2025 MISSOURI FOOTBALL

POSTGAME QUOTES VS. MISSISSIPPI STATE – NOV. 15, 2025

Mississippi State Head Coach Jeff Lebby

On not sustaining success…
Yeah, I mean, the first drop of the game. You know, we have the sack on third down, which again, frustrating for that to be the very first third down in the game, the way we started on that drive, again, I thought we bounced back in a decent way, but really frustrating, how we start the game offensively in that drive, again, defensively, man, we talk non stop all week, stressed non stop all week. Really frustrated that we don't run any better, don't tackle the way we need to. And it is. It's frustrating to go out there and play the way that we played, and had some really good moments, and, man, we're not able to sustain and that's as frustrating.

On the fumbled field goal snap…
Yeah, just a really bad snap. Got to find a way to handle it, and then got to get the guy on the ground soon. But to me, obviously, just an unbelievably huge momentum swing inside the game. We snapped the ball, I think seven times down there we didn't get in the end zone. So many errors inside that drive, they keep us from scoring a touchdown. We're not good enough to not score touchdowns right there against a good football team. And so again, that was the piece of it to me that we just talked about as a team, and having the ability to sustain. And when you have opportunities, you have to take them. And when we don't, things happen the way they did.

On being able to sustain the run game…
I do for us offensively, it's about being able to sustain in the run game, we've got to be able to run the ball. That's part of the pass protection issue, to me, is that we have not had the balance that we needed. Did not run the football the way we needed to today, and that's a huge piece of it. So we've got to continue to find ways to create that identity. And when you have opportunities, man, you have to take them against great football. And Missouri is a really good football team. We need to be able to come in here and not turn it over a single time, play better against the run than we did, and take advantage of opportunities when we got them, and we did.