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Trey Smack

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Q. 5 for 5, the performance, how did it feel, but what was the week like for you? Were you expecting to be the placekicker this whole week?

TREY SMACK: No, I wasn't expecting it. I mean, I think that the preparation came the same. As I said back in fall camp, I think Adam and I are both back and forth at each other, and I think I was pretty fortunate to come out on top.

Adam is a great kicker. I love him to death. We were battling back and forth in practice all week.

It's a good feeling to go 5 for 5, but I think Adam could have done the same thing, too.

Q. I think four of the five were within 33 or 36 yards but then you have the 54-yarder. When you're coming on to the field, what's going through your head? Are you nervous before a kick of that length or do you feel pretty confident in your own ability?

TREY SMACK: I would lie and say I wasn't nervous because obviously I was getting nervous, but it's a good nervous. I'm excited to -- it's like an excited nervous. I was more excited than I was doubtful nervous. It was good.

I trust in my operation. Rocco did a really good job of snapping the ball back there, and Jeremy did a great job of putting it and placing it the right way with laces, and the operation was just really clean, and I've got to give credit to them.

Q. After a performance like this, how much do you expect your phone to be blowing up throughout the week?

TREY SMACK: Not sure. Probably just going to call my mom, call my mom or dad. Probably not going to look at it too much.

Q. There was a time-out before the 54-yarder. Did you



kind of talk Coach Napier into it, or was there a discussion on the sidelines as to whether you had that kind of range? How did that go?

TREY SMACK: Napier, I don't think I talked to Napier. I was kind of just locked in. I think we knew we were going to kick it, and I really thank Napier for having all the trust in me to go out there and make that 54-yarder. It was good.

Q. What would you say your range is? That looked like it could have been good from another three or four out. What would you say your range?

TREY SMACK: I'm not sure. I think anywhere instead of probably just 60 maybe. I don't know how far that was. That was probably the cleanest ball I've ever struck. It felt really good.

Q. What's the longest one you've ever hit in practice?

TREY SMACK: In practice, I think just messing around or off sticks or with an actual -- my longest was 67.

Q. You're kicking today, and it may feel like the Gators fans were helping you a little bit, maybe quieting down when you're taking some of them. How do you feel going into a hostile Kentucky environment next week? Maybe they're going to get real loud whenever you're taking a kick. Is that something that affects you mentally at all?

TREY SMACK: I wouldn't say so. I would say I'm kind of just already locked in at the holder and the kick. I don't really notice even if it is loud. It doesn't really bother me.

Q. (No microphone.)

TREY SMACK: My leg is really sore right now. I said it was eight field goals equals one kickoff, so I had seven kickoffs, including warmups, too, yeah, my leg is not doing so great right now. That last kickoff, I was lucky it even got in the end zone.

Q. (No microphone.)

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TREY SMACK: I have all confidence in both -- in all the special teams guys we have: Jacob Watkins, Gannon Burt, Rocco Underwood, Jeremy Crawshaw and Adam, and even Ara emerged. I do have confidence in all of them.

I think that we have a group of guys that are equally as talented, and it's really hard competition between all of us, which makes us better. So yeah, I think we're a really talented special teams unit.

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