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JADAN BAUGH: How y'all doing?

Q. Early on throwing the ball a lot, but finally came around to you. Tell us about the night you just had, 150 yards.

JADAN BAUGH: I think it was a good game. We got a lot of stuff we need to work on. Going into the bye week I feel like we're going to do a good job preparing the right way, learning the game a lot more preparing for Georgia.

Q. A lot of uncertainty around Billy and his future. What is the players' sentiment?

JADAN BAUGH: Keep our head on straight. What's going on with Coach Nape, what's up in the air about what everybody is talking about, we stay together. Regardless of the fact, we stay together.

Q. How does he handle it? He says he's built for that.

JADAN BAUGH: Keeping us together. Being around football is like a family. We always preach that everybody's in our circle and we're going to practice, everybody in the building, they're with us. I feel like personally Coach Nape is a great coach. He does a great job of keeping us together.

Q. The ability for this team to block out the outside noise, how critical do you think that is to be able to have a performance like this tonight?

JADAN BAUGH: Coach Nape puts a big impact on us keeping the outside noise the outside noise. Okay, we deal with it. We hear it. We staying together, so...

Q. I want to talk about you because you had the big game tonight. Talk about actually your offensive line. How big were those holes you were going through?

JADAN BAUGH: (Indiscernible) great, in my opinion.

Going to be little things we might have to work on. I got to do a better job trusting it. I know I saw a couple holes that I missed. Like on 18, I could have got outside.

They played great. I applaud them every day, so...

Q. Coach Juluke returned tonight from a suspension. What is your relationship like with him? How energizing is it to have him back?

JADAN BAUGH: Having him on the sidelines is just amazing. He gives everybody, not just the running backs, he coaches us but coaches everybody. He brings the energy. He's the coach, when he's around the energy going to be up. Having him on the sidelines was a great adjustment for us.

Q. Early touchdown run, then second touchdown called back on a penalty. How do you fight through that and stay focused?

JADAN BAUGH: As I was always growing up, my pops and my moms told me keeping your composure is everything. Dealing with something like that, getting a holding call, I agreed that wasn't, but...

Keeping my composure and keeping the team's composure, keeping their heads together, pushing, pass it, finishing right way.

Q. What does it say about this team so many young guys, you're playing with so many freshmen, so many sophomores, too, what do you think about the future of this team?

JADAN BAUGH: Well, I think the future's going to be bright. I'm very proud of the young guys that played today. Definitely proud of Grimsley. I'm proud of Hanks. I am proud KD. When me and KD came in, we talked about us two being the starting backs the whole time. Seeing him today score a touchdown warmed my heart. Having the rest of the guys step up and play and grow up, honestly, I think it was good for them to just grow up, get they feet wet.



Q. The KD touchdown, we saw you embrace him after. What is your relationship? How have you taken up that role of being a leader?

JADAN BAUGH: That's my brother. We came in together. We had long days, long nights. We went through a lot of hard times coming in as a freshman, learning the plays. We definitely came in in January. That was kind of hard, too, going into spring, not knowing a lot of things, just learning from the guys that was above us.

Q. Watching that last drive from the sidelines, was there ever a moment where the result of the USF game popped in your mind?

JADAN BAUGH: Yeah, but keeping my composure than our team, focusing on us, giving all my trust into the defense. Michai made that play. We always say, Why not you? We made the play.

Q. When he gets that interception, what is the first thing that's going through your mind?

JADAN BAUGH: Put my head down, pray to God (smiling).

One day, I think it was at practice, Michai told me, How you making that juke? I was like, You just feel it. I thought he was going to juke 'em. He told me on the sideline he was going to juke 'em.

I was very proud of him. He's a great player. Has a lot to learn. But you're going to see in the future he's going to be one of the topics.

Q. How much confidence did the Texas game gave you?

JADAN BAUGH: A lot. Defense is playing very, very good this whole year honestly. I feel like when it comes to offense, we have to take our time, understand the plays, understand what's going on, get a momentum. I feel like the defense stuck to it. They got the momentum. We just had to come around.

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