2024 MISSOURI FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES at MASSACHUSETTS – OCTOBER 12, 2024

TEAM

- Missouri wins the first meeting between the two programs.
- With the victory, the Tigers clinched a second-consecutive unbeaten non-conference season … Mizzou has won 10 straight regular-season non-conference matchups, dating back to September 17, 2022.
- The win in Amherst gave MU its first true road non-conference win since September 15, 2018, when it took down Purdue in West Lafayette, 40-37.
- Overall, Mizzou improved to 71-90-8 all-time in road non-conference games … under coach **Eliah Drinkwitz,** the Tigers are 13-2 in non-league matchups.
- Missouri has now started 5-1 or better for the 36th time in program history.
- Mizzou improved to 145-80-1 all-time while ranked in the *Associated Press* poll, winning its 50th road contest (50-39-1 overall in road matchups while ranked).
- Drinkwitz earned his 33rd win at the helm, tying **Larry Smith** for the seventh-most wins in program lore.
- The 42-point winning margin marks Mizzou's largest road triumph since November 3, 2007, when it beat Colorado 55-10 in Boulder.

OFFENSE

- The Missouri offense needed just 57 seconds to score the game's first touchdown, marking the 13th fastest TD scored in MU football history.
- Missouri out-gained the Minutemen 158-44 in total offense in the opening quarter, and 461-237 for the whole contest.
- The Tigers' offense went 4-of-4 in the red zone and improved to 24-of-25 in red zone opportunities this season … MU has converted 80-of-83 red zone scoring chances since the start of last season.
- The Tigers' offense engineered a 13-play, 80-yard scoring drive on its second possession of the game, marking MU's 11th scoring drive of at least 10+ plays and its second 80+ yard scoring drive of the season.
- **Marcus Carroll** rushed for three touchdowns, matching three previous performances (all during his tenure at Georgia State) in which he finished with a career high three rushing scores … Saturday's effort also marked the sixth multi-rushing TD performance of his career.
- Carroll's 91 rushing yards (on 15 carries) marked a Mizzou career best for the transfer while wearing the Black & Gold.
- Mizzou registered three of its four longest scoring plays of the season, all of which measured 35+ yards.
- **Brady Cook** finished 14-of-19 passing for 219 yards and two TDs … the 200-yard passing day marked Cook's fifth in six games this season and the 24th of his career.
- Cook's 7,829 career passing yards moved the St. Louis native within 970 yards of **Brad Smith's** 8,799 yards, which ranks third in program history.
- Cook's career passing TDs mark reached 45, inching closer to J**ames Franklin's** tally of 51 for fourth in program lore.

- **Luther Burden III**'s 61-yard TD run on the game's second play was the longest rush and scoring play of his career.
- With his team-high of five receptions, Burden III has now caught a pass in 28 straight games.
- After his 59-yard afternoon, Burden III is 15 yards away from being the 12th Tiger receiver to top 2,000 receiving yards in a career.
- Burden III jumped **J'Mon Moore** in career receptions, sliding up to seventh as his total reached 162.
- **Brett Norfleet** found the end zone for the first time this season and fourth time in his career … his 48 receiving yards on three grabs marked a career-high, which was aided by a career-long 36-yard reception.
- **Joshua Manning** led the Tigers in receiving with 68 yards on two receptions, including his first career receiving touchdown on a 63-yard third-quarter scoring pass from Cook.
- **Tavorus Jones**, who entered the day with 41 rushing yards for his career, added 41 more on six carries.

DEFENSE

- For the first time since 2011, the Missouri defense held three opponents without a TD (Murray State, Buffalo, Massachusetts) in a season … that year, the Tiger defense kept Western Illinois, Texas and Kansas out of the end zone.
- **Corey Flagg Jr.**'s 80-yard interception return in the second quarter represents the longest by a Tiger defender since **Ronnell Perkins**' 100-yard return for a TD vs. South Carolina on September 21, 2019.
- The interception was the second of Flagg Jr.'s career, the other coming against Virginia on Sept. 30, 2021, while playing for Miami.
- **Nicholas Rodriguez** led the Tigers in tackles with nine, after the true freshman entered the day with just two total tackles on the season.
- **Daylan Carnell** registered his 100th career tackle, finishing the day with five stops … he also added a TFL and a PBU.
- **Dreyden Norwood** and **Marcus Clarke** each added their 50th-career tackles, while Clarke also registered his first-career sack.
- **Williams Nwaneri**, **Trajen Graco** and **Shamar McNeil** each recorded their first-career tackles with Nwaneri's day also including his first sack as a Tiger.
- **Chris McLellan** delivered a QB sack, increasing his team-leading tally to 4.5 on the year.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- **Blake Craig** converted his only field goal attempt of the day from 42 yards out.
- The redshirt freshman tallied his 13th make of the season and is four shy of the program record for field goals made by a freshman (**Harrison Mevis,** 17 in 2020).
- **Luke Bauer**'s two punts inside the 20 brought his season total to 10, moving past a career-high of eight in 2023.