Blue Raiders hold kicking scrimmage

Stockstill pleased with improvement

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COACH RICK STOCKSTILL ON MONDAY'S KICKING SCRIMMAGE: "I thought it went well. We had some improvement, but still made a couple of mistakes that we need to correct. But for the most part I thought the kicking and execution was sound. Overall, I was pleased with the kicking part of the practice but we are still too inconsistent."

COACH RICK STOCKSTILL ON SATURDAY'S SCRIMMAGE AFTER REVIEWING FILM: "It confirmed everything that I thought I saw. I thought we played better on defense than we did the first scrimmage, were more fundamentally sound and more "gap" sound. I thought we played our responsibility better and we tackled well. Offensively, I was pleased that we didn't have any turnovers. I thought our protection was good. Benny (Cunningham) didn't get a whole lot of work, but I thought William Pratcher looked good when he was in there. He's a guy that looks like we can depend on, that'll be able to help us this year. Our receivers were consistent in catching the ball, and we didn't have a bunch of drops. It was a good, solid day."

COACH RICK STOCKSTILL ON PHILLIP TANNER'S PLAY WITH THE COWBOYS SUNDAY NIGHT: "I didn't see it, but I did see the link to it, and saw his interview. I talked to Phillip last night after the game, and I told him how proud I was of him, and that he was doing a good job. He's played well in the kicking game and been productive offensively. He's healthy, he's out there, and he's got a great attitude which is typical Phillip. When he was here, he was a phenomenal young man who came to work every day and was a pleasure to coach. We wish him all the best."

COACH JOE CAUTHEN ON THE SPECIAL TEAMS PLAY: "It's coming together, but we still have

this week and next to get ready for our first game. It's a process, so we can't necessarily worry about the end process yet. We are getting better each day, and I think we got better today. Getting lined up is the first thing. I saw some good things on our kickoff, our punt return looked good, and we communicated on our kickoff returns. "If we had to pinpoint one area to work on, it would be the fundamentals of playing football. Every day we have to come out here and learn how to attack a block, how to defeat a block, and make a tackle. Also, cover kicks and protect our kicker. Our punt team looked great today. It's coming together."

ALAN GENDREAU ON HIS KICKING (He made 6 of 7 FGs with lone miss coming from 51 yards): "I did pretty well, but I had some nice help from the wind. The 53-yarder was just shy of my best of 55 (which is the current Sun Belt Conference record). The kicking game is going really well, and the guys are coming together."

SIX QUESTIONS WITH … MARQUISE DIXON

What is the best Halloween Costume you ever wore?: I wanted to dress up like Dearco Nolan, so I went to Wal-Mart and bought some foam pads to give my bigger muscles.
What is the craziest thing you ever did in high school? I went around mooning people.
What famous person would you like to have following you on Twitter? Skylar Diggins, the guard for Notre Dame.
What is the worst part of pre-season camp? Trying to stay awake in the meetings.
What is the best part of pre-season camp? Being around the team.
What is your hometown, and what is it famous for? Cocoa, Florida, and we are famous for winning state championships

SIX QUESTIONS WITH … DEARCO NOLAN

What is the best Halloween Costume you ever wore? I dressed up like Stevie Wonder in the third grade.
What is the craziest thing you ever did in High School?: Got in a relationship
What famous person would you like to have follow you on Twitter? LeBron James
What is the worst part of pre-season camp? All the meetings and having to go to practice an hour early to get taped.
What is the best part of preseason camp? Being with my brothers on defense, well, the whole team, but basically defense.
What is your dream job? To keep on playing football. I haven't been playing for 18 years just to quit now.

FAMILY 4-PACK: When Middle Tennessee opens the 2011 home football season on September 10th against Georgia Tech, families should be well represented among the anticipated sell-out crowd with the debut of the Family-4-Pack. The "Family-4-Pack will consist of four reserved seat tickets, four hot dog vouchers, four Pepsi vouchers and four rally towels. The Family-4-Pack will sell for $100. Family-4-Packs as well as season tickets, and individual game tickets are available by calling 1-888-YES-MTSU or by going online at www.GoBlue Raiders.com/GameDay.

NEXT PRACTICE: The Blue Raiders will practice on Tuesday at 4:35 PM. The practice is open to the public.

SEASON TICKETS: 1-888-YES-MTSU OR GoBlueRaiders.com.

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