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## **Cincinnati Football Head Coach Scott Satterfield Game 12 (Kansas) Postgame Press Conference Transcript**

### ***Opening Statement***

"First of all, congrats to Kansas and head coach Lance Leipold, those guys have done a really nice job. I told him before the game that we've looked at what they have done, starting three years ago when they won one Big 12 game and how they have worked to where they are right now. He mentioned some things that I think that we can certainly hang our hat on as well, as we move forward. One thing I told our team was that I apologized to our seniors, we didn't have the kind of year that they deserved, and I feel for them from the bottom of my heart. I said we're going to help those guys out in any way we can in the future as far as jobs or hoping they keep playing. I told the freshmen and the underclassmen that we will get to work this winter as soon as they get back and it's going to be hard. It's going to be really hard on us coaches, as well as the players. But they want that, so this winter is going to be extremely difficult. The reason we lost a lot of games this year was from undisciplined play and not doing the things we needed to do to give ourselves a chance, that happened again tonight. Those are the things we're going to clean up. It's unacceptable to play the way we played at times this year and it cost us a lot of games. Those are the things I'm looking forward to fixing starting tomorrow and this offseason. We have 22 Guys committed to signing on December 20. I think it's a really good class, they're talented, but they're also great young men that we're going to bring into this program. And then we're going to hit the portal hard on December the fourth when it opens. We're looking to get roughly 12 to 14 guys. Whether we get them in January, or if we get them in the summer semester, we have to get some guys who can come in here and help us win. So, those three fronts are the things that we're looking at as we look to move to the future."

### ***On the decision to kick a squib rather than deep***

"So, they don't get any kind of return. And obviously you don't want to do it like we did. We ended up bouncing it right to the guy in the middle. It gets close to midfield. So, when executed well, the thought is to add a little bit of an angle so that it gets bounced around. Our guys go get covered and now we're getting the clock to start running. But poor defense for the next three plays. Way too much poorly executed defensively."

### ***On what has been going wrong defensively***

"Well poor tackling plus coverages not being tight coverages. We all saw it. I don't know what the quarterback started out with, 10-10? So, we have to get a lot better in the secondary, and I don't think we've seen that all year. And we're going to. Another DPI (defense pass interference) call tonight and then we got more in at least every game. We just have to get a lot better. We have to coach better. We have to play better. So, there's a lot of things that just didn't go well. I think it was 10 minutes to go in the game. It was a two-score game after we scored and then next thing you know, it gets out of hand. The quarterback got loose twice, and he can really run. We get sucked down inside and he gets outside, and you kick a clock in and we didn't fit right so that's what happened."

### ***On seeing the momentum disappear before in his career***

"I may have at some point, but I can't really remember. But it's very frustrating, obviously, because you get some momentum. You're right. And the next thing you know. I was thinking about running the clock down and getting down there with small amounts of time left and we ended up scoring. We ran a blitz man and Ryan [Montgomery] scored a touchdown with 26 seconds left and we were in good shape to score again. It's just very frustrated and I know it's frustrating for the fans. I'm the most frustrated there is. I'm the one that is the coach of the team. I know our fans are frustrated; I hear you out there. I'm so frustrated with it. So that's what we're going to work on. We're going work on getting this stuff fixed and in recruiting, get better players. Then the coaches, we're going to do all we can to put the best players in there to make the best place in your home. Get our scheme right this offseason and figure out the best way for us to hold people out."

### ***On his message to recruits***

"The freshman we have coming in, they're great kids. We've been recruiting them for over a year. They understand what they're getting into. They know they're coming in to help us with an opportunity to play. They get that and we need them. We need their leadership, their great attitudes, and their effort when they bring that in here. The great character they have, and I think that's important for our football team. And then transfers will be like 'listen we need to come help this team.' We have a lot to say with this program. It's a great city and a great school. There's a lot of great people around this program. And I think if you talked to the guys that transferred in here, they'll say the same thing. They've been to other colleges and they're going to say the same thing. They get treated well; they like it. So, we're not that far off. We're really not and we have to shore up some things and we have to do a better job with what we're trying to do with our guys and then get a few more players in here."

### ***On what Kansas was doing to stop momentum***

"They're doing the right job with all the shifts and motions. They're one of the top teams in the country that do that. They utilize their tight ends and the motions, and they utilized the Wildcat tonight. Probably three or four times where the quarterback was not the primary receiver of the ball. They would hand it to him then he would throw it. They do a really good job of manipulating and what it does is it gets you out of position and then you try to overcompensate. They've done it all year to a lot of guys. They're very good at what they do. I also think their guys play extremely hard and they know their scheme on offense and defense. He's [Head Coach Lance Leipold] been there three years and he's done a nice job with that."

### ***On the next couple weeks going forward***

"Next week, we are going to meet with our guys, positionally one on one, and get a plan with those guys and see where we're at. We will be seeing who is going to enter the portal and who is going to stay. We'll do that next week. At the end of the week, we have some high school championship games to go to. We are going to watch that Friday night and on Saturday. We are going to start recruiting this week. December 4th is when the portal opens and then we'll be able to bring some guys on campus. We are going to try to be very aggressive in getting guys here early. You guys will probably hear about some of that stuff. I have seen some guys jumping in the portal already and that is going to happen even though the official day is the fourth. That is how it goes and people are going to put that stuff out. We are going to start that period right now."

### ***On roster as a whole and amount of playing time younger players got***

"We see them every day at practices. I mentioned this a few weeks ago, the last month we've been doing scrimmages in practices. We are trying to evaluate every day what these guys can and can't do. I feel like we have a good handle on that. There are certainly guys that are very young in the program. You also have to see where these players are going to be a year from now. You have to project a little bit with some of those guys that have been in the program for two or three years. We kind of know where they are."

***On other struggling teams finding their rhythm after a couple years***

"There are a few teams that are in their third year of their new program, and they are doing really well. I believe that it takes time. I have mentioned before that it takes time for guys to understand exactly the play that we are trying to get out of them and vice versa. I think the difference is in this day and age you are dealing with this portal stuff. It is difficult now and it's difficult as far as your players that are on your roster. You need to get enough players from the portal and get the right mix and the right type of player to come in here and add to your culture. I believe the culture pieces seem to get overlooked more than the talent pieces."

***On [Ryan] Montgomery's big performance tonight on senior night***

"I really like [Ryan] Montgomery. I told the seniors and some of these guys that have only been here a year, that we don't get a chance to really know them. I really hate that he missed four or five games this year. We really could have used his leadership. His playmaking ability is amazing, and he goes out tonight and catches a touchdown and also passes for a touchdown. He is a super talented guy. It is unfortunate with the number of injuries that occurred throughout his career. I feel like he's had a ton of injuries, but he's going to be successful in whatever he does in whatever career he decides to go into. He's got the right stuff about him. I really miss that we will only get the one year with him. There are a lot of those guys like that unfortunately. He's been fun the last few weeks to be able to watch in practice and go out and make those plays in games."

***On what he learned with transferring to new school and conference***

"That is a good question. I think about everywhere we went this season and the things we've done with our team. We have guys come in, speak and pour into our staff and pour into our team and I feel like everybody talks about resiliency. It is about how you come out of it, and it can be a good thing when you go through something tough, and you learn from it. You continue to grow and then when you get on the other side, you're going to be so much better for it. It is extremely difficult to go through something like this and I have been through some tough times in my career. I know what it feels like to have success and it makes it so much sweeter. The thing that I hate the most is that that people can't see what I can see. They don't see the future and the vision and can't see what's going to happen. I believe in business or in life, if you're going through some extremely tough times and if you don't have hope then you have nothing. You might as well quit and shut it down then. We're trying to teach our guys the exact opposite. We are in a world full of despair and full of negativity, everywhere we look. There's a lot of great things that are going on in this building right here. I can see what's about to happen. I continue to learn and grow and look forward to what's going to happen. I believe more than anything when you get kicked down you need to keep getting up. That's what we're trying to teach our kids."