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## DJ Lagway

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**Q. Hey, DJ, just how do you feel about your performance tonight, just the offense with Ryan calling plays?**

DJ LAGWAY: Yeah, it was not good enough. We accident execute when they needed to execute. We got to continue to perfect some things and get better at some things.

**Q. What did you feel like did you well and what were some things about your performance that you weren't happy with?**

DJ LAGWAY: Moved around a little bit better than I have in the past. Legs are starting to get back under me; starting to feel like myself again. You know, every single day I'm continuing to get better. That's the plus side.

Missed some throws. Could have hit J. Michael in a better throw there. Throwing off one leg. Should have put a little more on it.

You know, just not making the timely throws.

**Q. What did you see on this play? Did you see Michael come open late?**

DJ LAGWAY: Yeah. He kind of came open late. He was like the fourth progression on that. I was still going through my progression. I was out of the pocket. Then right when I kind of popped up and looked up I seen him. I was already on my left foot. I just tried to get it out to him; should have put a little more on it.

**Q. Yeah, the fourth and one play that was -- was that kind of a read there and you just kind of gave it to DJ and he went to the line? How critical that was play as well as between that and Sturdivant in the fourth quarter? Seemed like it was a game of inches.**

DJ LAGWAY: Can you say that again?

**Q. The fourth and one play, the short yardage play, was that kind of a read there? Could you have kept it or was it just a straight handoff to Jadan? How tough was that as well between that and Sturdivant -- you guys coming up short on both...**

DJ LAGWAY: Just a straight handoff. Tried to fake them out. So, yeah.

**Q. DJ, obviously a lot of upheaval and change going on within this program. From your perspective what sort of role have you been taking on in the locker room to make sure this is a smooth transition into whatever the regime becomes after this?**

DJ LAGWAY: Yeah, for sure. What I preach to my guys is every day we got to continue to work. It's us against the world. It's all about us. We got to keep the team together. That's what I'm preach and what I am going to continue to preach.

**Q. You're without Vernell and Aidan and you lose Dallas midway through the game. How hard is that? And also talk about Trey's performance today and him having kind of a big night for you guys.**

DJ LAGWAY: Yeah, you know, something about our receiving room, we got all types of guys, man. Lot of guys stepped up tonight. I'm proud of those guys.

But it's always hard not to have those athletes out there with you on the field. A lot of guys stepped up tonight. Proud of a lot of guys. We got to continue to get better and continue to work. And we will.

**Q. Trey specifically.**

DJ LAGWAY: What about him?

**Q. Just --**

DJ LAGWAY: Just talk about him. Yeah, man, he's a baller. I already knew this. So it's always great to get the ball in his hands and let him do his thing. He had a great night. Proud of him.

**Q. In terms of just the way you guys kind of responded, you've been asked a little bit, what do you think it says about this group of players and -- obviously there is a future here with a lot of guys on this team, what you're going to bring to program?**

DJ LAGWAY: Yeah, every single day going to continue to fight our butts off every single game I can promise ya'll that. The guys that are going to step on the field are going to give it all for each other and we are going to play for each other each and every night.

**Q. You mentioned getting your legs under you. Bring us through battling lower body injuries and then eventually coming into today and feeling confident.**

DJ LAGWAY: Yeah, you know, I feel like just with a lot of the training things, just trying to get my body back right, you know, I feel like I'm in a good spot. It's just taking it day by day. Continue to do the right things on my end routine-wise and eat the right things and take care of my body is the main thing.

So, yeah.

**Q. A lot more verticality in the pass game today.**

DJ LAGWAY: Yeah.

**Q. Was some of that because you're healthier? Talk about that please.**

DJ LAGWAY: Yeah, my shoulder has been feeling great. Feel like teams have been playing us differently. You know, I'd say Georgia, they have the same similar style as our defense. They play -- kind of came from that same branch. They kind of play -- they want to stop the run with two high. They will try to give you a little bit deeper stuff.

So I feel like when we took advantage of them we got on top of them.

**Q. DJ, four games left in the season. I don't know if it's the furthest thing from your mind, but getting to a bowl game at this point, where is that in the priorities?**

DJ LAGWAY: Oh, yeah, most definitely. Getting to a bowl game is everything right now. Most important is just taking it one day at a time, continue to get better, man, and just focusing on or process and our development.

**Q. You mentioned teams playing you guys differently on defense, attacking more of the run. Why do you think that is?**

DJ LAGWAY: They watch film. You know, they figure out things and we got to make adjustments and I feel like we have. Just got to execute better.

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