, LS: #42 R.Plattner).	

**NC State 0, Kansas St. 14.**

*9 plays, 90 yards, 04:49*

#17 C.Tennant kickoff 60 yards to the NCSU05 #8 J.Gray return 19 yards to the NCSU24 (#20 C.McCalister).

**NC State drive starts at 07:20**

1-10	NCSU24	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush left for 3 yards gain to the NCSU27 (#45 A.Romaine), out of bounds.	
2-7	NCSU27	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush left for 6 yards gain to the NCSU33 (#20 C.McCalister; #45 A.Romaine).	
3-1	NCSU33	Shotgun #34 D.Mimms, III rush left for 5 yards gain to the NCSU38 (#41 A.Moore), 1ST DOWN.	R6
1-10	NCSU38	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete short left to #6 T.Pennix for 11 yards to the NCSU49, out of bounds at NCSU49, 1ST DOWN.	P7
1-10	NCSU49	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete short right to #15 K.Lesane broken up by #20 C.McCalister.	
2-10	NCSU49	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete deep right to #8 J.Gray broken up by #21 M.Sigle.	
3-10	NCSU49	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete short left to #20 K.Raphael for 12 yards to the KSU39 (#5 J.James), 1ST DOWN.	P8
1-10	KSU39	Shotgun #10 K.Concepcion rush middle for 8 yards gain to the KSU31 (#20 C.McCalister).	
2-2	KSU31	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush middle for 31 yards gain to the KSU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 03:22, 1ST DOWN.	R9
	KSU03	#44 B.Narveson kick attempt good (H: #98 C.Noonkester, LS: #91 J.Shimko).	

**NC State 7, Kansas St. 14.**

*9 plays, 76 yards, 03:58*

#90 C.Smith kickoff 65 yards to the KSU00, Touchback.

**Kansas St. drive starts at 03:22**

1-10	KSU25	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short right to #86 G.Oakley for 7 yards to the KSU32, out of bounds at KSU32.	
2-3	KSU32	No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 7 yards gain to the KSU39 (#0 S.Brown), 1ST DOWN.	R8
1-10	KSU39	No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 5 yards gain to the KSU44 (#9 S.Jackson).	
2-5	KSU44	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short middle to #86 G.Oakley broken up by #0 S.Brown. (01:42) Timeout by KSU.	
3-5	KSU44	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson rush left for 12 yards gain to the NCSU44 (#19 B.Fitzgerald), 1ST DOWN. (01:35) Timeout by NCS.	R9
1-10	NCSU44	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short middle to #1 J.Brown for 10 yards to the NCSU34 (#13 T.Price), 1ST DOWN.	P10
1-10	NCSU34	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short left to #1 J.Brown for 4 yards to the NCSU30, out of bounds at NCSU30.	
2-6	NCSU30	No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush left for 11 yards gain to the NCSU19 (#0 S.Brown), 1ST DOWN.	R11
1-10	NCSU19	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short left to #86 G.Oakley QB hurried by #13 T.Price.	
2-10	NCSU19	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson rush right for 19 yards gain to the NCSU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 00:55, 1ST DOWN.	R12
	NCSU03	#17 C.Tennant kick attempt good (H: #43 J.Blumer, LS: #42 R.Plattner).	

**NC State 7, Kansas St. 21.**

*10 plays, 75 yards, 02:27*

#35 S.McClannan kickoff 0 yards to the KSU35, out of bounds at KSU35.

**NC State drive starts at 00:55**

1-10	NCSU35	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete short left to #20 K.Raphael.	
2-10	NCSU35	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete short left PENALTY KSU Pass Interference (#10 J.Parrish) 15 yards from NCSU35 to NCSU50, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY.	X10
1-10	NCSU50	PENALTY NCSU False Start (#86 D.Collins) 5 yards from NCSU50 to NCSU45. NO PLAY.	
1-15	NCSU45	Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete short middle to #20 K.Raphael for 15 yards to the KSU40 (#41 A.Moore), 1ST DOWN. (00:38) Timeout by NCS.	P11
1-10	KSU40	Shotgun #20 K.Raphael rush right for 6 yards gain to the KSU34 (#19 V.Payne; #32 D.Purnell).	
2-4	KSU34	No Huddle-Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete short right to #86 D.Collins for 6 yards to the KSU28, out of bounds at KSU28, 1ST DOWN.	P12
1-10	KSU28	No Huddle-Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete short right to #10 K.Concepcion for 4 yards to the KSU24 (#21 M.Sigle), out of bounds.	
2-6	KSU24	No Huddle-Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete short middle to #10 K.Concepcion for 16 yards to the KSU08 (#19	P13



V.Payne), 1ST DOWN.  
 (00:08) Timeout by NCS.

1-G KSU08 No Huddle-Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete short left to #15 K.Lesane.

2-G KSU08 #44 B.Narveson field goal attempt from 26 yards GOOD (H: #98 C.Noonkester, LS: #91 J.Shimko), clock 00:00.

**NC State 10, Kansas St. 21.**

*8 plays, 57 yards, 00:55*

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
NC State	10	07:44	3	5	1	9	3-4	0-1	10-80	7-11-0-66	1-5
Kansas St.	14	07:16	5	3	0	8	1-2	1-1	10-101	6-9-0-64	1-15



SECOND QUARTER	NCSU	KSU
Score	10	14
FIRST DOWNS	9	8
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	10-80	10-101
PASSING YDS (NET)	66	64
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	7-11-0	6-9-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	21-146	19-165
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-19	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	1-15
Possession Time	07:44	07:16
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 4	1 of 2
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	2-2

NC STATE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Brennan Armstrong	7	61	0	61	1	31	8.7
Kevin "KC" Concepcion	1	8	0	8	0	8	8.0
Kendrick Raphael	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Delbert Mimms, III	1	5	0	5	0	5	5.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Brennan Armstrong	7-11-0	66	0	16	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Kevin "KC" Concepcion	3	3	22	6	0	16	
Kendrick Raphael	3	2	27	23	0	15	
Trent Pennix	1	1	11	9	0	11	
Dacari Collins	1	1	6	1	0	6	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Julian Gray	1	19	0	19			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Aydan White	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			
Bishop Fitzgerald	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			
Caden Fordham	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			
Sean Brown	2-0	2	0.0	0.0			

KANSAS ST.

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
DJ Giddens	6	40	0	40	1	11	6.7
Avery Johnson	3	31	0	31	1	19	10.3
Jack Blumer	1	30	0	30	0	30	30.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Avery Johnson	6-9-0	64	0	28	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Jayce Brown	3	3	19	8	0	10	
Garrett Oakley	5	2	35	14	0	28	
Keagan Johnson	1	1	10	4	0	10	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Colby McCalister	4-1	5	0.0	0.0			
Austin Moore	2-1	3	0.0	0.0			
VJ Payne	1-2	3	0.0	0.0			
Austin Romaine	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	07:29	KSU - #31 D.Giddens 4 yd rush (#17 C.Tennant kick), 9-90, 04:49	0-7
2nd	03:22	NCSU - #5 B.Armstrong 31 yd rush (#44 B.Narveson kick), 9-76, 03:58	7-7
2nd	00:55	KSU - #2 A.Johnson 19 yd rush (#17 C.Tennant kick), 10-75, 02:27	7-14
2nd	00:00	NCSU - #44 B.Narveson 26 yd FG, 8-57, 00:55	10-14



**3rd Quarter**

#17 C.Tennant kickoff 56 yards to the NCSU09 fair catch by #8 J.Gray at NCSU09.

**NC State drive starts at 15:00**

- 1-10 NCSU25 Shotgun #10 K.Concepcion pass incomplete short right to #86 D.Collins.
- 2-10 NCSU25 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete deep left to #86 D.Collins for 38 yards to the KSU37 (#1 K.Garber), out of bounds, P14 1ST DOWN.
- 1-10 KSU37 Shotgun #20 K.Raphael rush left for 3 yards gain to the KSU34 (#57 B.Palmer; #29 K.Duke).
- 2-7 KSU34 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete deep left to #15 K.Lesane.
- 3-7 KSU34 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete short left to #10 K.Concepcion for 3 yards to the KSU31 (#19 V.Payne), out of bounds.
- 4-4 KSU31 #44 B.Narveson field goal attempt from 49 yards GOOD (H: #98 C.Noonkester, LS: #91 J.Shimko), clock 12:51.

**NC State 13, Kansas St. 21.**

*6 plays, 44 yards, 02:09*

#90 C.Smith kickoff 65 yards to the KSU00, Touchback.

**Kansas St. drive starts at 12:51**

- 1-10 KSU25 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush left for 1 yard loss to the KSU24 (#44 B.Cleveland).
- 2-11 KSU24 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush left for 4 yards gain to the KSU28 (#7 S.Battle).
- 3-7 KSU28 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson rush left for 12 yards gain to the KSU40 (#25 B.Cisse), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. R13
- 1-10 KSU40 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush right for 4 yards loss to the KSU36 (#26 D.Betty).
- 2-14 KSU36 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short right to #16 S.Porter QB hurried by #1 D.Vann.
- 3-14 KSU36 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 11 yards gain to the KSU47 (#1 D.Vann; #13 T.Price).

#1 D.Vann injured on the play.

- 4-3 KSU47 #43 J.Blumer punt 30 yards to the NCSU23 fair catch by #21 J.Coit at NCSU23.

*6 plays, 22 yards, 03:01*

**NC State drive starts at 09:50**

- 1-10 NCSU23 Shotgun #28 D.Jones, II rush middle for 2 yards loss to the NCSU21, End Of Play.
- 2-12 NCSU21 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush left for 0 yards to the NCSU21, out of bounds at NCSU21.
- 3-12 NCSU21 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete deep right to #10 K.Concepcion for 40 yards to the KSU39 (#10 J.Parrish), 1ST DOWN. P15
- 1-10 KSU39 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete deep left to #86 D.Collins.
- 2-10 KSU39 Shotgun #20 K.Raphael rush middle for 5 yards gain to the KSU34 (#19 V.Payne).
- 3-5 KSU34 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete short left to #15 K.Lesane QB hurried by #29 K.Duke.
- 4-5 KSU34 #44 B.Narveson field goal attempt from 52 yards NO GOOD (H: #98 C.Noonkester, LS: #91 J.Shimko), clock 06:46.

*7 plays, 43 yards, 03:04*

**Kansas St. drive starts at 06:46**

- 1-10 KSU34 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 1 yard loss to the KSU33 (#0 S.Brown).
- 2-11 KSU33 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete deep left to #10 K.Johnson broken up by #3 A.White.
- 3-11 KSU33 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short left to #0 J.Jackson.
- 4-11 KSU33 #43 J.Blumer punt 42 yards to the NCSU25 fair catch by #21 J.Coit at NCSU25.

*3 plays, -1 yards, 00:53*

**NC State drive starts at 05:53**

- 1-10 NCSU25 Shotgun #10 K.Concepcion rush middle for 6 yards gain to the NCSU31 (#19 V.Payne).
- 2-4 NCSU31 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush right for 2 yards loss to the NCSU29 (#57 B.Palmer; #41 A.Moore).
- 3-6 NCSU29 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete short right to #8 J.Gray for 7 yards to the NCSU36 (#21 M.Sigle), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P16
- 1-10 NCSU36 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass complete short right to #10 K.Concepcion for 3 yards to the NCSU39 (#19 V.Payne).
- 2-7 NCSU39 Shotgun #34 D.Mimms, III rush right for 1 yard loss to the NCSU38 (#32 D.Purnell).
- 3-8 NCSU38 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush left for 2 yards gain to the NCSU40 (#92 J.Banks).
- 4-6 NCSU40 Shotgun #6 T.Pennix rush right for 60 yards gain to the KSU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 01:50, 1ST DOWN. R17
- KSU03 #5 B.Armstrong pass attempt failed.

**NC State 19, Kansas St. 21.**

*7 plays, 75 yards, 04:03*

#90 C.Smith kickoff 65 yards to the KSU00, Touchback.

**Kansas St. drive starts at 01:50**

- 1-10 KSU25 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short right to #1 J.Brown for 22 yards to the KSU47 (#7 S.Battle), 1ST DOWN. P14
- 1-10 KSU47 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short right to #0 J.Jackson for 5 yards to the NCSU48 (#3 A.White).
- 2-5 NCSU48 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short middle to #0 J.Jackson.
- 3-5 NCSU48 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short right to #31 D.Giddens broken up by #0 S.Brown.
- 4-5 NCSU48 #43 J.Blumer punt 27 yards to the NCSU21 fair catch by #21 J.Coit at NCSU21.

*4 plays, 27 yards, 01:21*

**NC State drive starts at 00:29**

- 1-10 NCSU21 Shotgun #34 D.Mimms, III rush middle for 4 yards gain to the NCSU25 (#19 V.Payne; #20 C.McCalister).

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
NC State	9	09:45	1	3	0	4	2-5	1-1	10-75	5-9-0-91	0-0
Kansas St.	0	05:15	1	1	0	2	1-4	0-0	6-21	2-7-0-27	0-0



THIRD QUARTER	NCSU	KSU
Score	9	0
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	4	2
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	10-75	6-21
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	91	27
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	5-9-0	2-7-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	19-166	13-48
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0.0	3-33.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	0-0
Possession Time	09:45	05:15
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 5	1 of 4
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	0-0

**NC STATE**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Trent Pennix	1	60	0	60	1	60	60.0
Kendrick Raphael	2	8	0	8	0	5	4.0
Kevin "KC" Concepcion	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Delbert Mimms, III	2	4	1	3	0	4	1.5
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Brennan Armstrong	5-8-0	91	0	40	0		
Kevin "KC" Concepcion	0-1-0	0	0	0	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Kevin "KC" Concepcion	3	3	46	7	0	40	
Dacari Collins	3	1	38	7	0	38	
Julian Gray	1	1	7	0	0	7	
Keyon Lesane	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Shyheim Battle	2-0	2	0.0	0.0			
Aydan White	1-0	1	0.0	0.0			
Brandon Cisse	1-0	1	0.0	0.0			
Brandon Cleveland	1-0	1	0.0	1.0			

**KANSAS ST.**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Avery Johnson	1	12	0	12	0	12	12.0
DJ Giddens	5	15	6	9	0	11	1.8
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Avery Johnson	2-7-0	27	0	22	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Jayce Brown	1	1	22	14	0	22	
Jadon Jackson	3	1	5	0	0	5	
Seth Porter	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Keagan Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Jack Blumer	3	99	33.0	42	0	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
VJ Payne	4-1	5	0.0	0.0			
Beau Palmer	0-2	2	0.0	0.5			
Austin Moore	0-1	1	0.0	0.5			
Colby McCalister	0-1	1	0.0	0.0			

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
3rd	12:51	NCSU - #44 B.Narveson 49 yd FG, 6-44, 02:09	3-0
3rd	01:50	NCSU - #6 T.Pennix 60 yd rush (pass from #5 B.Armstrong failed), 7-75, 04:03	9-0



**4th Quarter**

- 2-6 NCSU25 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong rush left for 4 yards gain to the NCSU29 (#10 J.Parrish).
- 3-2 NCSU29 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete short right to #80 B.Rozner.
- 4-2 NCSU29 #98 C.Noonkester punt 40 yards to the KSU31 fair catch by #16 S.Porter at KSU31.  
*3 plays, 8 yards, 01:26*

**Kansas St. drive starts at 14:03**

- 1-10 KSU31 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 1 yard loss to the KSU30 (#26 D.Betty).
- 2-11 KSU30 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short middle to #16 S.Porter for 15 yards to the KSU45 (#0 S.Brown; #19 B.Fitzgerald), 1ST DOWN. P15
- 1-10 KSU45 PENALTY KSU False Start (#54 H.Panzer) 5 yards from KSU45 to KSU40. NO PLAY.
- 1-15 KSU40 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short right to #10 K.Johnson.
- 2-15 KSU40 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 3 yards gain to the KSU43 (#44 B.Cleveland; #0 S.Brown).
- 3-12 KSU43 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short middle to #86 G.Oakley broken up by #10 C.Fordham.
- 4-12 KSU43 #43 J.Blumer punt 42 yards to the NCSU15 fair catch by #21 J.Coit at NCSU15.  
*5 plays, 12 yards, 02:43*

**NC State drive starts at 11:20**

- 1-10 NCSU15 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete short left to #10 K.Concepcion.
- 2-10 NCSU15 Shotgun #20 K.Raphael rush middle for 6 yards gain to the NCSU21 (#56 D.Italio).
- 3-4 NCSU21 Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass incomplete short left to #20 K.Raphael QB hurried by #92 J.Banks.
- 4-4 NCSU21 #98 C.Noonkester punt 41 yards to the KSU38 #16 S.Porter return 0 yards to the PENALTY KSU Illegal Block in Back (#89 E.Pizarro) 10 yards from KSU38 to KSU28.  
*3 plays, 6 yards, 01:08*

**Kansas St. drive starts at 10:12**

- 1-10 KSU28 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 2 yards gain to the KSU30 (#44 B.Cleveland).
- 2-8 KSU30 PENALTY KSU False Start (#70 K.Leveston) 5 yards from KSU30 to KSU25. NO PLAY.
- 2-13 KSU25 No Huddle-Shotgun #47 L.White rush left for 0 yards to the KSU25 (#26 D.Betty).
- 3-13 KSU25 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short middle to #10 K.Johnson for 16 yards to the KSU41 (#2 J.Scott), 1ST DOWN. P16
- 1-10 KSU41 No Huddle-Shotgun #0 J.Jackson rush left for 7 yards gain to the KSU48 (#10 C.Fordham).
- 2-3 KSU48 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short right to #83 W.Swanson.
- 3-3 KSU48 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short right to #0 J.Jackson for 3 yards to the NCSU49 PENALTY KSU Holding (#86 G.Oakley) 10 yards from NCSU49 to KSU41.
- 3-10 KSU41 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson rush left for 18 yards gain to the NCSU41, out of bounds at NCSU41, 1ST DOWN. R17
- 1-10 NCSU41 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush right for 4 yards gain to the NCSU37 (#1 D.Vann).
- 2-6 NCSU37 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short right QB hurried by #26 D.Betty.
- 3-6 NCSU37 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short left to #0 J.Jackson broken up by #7 S.Battle, 1ST DOWN, PENALTY NCSU Pass Interference (#7 S.Battle) 7 yards from NCSU37 to NCSU30, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. X18
- 1-10 NCSU30 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 8 yards gain to the NCSU22 (#9 S.Jackson).
- 2-2 NCSU22 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 1 yard gain to the NCSU21 (#2 J.Scott).
- 3-1 NCSU21 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass incomplete short left QB hurried by #0 S.Brown.
- 4-1 NCSU21 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 8 yards gain to the NCSU13 (#9 S.Jackson), 1ST DOWN. R19
- 1-10 NCSU13 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 2 yards gain to the NCSU11 (#44 B.Cleveland).  
(02:54) Timeout by NCS.
- 2-8 NCSU11 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson pass complete short right to #1 J.Brown for 11 yards to the NCSU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 02:48, 1ST DOWN. P20
- NCSU03 #17 C.Tennant kick attempt good (H: #43 J.Blumer, LS: #42 R.Plattner).

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*15 plays, 72 yards, 07:24*

#17 C.Tennant kickoff 57 yards to the NCSU08 #15 K.Lesane return 26 yards to the NCSU34 (#18 W.Fair).

**NC State drive starts at 02:42**

- 1-10 NCSU34 No Huddle-Shotgun #5 B.Armstrong pass intercepted by #10 J.Parrish at NCSU44 #10 J.Parrish return 3 yards to the NCSU41 (#65 J.Peak).

*1 plays, 0 yards, 00:09*

**Kansas St. drive starts at 02:33**

- 1-10 NCSU41 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush left for 20 yards gain to the NCSU21 (#3 A.White), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. R21
- 1-10 NCSU21 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 2 yards gain to the NCSU19 (#19 B.Fitzgerald).  
(01:48) Timeout by NCS.
- 2-8 NCSU19 No Huddle-Shotgun #31 D.Giddens rush middle for 3 yards gain to the NCSU16 (#10 C.Fordham; #9 S.Jackson).  
(01:43) Timeout by NCS.
- 3-5 NCSU16 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson rush middle for 2 yards gain to the NCSU14 (#7 S.Battle).  
(00:55) Timeout by KSU.
- 4-3 NCSU14 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 A.Johnson rush left for 8 yards gain to the NCSU06 (#19 B.Fitzgerald; #1 D.Vann), 1ST DOWN. R22
- 1-G NCSU06 Kneel down by Kansas St. at NCSU07 for loss of 1 yard.  
*6 plays, 34 yards, 02:33*

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
NC State	0	02:20	0	0	0	0	0-2	0-0	2-10	0-4-1-0	1-7
Kansas St.	7	12:40	4	3	1	8	2-5	2-2	17-86	4-9-0-45	4-30



FOURTH QUARTER	NCSU	KSU
Score	0	7
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	0	8
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	2-10	17-86
<b>PASSING YDS (NET)</b>	0	45
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	0-4-1	4-9-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	6-10	26-131
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-26	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-3
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-40.5	1-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-7	4-30
Possession Time	02:20	12:40
Third-Down Conversions	0 of 2	2 of 5
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	1-2

**NC STATE**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Kendrick Raphael	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Brennan Armstrong	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Brennan Armstrong	0-4-1	0	0	0	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Bradley Rozner	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kevin "KC" Concepcion	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kendrick Raphael	1	0	0	0	0	0

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Caden Noonkester	2	81	40.5	41	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Keyon Lesane	1	26	0	26

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Bishop Fitzgerald	1-2	3	0.0	0.0
Brandon Cleveland	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
Savion Jackson	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
Caden Fordham	1-1	2	0.0	0.0

**KANSAS ST.**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
DJ Giddens	11	53	1	52	0	20	4.7
Avery Johnson	3	28	0	28	0	18	9.3
Jadon Jackson	1	7	0	7	0	7	7.0
La'James White	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Avery Johnson	4-9-0	45	1	16	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Keagan Johnson	2	1	16	1	0	16
Seth Porter	1	1	15	3	0	15
Jayce Brown	1	1	11	0	1	11
Jadon Jackson	1	1	3	3	0	3

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Jack Blumer	1	42	42.0	42	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Damian Ilalio	1-0	1	0.0	0.0
Jacob Parrish	1-0	1	0.0	0.0
Wesley Fair	1-0	1	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
4th	02:48	KSU - #1 J.Brown 11 yd pass from #2 A.Johnson (#17 C.Tennant kick), 15-72, 07:24	0-7

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## Kansas State Wildcats

### Avery Johnson

Press Conference



Whenever you have people that care about you in the facilities, in the locker room, it just really makes going out and putting your head down and working easier.

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**Q. Avery, 15 plays on that last drive to score a touchdown. What's the mindset going into that drive and finishing it off with the touchdown?**

EVERY JOHNSON: Yeah, we knew we needed to finish the drive strong and put the game away, and just credit to those guys up front. Fifteen plays is not easy, and they dominated. We pushed the ball down the field and ultimately got in the end zone, so credit to my teammates.

**Q. As a true freshman, how did your confidence progress in that game passing and running the ball?**

EVERY JOHNSON: I just try to carry myself with confidence throughout everything that I do, and credit to my dad always for just making sure I am confident in myself. When you have teammates and coaches and players, like you know players around you that are confident in your ability, it just ultimately makes my job easier.

So credit to them once again just making my job easy today.

**Q. This time last year, you were a high school kid and now you're 19 years old and our a Bowl game MVP. What's this last year been like?**

EVERY JOHNSON: It has been a lot of ups and downs and a lot of learning. When you come into college, you do not really know what to expect. I am so happy I chose Kansas State. I am so happy I got to be around these players and these coaches because they truly do care about you, and it really is a brotherhood and it really is a family. It is not like that at other places, and I am a hundred percent sure of that.

**Q. You really impressed on the scramble drill plays, particularly that touchdown near the end of the first half. On those specific plays, what are you looking for and do you sort of have a clock in your head of when it's time to throw the ball away or when it's time to try and make a play?**

EVERY JOHNSON: Yeah, really just kind of goes -- kind of weird. Pre-snap when you get the coverage and I go through my read and I do not like necessarily what we have, then I kind of get flushed out of the pocket and, ultimately, I just try to keep my eyes down the field and see if maybe somebody pops open. If somebody does, great hit them. If not, tuck it down and run.

At the end of the day, if there is nothing available, you have to throw the ball away. I just tried to be smart with the football today and tried not to turn it over. At the same time, just cut it loose and play a little bit, because you can not play conservative with the football.

**Q. I don't think you touched a back.**

EVERY JOHNSON: I mean, those guys have been doing it together for a long time. All the credit goes to them tonight for keeping me off the ground and allowing me to sit in a clean pocket and deliver footballs. Some of that stuff is really underrated, just being able to have a clean pocket makes my job a hundred times easier.

Being able to send some of those guys off tonight with a victory and propel ourselves into the 2024 season was just a great way to finish out our season.

**Q. On the final drive, you went for it on fourth down instead of kicking the field goal. How much confidence does that show from the coaching staff?**

EVERY JOHNSON: Yeah, Coach Klieman came out and grabbed me and the offensive line and said, we are finishing the game on offense. Credit to Coach Riley, credit



to all those guys for believing in me and giving me the ball to go convert on that fourth.

At the end of the day, the offensive line opened up the hole and that is just for me to go get the first down at that point.

**Q. What was it like playing today with Conor Riley call plays instead of the guy you had more experience with?**

AVERY JOHNSON: It was a lot of fun. For it to be my first start and his first game as an OC [offensive coordinator], we both had ups and downs. I am looking forward to growing with him and building with him and just you see he really cares about this team. He had fire to himself throughout practice, throughout this whole Bowl week, throughout the whole time we were down in Orlando.

He is really thankful to be in this position. I am really just happy to be able to throughout this whole week just build a deeper relationship with him because he really does care about his players and at the end of the day he want to win just as badly as the rest of us, so credit to him.

**Q. Can you take us through that final touchdown to Jason? Obviously we know that you're super close with him, and just how cool was it to be able to have that moment with him on this kind of stage?**

AVERY JOHNSON: Yeah, we are roommates back home, came in together. Roommates down here in Orlando. Shows the chemistry and the connection that we have, so just being able to trust him. Putting the ball in a place for him to go up and make a play. Just being able to trust that he is going to come down with it and make a play.

That is just him coming to grab me after practice, me grabbing him after practice and getting in a few extra throws.

He is a big-time play maker and he is going to be somebody to watch in the near future. Shout-out, Jas.

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## NC State Wolfpack

Sean Brown

Brennan Armstrong

Press Conference



Yeah, we just fell short. We did not make the small plays that we needed to make in the game.

**Q. Curious for you guys as an offense, as Kansas State goes on that drive at the end and they hold the ball and hold the ball and hold the ball. You're down two, thinking if you can get back out there, if you have a chance. How hard was it to see the time tick away and know that your chances were getting smaller?**

BRENNAN ARMSTRONG: We still had a shot, right, and I went out there and threw a pick. We saw the shot. We had to score quick and that was our, obviously, thought – was to start getting aggressive, really aggressive. I threw a pick and that ends the game right there.

It wasn't really like -- I was kind of antsy, waiting to get back on the field to see what we can do with the time remaining. We had like 2:40-something or like that left, and it is like, okay, seen a lot of crazier tough happen right. See if we can get aggressive make something happen. Score quick and try to get the ball back. We just did not do that. I threw a pick.

**Q. For both of y'all, it's been a very, very long time since NC State has gotten that double-digit winning figure. Now that you've been through this game and been through the season, what do you think the program needs to get over that hump?**

SEAN BROWN: All I will say, we are going to get it next year.

BRENNAN ARMSTRONG: I tried to get it done and did not get it done. I wish the guys next year, they understand how it feels now, I know there's a lot of returners coming back. Obviously, the transfer portal is going to be huge for the team, too.

Man, I can't speak on next year, because I'm not going to be here but I wanted it. I wanted to do it. Ending the way we did with a five a win streak and try to get this Bowl win here. Just fell short.

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**Q. Obviously it didn't end the way you guys wanted it to, but based on everything you've seen from this team over the past few months, especially, what makes you excited about the future of this program and everything to come in your career here?**

SEAN BROWN: Just we have a lot of guys with experience. We have guys coming in from the portal and we are bringing guys back.

I feel like we are going to be more experienced, having more people out there who are not thinking so much and just going out there and play.

**Q. What has this game been like all week for you, and with everything that's gone on this year and what was it like to get NC State's first hundred-yard rushing game of the year?**

BRENNAN ARMSTRONG: Throughout the week, I was trying to have my on/off-switch. I kind of said this earlier on in the week before we took off to go to Orlando is, when we are having fun, have fun. Enjoy it, right. It is my last one. When it is on-switch, we are out there having football practice or anything football-related, walk-throughs, try to turn the switch back on. That is kind of how I handled it.

You look back, I always do this, I look back. It is like, what could I have done different, because we did not get the job done.

I feel like I did what I needed to do to be ready and prepared. We just did not get it done. I think Kansas State is a really good defense, and they played hard. We knew we were going to have that and it was going to be a close game.



Like I said, I always look back what I did throughout the week, what did I do wrong, what did I do that made us come up short. That is just how I look at it.

**Q. What was going on or what was the mindset of the defense during that long drive at the end of the game? I know Kansas State had two touchdowns taken off the board. What was the defense's mindset, or looking back on it, what did you guys need to do defensively to get them off the field?**

SEAN BROWN: We just needed to wrap up, tackle. We missed a lot of tackles in the game. I don't know how many we missed, but we came in saying we needed to tackle. We thought we was going to get off the field but we just missed tackles, blown assignment.

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And he helped us win, and he made big-time play after big-time play. He made the check on the last touchdown throwing it to Jas. He saw the look, I mean, how many young kids are going to say, no, I'm not going to change it right now and throw a great dime to him.

**Q. For the offense to not score over a quarter, and then Avery to lead a drive with two third-and-long conversions with a touchdown throw, what does that just say about him?**

CHRIS KLIEMAN: Well, you know, for starters, it says a heck of a lot about our defense. Because we did a great

job in that second half against a defense against a quarterback -- he's a fifth-year guy. Not many fifth-year seniors play in Bowl games, so my hat is off to him for playing in the game. And for a fifth-year guy to play in the game and lead his team, he got after it in the first half.

We did some different things. Changed our stunts up to allow us to make them kick field goals, which allowed that one opportunity for us to get a big-time drive. Convert some third downs. Convert some fourth downs. Guys, we had two touchdowns called back, too.

We did some good things. We had a punt return called back. We had a long touchdown pass called back, and for us to finish that game with a couple big drives says a ton about our total team.

**Q. Two things. Fourth-and-one, you run behind Cooper Beebe and KT Leveston; get the first touchdown. Score a touchdown after that. To end the game, run behind Cooper Beebe and KT Leveston to ice the game.**

CHRIS KLIEMAN: Pretty smart. You know, those guys are really good players. Again, give it to DJ.

And then the other team we spread everybody out, and we had not done that out of that personnel grouping. Great call by Conor Riley. Spread everybody out. We've been given the ball out of out two tight end set. Two tight end set, spread everybody out, give the ball to Avery. And we were really smart with Avery. He was the only guy we felt comfortable and confident with to step up and play tonight.

So we were not just going to just run the guy 20 times. We wanted to showcase his arm, showcase ability. Guys, the play he made making the check on the first drive throwing that touchdown pass to DJ, we had worked that, and we had not done that all year.

But to make that play and to see everybody coming at you, and DJ kind of sidestepped the last blitz, that's Football 401 done by a true freshman.

**Q. You talked about the O-Line all week and they certainly went out tonight and made you proud, I'm sure. I don't think Avery was touched in the backfield.**

CHRIS KLIEMAN: No, he wasn't. I know he wasn't. And those guys are the heart and soul of our offense. I had to give Gilly crap. He wasn't feeling well so he missed yesterday. Came back fresh. So he just maybe needed a day to rest and sleep. But he had had the flu and bounced back, gave him an IV today and he played his tail off.

We rotated. We played seven guys in there with TP and Carver Willis. And we are excited because three of those guys are returning, too. It's not like -- I know we lose a lot of really good players in the o-line, but we have got got three studs coming back there and a lot of good youth that has learned from Coach Riley.

So we are going to go as far as our O-line ask D-Line take us and both groups are really good tonight.

**Q. (What does it say about the six-year players, that they came back, and that played in the game tonight?)**

CHRIS KLIEMAN: They love K-State. They love the culture they have built and they love the fact that they have one more stage to play with their brothers. That's a party going on in there with those six-year guys.

I think it says more that they came back to play for K-State this year, and so many of those guys are O-linemen, and they came back to play for Conor Riley.

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**Q. Can you walk me through the last fourth down you converted to set up the touchdown when they left you out there, gave you the ball and you ran up the middle and gained those tough yards? What was it like?**

DJ GIDDENS: It was great. The O-Line, they were blocking, they were blocking real good. They were creating open holes. All I had to do was just run for real. That was all there was really to it.

**Q. There was a lot happening in that postgame, eating a mascot and the trophy. How would you describe that postgame celebration?**

DJ GIDDENS: It was crazy, man. It was crazy. I mean it was crazy. I was just trying to sit back and enjoy it, for real. It was just crazy.

**Q. Yourself and then a guy like Desmond Purnell and a bunch of Kansas guys on the offensive line, what does it mean to get a win like this? We're a long way from Kansas, but a lot of guys from the State of Kansas contributed to this one.**

DJ GIDDENS: Yeah, it is always great seeing Des do his thing on the field, knowing he is from Kansas, too. Every time in the locker room, we are always talking to each other about the game and how both of us did good during the game. It was great seeing him do that for real.

Appreciate y'all.

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**Q. DJ, on that pass from Avery in the first quarter, it looked like he went up, said something to the offensive line, and you were just wide open. What happened on that play and how nice was it to get on the board first?**

DJ GIDDENS: Man, that is a play that we been practicing all week. We already knew it was coming, we prepared for it. We got extra – stayed after practice. Got some extra reps of them throws, because we knew it was going to come. They were going to bring everybody and once he made the check, I already knew what it was. I knew it was going to go.

**Q. When you have a quarterback out there like Avery who can make plays with his feet and is sort of an extra body in the run game, how much does that help you in terms of being able to get open lanes and being able to create plays yourself?**

DJ GIDDENS: It is great, because we complement each other. It is always good for a quarterback to be able to run the ball, because if it is not going to go for me, he is going to do his thing or vice versa.

**Q. Congratulations on the win. Leading into the week, Coach Klieman said he obviously had confidence in Avery but he would need support from you and everybody else to help him go. From your perspective, what form did that support take? What does it mean to your coach to support this guy and how did you do it tonight?**

DJ GIDDENS: Really, it was just me dialing in on the signals, on the plays, just knowing my job for real and not relying on him to tell me what to do as much, so he can focus on what he has to do.

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#### Press Conference



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DAVE DOEREN: Congratulations to Kansas State. The kids played really hard and they earned that win. It was a heck of a ballgame.

I thought when we faked that punt and scored, gained all the momentum, and the way we had been playing prior to that next drive on defense in the second half, that we were going to win this game.

That did not happen. We were 4-of-15 on third down, and I think all four conversions came in that drive. Maybe, it was five, because we had a pass interference call against us there, too.

Bottom line is, we did not finish and they did and that is really what it came down to, that last drive. We missed a field goal, too. Obviously, that had something to do with it.

But, it was a heck of a football game. You got to watch a game with two teams that played really hard and probably a fun game to watch with two fake punts. Kids played hard on both sidelines, and a well-coached game. There was only one turnover. There was not a lot of penalties.

It was a good football game. Unfortunately, we just did not make enough plays to win it at the end.

**Q. Where do you think the team sets you up in terms of looking head to the future? Do you feel like that puts you and the program in a good place?**

DAVE DOEREN: The way we finished the season definitely did. I am not talking about the Bowl game, but the five regular season wins. I felt like a lot of things clicked. Formulas for winning and the guys understanding what it takes and some guys emerged in some positions. There is some good leadership that arose on the team.

It is a hungry team. Disappointed bunch of guys in that locker room right now. I think they will be heavily motivated to finish, is a word we talked about a lot about. K-State has doubled up their opponents in the fourth quarter this year when you look at their scoring in that quarter. We knew that was a critical piece of the game and something we talked a lot about. Just did not get it done.

How does that play into the future? I will tell you, with college football anymore, I think it is every season, it is anybody's season. I mean, your teams are changing. We are going to have 50-plus new guys on our roster next year.

The guys coming back are going to be very driven, but each year, it is different than it has ever been in college football. I do not think reloading, rebuilding, I think everything, it is a new puzzle. It is a new puzzle every year.

It is exciting and challenging and confusing and everything all at once when you think about that. I think right now. I just want to think about the kids in that locker room and take a few days to get away and then get back to it.

**Q. After being down double scores at halftime, what was the message to the players during the break?**

DAVE DOEREN: I got a little mad in the locker room. I told them, that wasn't the team I expected to see. I thought we were flat. Weren't playing the way I expected.

I thought we really came out in the third quarter and really played much better. I let the coaches make their adjustments and just tried to motivate them. I thought they responded, I do. I think it was just one drive that was the difference in that game there at the end.

**Q. Just speak a little about the effort that Brennan gave, just running the ball the way that he did and just trying to find a way to break through that defense?**

DAVE DOEREN: Super tough guy. The kid plays relentless football and, obviously, has a skill set to run. He is tough. The guys blocked hard for him, and he did some

good things, some good design runs and also some runs that he created on his own on some passes.

You love his heart. You love his character, his toughness and he wanted to win that football game. He did.

**Q. You mentioned about the changes in college football. With your tenure in the ACC, is there something you'd like to see done? How would you like to see this changed.**

DAVE DOEREN: Yeah.

**Q. You lose your guy this week, your big defensive guy this week. What changes would you make?**

DAVE DOEREN: Man, I don't know if I have time for that one. There are so many things wrong right now with college football. To me, you have heard everybody come up with their different things.

Right now, it is just getting some enforceable rules. Leveling the playing field in the NIL world. I do not know how you do that, but it is the wild west. It is just pushed greed and a lack of character and integrity into the sport. It is disappointing to watch. I cannot sit here after a loss and tell you how to fix it. Man, I am not going to do it that.

But, it needs to be fixed. There needs to be some leadership that does that. It is going to have to start way up high. It is going to have to be at the commissioner or presidential level or maybe even higher.

But, there are some bad stuff that was created with that rule that came out from the courts and now we are all trying to figure out just how to live in this world and do the best we can. It is tough for a guy that is 52 that has been in college football now for 30 years, it's not going the right direction.

Still a great product. It is an incredible sport to watch right now, there are no doubt. But, it is a team sport that starts with character and morals and integrity, toughness and togetherness and fight and resiliency. I have never heard of stealing each other's players and greed and all the stuff that is going on as part of the formula for this sport, but that is what we have.

**Q. I wanted to ask about Trent, obviously had the exciting fake punt. He's been here six years. What did it mean to you to get to coach him one last season and see him make that huge play tonight?**

DAVE DOEREN: Yeah, it was a great play. Happy for Trent. Trent's been through a lot. Had a bunch of injuries

throughout his career. Was able to play I think the most of his career this season and has been an explosive player on and off for us. Great teammate the whole time he has been here.

So, that was awesome for him to make that play. It was great play, too. It was well-designed, and well-blocked. He did a things with his athletic ability there. That was pretty awesome to watch.

**Q. You talked about Brennan's toughness but seemed like KC was banged up at times but wanting to get back out there. What was it like to see him go out there do his thing?**

DAVE DOEREN: Yeah, super competitive guy and for the number of things he has had to for our offense, he's ready for the off-season. Yeah, he got nicked up a little bit. It is hard to keep him out. He is a guy that wants to keep playing, wants to impact the game, wants to help his teammates.

**Q. When you're trying to come-from-behind, how tough is it when K-State has a guy like D.J. and how much of it is trying to stop him?**

DAVE DOEREN: That is a really good O-Line that they have. Four guys are six-year players on that O-line. You have to give the running back credit, because we did not tackle him well. He ran hard and that is on us. We have to tackle better.

Their O-line does a great job and they are well-coached. There is a lot going into that. It is a good offense, the way they run it, and the kids played hard for them. There were not a lot of mistakes. There were not a lot of penalties. No turnovers. Pretty impressive for an offense with a freshman playing quarterback.

**Q. Back to Brennan. We talked after the UNC game, the arc of his season, everything that he went through, but when you look at all the guys that have been in your program for a number of years what can a guy like that that comes in for one year and do what he did and play the way he did tonight, how can that set an example or bring something new? What did he do for your program in that one game?**

DAVE DOEREN: To see what he went through and the kind of teammate that he was through it. It inspired a lot of people. It did. I mean, he is -- I will not say the right stats, but for a lefty in the ACC, like 10,000 yards, some crazy stats that he has. For him to basically be benched and say, you know what, that is the right thing.

To stand up in front of the team and tell them to play harder for the guy than they played for him because he deserves their best, and to say it in a way where the kids are like, wow. He just comes to practice and plays his ass off every day to the point where we want to start using him again. He won the locker room the day he got benched because of how he handled it.

Then full circle, he gets the job back, and the team just went crazy for him, and I think it says a lot about just the type of teammate you can be when things do not go your way.

He inspired a lot of people, including me, you know, with how he handled adversity. I have the utmost respect for him. I do not know what awaits for him. Is he going to be a Taysom Hill-type guy in the NFL that is a good backup and holds the clipboard and drives people crazy with his legs? I do not know.

But man, is he a competitive dude and is he a great teammate. I would love to see him get a shot.

**Q. As a head coach, defensive coordinator in the Big 12, have you ever seen a quarterback like Avery Johnson that, young, that athletic?**

DAVE DOEREN: Yeah, unfortunately I have. Seen a lot of quarterbacks like him. And he is a good player; I'm not trying to downplay your question. Vince Young was pretty good when he we played against him. Lamar Jackson was pretty good when we played against him. There are been quite a few in the ACC that can run around and drive you crazy.

That is a talented young quarterback. K-State has a great player there. He has a tremendous future.

**Q. Obviously went into halftime, had the big deficit, and you guys battled back to make it a very close game. What do you think was the key in the third quarter to step in and make that a close game and close the gap?**

DAVE DOEREN: I think Trent's play on special teams. We were able to get three points. We were able to come out of the half knowing we got a two-fer, and got another three points, which was great. Any points in that game was going to be helpful. We knew it was going to be a close game, just with Trent's explosive play on special teams.

They got one from us and we got one back, so that really tightened it down. After that, like Coach D said, we really thought we were going to win that game. Offensively, we just did not get anything going after that.

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### Press Conference



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**Q. Curious for you guys as an offense, as Kansas State goes on that drive at the end and they hold the ball and hold the ball and hold the ball. You're down two, thinking if you can get back out there, if you have a chance. How hard was it to see the time tick away and know that your chances were getting smaller?**

BRENNAN ARMSTRONG: We still had a shot, right, and I went out there and threw a pick. We saw the shot. We had to score quick and that was our, obviously, thought – was to start getting aggressive, really aggressive. I threw a pick and that ends the game right there.

It wasn't really like -- I was kind of antsy, waiting to get back on the field to see what we can do with the time remaining. We had like 2:40-something or like that left, and it is like, okay, seen a lot of crazier tough happen right. See if we can get aggressive make something happen. Score quick and try to get the ball back. We just did not do that. I threw a pick.

**Q. For both of y'all, it's been a very, very long time since NC State has gotten that double-digit winning figure. Now that you've been through this game and been through the season, what do you think the program needs to get over that hump?**

SEAN BROWN: All I will say, we are going to get it next year.

BRENNAN ARMSTRONG: I tried to get it done and did not get it done. I wish the guys next year, they understand how it feels now, I know there's a lot of returners coming back. Obviously, the transfer portal is going to be huge for the team, too.

Man, I can't speak on next year, because I'm not going to be here but I wanted it. I wanted to do it. Ending the way we did with a five a win streak and try to get this Bowl win here. Just fell short.

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**Q. Obviously it didn't end the way you guys wanted it to, but based on everything you've seen from this team over the past few months, especially, what makes you excited about the future of this program and everything to come in your career here?**

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I feel like we are going to be more experienced, having more people out there who are not thinking so much and just going out there and play.

**Q. What has this game been like all week for you, and with everything that's gone on this year and what was it like to get NC State's first hundred-yard rushing game of the year?**

BRENNAN ARMSTRONG: Throughout the week, I was trying to have my on/off-switch. I kind of said this earlier on in the week before we took off to go to Orlando is, when we are having fun, have fun. Enjoy it, right. It is my last one. When it is on-switch, we are out there having football practice or anything football-related, walk-throughs, try to turn the switch back on. That is kind of how I handled it.

You look back, I always do this, I look back. It is like, what could I have done different, because we did not get the job done.

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SEAN BROWN: We just needed to wrap up, tackle. We missed a lot of tackles in the game. I don't know how many we missed, but we came in saying we needed to tackle. We thought we was going to get off the field but we just missed tackles, blown assignment.

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Some of those times, a young player may force a throw when he is scrambling and does not see anybody open. He just said, you know what, I will throw it away.

The No. 1 stat that he looks for is: Did you win the game? I know he was 14-of-31, but he threw the ball away and avoided a number of sacks or lost yards and, you know what, he is 1-0 as a starting quarterback. That is the No. 1 stat that we look at.

He helped us win. He made big-time play after big-time play. He made the check on the last touchdown throwing it to Jas. He saw the look. How many young kids are going to say, no, I am not going to change it right now and throw a great dime to him.

**Q. For the offense to not score over a quarter, and then Avery to lead a drive with two third-and-long conversions with a touchdown throw, what does that just say about him?**

CHRIS KLIEMAN: Well for starters, it says a heck of a lot about our defense, because we did a great job in that second half against a defense – against a quarterback --

he's a fifth-year guy. Not many fifth-year seniors play in Bowl games, so my hat is off to him for playing in the game. For a fifth-year guy to play in the game and lead his team, he got after it in the first half.

We did some different things. Changed our stunts up to allow us to make them kick field goals, which allowed that one opportunity for us to get a big-time drive. Convert some third downs. Convert some fourth downs. Guys, we had two touchdowns called back, too.

We did some good things. We had a punt return called back. We had a long touchdown pass called back, and for us to finish that game with a couple big drives says a ton about our total team.

**Q. Two things. Fourth-and-one, you run behind Cooper Beebe and KT Leveston; get the first touchdown. Score a touchdown after that. To end the game, run behind Cooper Beebe and KT Leveston to ice the game.**

CHRIS KLIEMAN: Pretty smart. Those guys are really good players. Again, give it to DJ.

The other team we spread everybody out, and we had not done that out of that personnel grouping. Great call by Conor Riley to spread everybody out. We have been given the ball out of our two tight end set. Two tight end set, spread everybody out, give the ball to Avery. We were really smart with Avery. He was the only guy we felt comfortable and confident with to step up and play tonight.

We were not just going to just run the guy 20 times. We wanted to showcase his arm, showcase his ability. The play he made making the check on the first drive, throwing that touchdown pass to DJ, we had worked that, and we had not done that all year.

To make that play and to see everybody coming at you, and DJ kind of sidestepped the last blitz, that is Football 101 done by a true freshman.

**Q. You talked about the O-Line all week and they certainly went out tonight and made you proud, I'm sure. I don't think Avery was touched in the backfield.**

CHRIS KLIEMAN: No, he was not. I know he was not. Those guys are the heart and soul of our offense. I had to give Gilly crap. He was not feeling well, so he missed yesterday. He came back fresh. He just maybe needed a day to rest and sleep. He had had the flu and bounced back, gave him an IV today ,and he played his tail off.

We rotated. We played seven guys in there with TP and

Carver Willis. We are excited, because three of those guys are returning, too. It is not like -- I know we lose a lot of really good players in the o-line, but we have three studs coming back there and a lot of good youth that has learned from Coach Riley.

We are going to go as far as our O-line ask D-Line take us and both groups are really good tonight.

**Q. What does it say about the six-year players, that they came back, and that played in the game tonight?**

CHRIS KLIEMAN: They love K-State. They love the culture they have built. They love the fact that they have one more stage to play with their brothers. That is a party going on in there with those six-year guys.

I think it says more that they came back to play for K-State this year, and so many of those guys are O-linemen, and they came back to play for Conor Riley.

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**Kansas State Wildcats**

**DJ Giddens**

Press Conference



It was really just me focusing on what I had to do and let everybody do their job.

**Q. Can you walk me through the last fourth down you converted to set up the touchdown when they left you out there, gave you the ball and you ran up the middle and gained those tough yards? What was it like?**

DJ GIDDENS: It was great. The O-Line, they were blocking, they were blocking real good. They were creating open holes. All I had to do was just run for real. That was all there was really to it.

**Q. There was a lot happening in that postgame, eating a mascot and the trophy. How would you describe that postgame celebration?**

DJ GIDDENS: It was crazy, man. It was crazy. I mean it was crazy. I was just trying to sit back and enjoy it, for real. It was just crazy.

**Q. Yourself and then a guy like Desmond Purnell and a bunch of Kansas guys on the offensive line, what does it mean to get a win like this? We're a long way from Kansas, but a lot of guys from the State of Kansas contributed to this one.**

DJ GIDDENS: Yeah, it is always great seeing Des do his thing on the field, knowing he is from Kansas, too. Every time in the locker room, we are always talking to each other about the game and how both of us did good during the game. It was great seeing him do that for real.

Appreciate y'all.

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**Q. DJ, on that pass from Avery in the first quarter, it looked like he went up, said something to the offensive line, and you were just wide open. What happened on that play and how nice was it to get on the board first?**

DJ GIDDENS: Man, that is a play that we been practicing all week. We already knew it was coming, we prepared for it. We got extra – stayed after practice. Got some extra reps of them throws, because we knew it was going to come. They were going to bring everybody and once he made the check, I already knew what it was. I knew it was going to go.

**Q. When you have a quarterback out there like Avery who can make plays with his feet and is sort of an extra body in the run game, how much does that help you in terms of being able to get open lanes and being able to create plays yourself?**

DJ GIDDENS: It is great, because we complement each other. It is always good for a quarterback to be able to run the ball, because if it is not going to go for me, he is going to do his thing or vice versa.

**Q. Congratulations on the win. Leading into the week, Coach Klieman said he obviously had confidence in Avery but he would need support from you and everybody else to help him go. From your perspective, what form did that support take? What does it mean to your coach to support this guy and how did you do it tonight?**

DJ GIDDENS: Really, it was just me dialing in on the signals, on the plays, just knowing my job for real and not relying on him to tell me what to do as much, so he can focus on what he has to do.

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**Q. Avery, 15 plays on that last drive to score a touchdown. What's the mindset going into that drive and finishing it off with the touchdown?**

AVERY JOHNSON: Yeah, we knew we needed to finish the drive strong and put the game away, and just credit to those guys up front. Fifteen plays is not easy, and they dominated. We pushed the ball down the field and ultimately got in the end zone, so credit to my teammates.

**Q. As a true freshman, how did your confidence progress in that game passing and running the ball?**

AVERY JOHNSON: I just try to carry myself with confidence throughout everything that I do, and credit to my dad always for just making sure I am confident in myself. When you have teammates and coaches and players, like you know players around you that are confident in your ability, it just ultimately makes my job easier.

So credit to them once again just making my job easy today.

**Q. This time last year, you were a high school kid and now you're 19 years old and our a Bowl game MVP. What's this last year been like?**

AVERY JOHNSON: It has been a lot of ups and downs and a lot of learning. When you come into college, you do not really know what to expect. I am so happy I chose Kansas State. I am so happy I got to be around these players and these coaches because they truly do care about you, and it really is a brotherhood and it really is a family. It is not like that at other places, and I am a hundred percent sure of that.

**Q. You really impressed on the scramble drill plays, particularly that touchdown near the end of the first half. On those specific plays, what are you looking for and do you sort of have a clock in your head of when it's time to throw the ball away or when it's time to try and make a play?**

AVERY JOHNSON: Yeah, really just kind of goes -- kind of weird. Pre-snap when you get the coverage and I go through my read and I do not like necessarily what we have, then I kind of get flushed out of the pocket and, ultimately, I just try to keep my eyes down the field and see if maybe somebody pops open. If somebody does, great hit them. If not, tuck it down and run.

At the end of the day, if there is nothing available, you have to throw the ball away. I just tried to be smart with the football today and tried not to turn it over. At the same time, just cut it loose and play a little bit, because you can not play conservative with the football.

**Q. I don't think you touched a back.**

AVERY JOHNSON: I mean, those guys have been doing it together for a long time. All the credit goes to them tonight for keeping me off the ground and allowing me to sit in a clean pocket and deliver footballs. Some of that stuff is really underrated, just being able to have a clean pocket makes my job a hundred times easier.

Being able to send some of those guys off tonight with a victory and propel ourselves into the 2024 season was just a great way to finish out our season.

**Q. On the final drive, you went for it on fourth down instead of kicking the field goal. How much confidence does that show from the coaching staff?**

AVERY JOHNSON: Yeah, Coach Klieman came out and grabbed me and the offensive line and said, we are finishing the game on offense. Credit to Coach Riley, credit



to all those guys for believing in me and giving me the ball to go convert on that fourth.

At the end of the day, the offensive line opened up the hole and that is just for me to go get the first down at that point.

**Q. What was it like playing today with Conor Riley call plays instead of the guy you had more experience with?**

AVERY JOHNSON: It was a lot of fun. For it to be my first start and his first game as an OC [offensive coordinator], we both had ups and downs. I am looking forward to growing with him and building with him and just you see he really cares about this team. He had fire to himself throughout practice, throughout this whole Bowl week, throughout the whole time we were down in Orlando.

He is really thankful to be in this position. I am really just happy to be able to throughout this whole week just build a deeper relationship with him because he really does care about his players and at the end of the day he want to win just as badly as the rest of us, so credit to him.

**Q. Can you take us through that final touchdown to Jason? Obviously we know that you're super close with him, and just how cool was it to be able to have that moment with him on this kind of stage?**

AVERY JOHNSON: Yeah, we are roommates back home, came in together. Roommates down here in Orlando. Shows the chemistry and the connection that we have, so just being able to trust him. Putting the ball in a place for him to go up and make a play. Just being able to trust that he is going to come down with it and make a play.

That is just him coming to grab me after practice, me grabbing him after practice and getting in a few extra throws.

He is a big-time play maker and he is going to be somebody to watch in the near future. Shout-out, Jas.

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