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Q. I'm sure you've thought about how impressive this performance is. What does it mean to be on a list with Emmitt Smith?

JADAN BAUGH: Like I told the radio earlier, I'm doing something right. Being in a category with those guys, it's just amazing. I don't think I can wrap my head around it yet.

Being able to shoot for a standard, I feel they did they job when they were here, they put me in a position to shoot for that.

Q. Coach mentioned you were focused on getting the win, but he knew he wanted to get you to that mark. What was that message during the week?

JADAN BAUGH: Just prepare the right way. Coach Gonzales coaching me very hard, not just on the offensive side of the ball, even in the special teams part. He's been there with us.

He critiques a lot of things just to make us better. I feel like having him around, being able to get coached by him, it's a great opportunity.

Q. You score there at the end. Seems like you wanted to make a statement against Florida State. Did you feel like that?

JADAN BAUGH: Shoot, coach told me don't score. He told me to slot. I'm like, Coach, don't do me like that. We don't like them guys.

I feel like it was good for our team to just score at the end of the game.

Q. Most yards ever gained in this series. What does that mean to you?

JADAN BAUGH: I don't think I can too much wrap my

head around it yet. Tomorrow it will be very, like, eye-opening. Like I said, I haven't wrapped my head around it yet.

Q. Was it something you knew early in the game you had it today?

JADAN BAUGH: Well, it started on Sunday, just going into the facility understanding everything, just focusing on a mission, understanding we still have a mission to finish out the season.

Q. Talk about when you're involved in the offense, good things are going to happen.

JADAN BAUGH: I think I have a great impact. Also just not me on the field. It's the tight ends, the O-line, the receivers, the quarterback. I feel like having all those guys around me, I feel like that we're one of the best teams in the country when we're (indiscernible).

Q. 27-carry game against Mississippi. This is 38 carries. The physicality of the game, how you stood up. I know you're a strong kid.

JADAN BAUGH: Can you repeat that again?

Q. Being able to withstand the number of carries you had.

JADAN BAUGH: Yeah, honestly preparing the right way. Like I said last week, me going into the facility just staying in the treatment room, outside of the facility doing the right things to get my body prepared for situations like this.

Q. We in the off-season heard you were the strongest player of the team. Do you feel like you're just built for performances like this?

JADAN BAUGH: Oh, yeah, like I said, being in the off-season and preparing the right way, getting my body ready for games like this, a season like we had. I just feel like being able to be as strong as I am, it helps me going through the season.



Q. Was getting 1K this year a goal for you entering the season?

JADAN BAUGH: Honestly, I'm not going to lie, I didn't too much think about it. I was more focused on becoming a better leader, being a great teammate for the guys surrounding me, understanding the game a lot more.

Q. Have you decided what you're going to do with the coaching change?

JADAN BAUGH: I ain't too much thought about it. It was more finishing the season, being with my guys. We've been here since day one. Being with Coach Nape, him bringing us in, putting trust into me, the guys that are around me, I know that helped me in a situation to just enjoy the moment.

Q. How do you handle it going forward? Sit back, wait and watch?

JADAN BAUGH: Yeah. Again, I'm never focused on future things. I'm always focused on the moment. Life is short. Focusing on the moment, just enjoying everything that's in front of me, I feel like that's the way to go.

Q. What did it mean to send the seniors out on a high note?

JADAN BAUGH: Everything to me, honestly, because that's what coach preached all week: send the seniors out on a good note. They put in blood, sweat and tears every day when they come out there. It's not they have an off day. No, it was more them trying to improve every day. You could see it.

Q. How excited was Ja'Kobi and Coach Juluke after the game?

JADAN BAUGH: Ja'Kobi, he came to the sideline I think about halftime, he said, You got to get in the box. You can't keep running the ball.

He pushes me every day. Even when he's not on the field, he pushing me every day to be the best person I can. Coach Juluke is one of the best running back coaches in America. I feel that heavy. Him talking to me every day, pushing me the right way, I feel like that made me the player I am today.

Q. How many years have you been a full-time running back?

JADAN BAUGH: This is my second year.

Q. Even going back to high school?

JADAN BAUGH: Yeah, my second year. I played more receiver and defense.

Q. Pretty good.

JADAN BAUGH: Yeah (smiling).

Q. You were asked about the future. You left a strong impression with whoever is coming in here.

JADAN BAUGH: Yeah, definitely. Again, I always try to go out and play my hardest because you never know who is watching. I was taught when I was a little kid coming all the way up. Leaving a great impression, first impression is your last impression. I was always taught that.

Q. You made a good one.

JADAN BAUGH: (Laughter).

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