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Francis Mauigoa

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Q. Sisi, congratulations.

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: Thank you. Thank you.

Q. What in your mind as the draft is going on are you thinking when the Giants are on the clock that you've got an opportunity to come here?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: Yeah, man. Can't wait to get back to work. I was like hey, man, make that call and they finally made it. I'm super excited for it and I can't wait to get this ball rolling, man.

Q. The Giants say they see you as a guard, what do you think about that?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: It don't matter, man. I'm a resource. Whatever they need me at, I'll do it.

Q. What's your experience at guard? I know you played I think 11 total snaps in college, but have you played it any other time? What's your experience level there?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: I've been practicing throughout my whole college career at University of Miami. We've been doing like cross-training. Coach did a great job with putting me at guard on both sides, left and right, just so I can understand how guards operate and what they do and stuff like that. So I've been getting a lot of reps when I was in training, though.

Q. What did your brother tell you about New York?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: He didn't tell me much. Maybe because I didn't ask for it, but all I know is I'm super excited to play against him.

Q. I know you said on stage that you would die for Jaxson, but what do you know about this offense and how they operate?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: When I was coming on the 30 visit, I kind of learned about the slide detection and all the stuff like that, so it's pretty -- it's not something new to me. We've been doing it at University of Miami and, yeah, it's not new to me.

Q. What do you know about Jaxson?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: Jaxson's a great guy. I know he's a Utah guy from Ole Miss, great quarterback, elite quarterback I would say, with the way he plays and the way he handles things. I feel great in this today. Got a good thing going. Have a lot of time.

Q. When you said on TV I'll die for him, is that your mentality when blocking for a quarterback?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: Exact -- yeah. That should be everybody's mentality. As offensive linemen we should be able to put everything on the line because the quarterback is the key of the offense. So to be able to block for a quarterback and to be able to make plays and open up holes for the running back, that's what we're supposed to do. It's not something that people want us to -- something that we're expected to do, that's what we need to do.

Q. Sisi, you're here because the Giants traded away Dexter Lawrence. Does that come with any added pressure do you think?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: No, I don't really pay attention to any of that. I'm just ready for whatever comes my way and I'm really thankful for the opportunity that the Giants gave me.

Q. What did you think about the talk about you're back. It was something thought brought up in the lead-up top draft and the fact that maybe you have a herniated disc and something that might need to be taken care of later on.

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: I haven't really thought about it. I know my body but the physicians know more about me but I know my body. I'm really good and ready to go day one.



Q. What have the doctors told you about it going forward, managing it?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: They were saying I'm good. The testing and stuff. They didn't find anything. It was just an image but I wasn't really paying attention, I was just ready to play ball.

Q. Has it impacted you at all?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: Like I said, I didn't really pay attention to it, but I know some physicians told me some advice for later on, but I'll know that when the time comes. I right now my body is feeling great. I can't wait to get back to it.

Q. Sisi, did you and brother ever talk about possibly playing in the same city when you were pros?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: No. College was different because we got to choose. The NFL is different because the teams get to choose. I'm really excited to be me and my brother, be able to work out with him and be able to sharpen our tools again.

Q. Did you say you visited here?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: Yep, I did a 30 visit.

Q. What was that experience like?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: It was awesome, man. It was awesome. John Harbaugh's the man. I got to learn a lot about him and how he coaches and it's the type of coaches that I love. That hard, old-school type of coaching. That's why I chose Coach Cristobal and, yeah, I'm all for it.

Q. Have you had an opportunity to look at your phone? Have you heard from Jaxson by any chance?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: Not yet.

Q. What was your thoughts on one of the running backs that you'll be blocking for, Cam Skattebo?

FRANCIS MAUIGOA: Oh, I'm going to have a lot of fun with that guy. (Laughter).

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