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Alabama Crimson Tide Jahvon Quinerly

Postgame Press Conference

Alabama 73, Tennessee 68

THE MODERATOR: We're joined by Jahvon Quinerly. Talk about the game and what took place.

JAHVON QUINERLY: That was a big win. That was a dogfight. We came out a little bit slow, down 9 going into the half. We fought our way back slowly but surely. I'm just so proud of my team and the coaches.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

Q. That's the 11th game in a row that you've had double-digit points, it's all coming off the bench. Why does it feel so comfortable to you to do that?

JAHVON QUINERLY: I started, what, the first seven games of the year. Then I was out with a medical condition. Since I been back, coach has told me he wanted me in that role. It's something that from the get I accepted. I never really cared about who started the game.

I'm just comfortable in that role, as you could see, coming off the bench, bringing a spark to the team. That's kind of my job. It's just been comfortable. Most of the year I've been coming off the bench. It's been getting more and more comfortable for me.

Q. What does it say about this team that when everything is not going right, seems like it's a lost cause, you can battle back and pull out a victory?

JAHVON QUINERLY: It's big-time. It's big-time. A lot of teams would have folded in that situation. It just goes to show you the type of guys we have on our team, what type of leaders we have in our seniors, like Herb, Reese, J.P., Jordan Bruner. Just goes to show you what type of guys we have, the culture we built here at Alabama.

Q. You're going to be playing tomorrow for an SEC



title. What does that mean to you to reach this point, be able to have that opportunity?

JAHVON QUINERLY: It means a lot. I remember after my sit-out year, coming into the season, speaking with the coaching staff. That was always a goal of ours. Just to be able to have a chance to compete for it is so big-time.

Like I said, I'm just so proud of my team, all the work that we put in. I always say, I say to Primo, I say to all the guys: The work will show. So I'm just humbled and proud of my teammates and my coaching staff.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

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