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### Shyheim Brown Joshua Farmer

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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

### Q. Getting after Shrader, bothering him, talk about the effort of the defense against him specifically.

SHYHEIM BROWN: Really we just be out there following the game plan. It's our job to go out there and execute. The play you've seen us have success on, that was all of us doing our job, DBs, D-linemen. That's the rush and pass working together. That's all I got to say about that.

## Q. Josh, can you talk about the strip sack. Did you think you guys were going to score there? How well the defensive line played today.

JOSHUA FARMER: I thought we played really good. Before the game we said we didn't want to do nothing special, we wanted to play hard and run to the ball.

The strip, I didn't know I stripped it. When I turned around, I saw he got tackled. I didn't do nothing special, I just did what I was coached to do by Coach Higgins.

## Q. Shyheim, you've had a few really nice games in a row now. Are you getting more comfortable? What's happening in your play getting better each week?

SHYHEIM BROWN: Like I said before, we just trusting in the guys I'm on the field with, not trying to overdo my job. Like Josh said, just doing what I'm coached to do, run to the ball. If you give effort in football, the plays going to find you. That's really what happened right there.

Q. Coach Norvell said you did a better job today of when the other team made a play or got a drive going, you didn't let them cash in. Why do you think you were able to do that?

JOSHUA FARMER: This week, like, we had a word, it was



called 'fight'. I know in the D-line when we say every inch counts. We didn't want them in our end zone. That's what happened, so...

SHYHEIM BROWN: I can piggyback off that. Coach Norvell and Fuller, they put a big emphasis on us that the defense hasn't played a whole complete 60 minutes yet.

Like he said, the focus today was fight: fight for what we want, fight for what we know we can be. That's what happened today.

## Q. Shyheim, Coach Norvell mentioned the different looks today. How did you feel the communication went?

SHYHEIM BROWN: It was an elite level of communication today. You seen it. There was no hesitation out on the field. There wasn't no execution, no arguments. When we communicate, as you seen today, can't nobody really mess with us, so...

#### Q. Talk about the mobile quarterback today in Shrader. You guys have gone against mobile quarterbacks before. You go up against Jordan in practice. Did you feel you were prepared for the mobile threat?

JOSHUA FARMER: I felt like we was more than prepared. Just like you said, we practice with Jordan Travis every day.

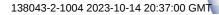
He was pretty easy to contain. He was not special. Just did our job.

SHYHEIM BROWN: D-line did their job. DBs did their job. We were able to touch him a couple times.

# Q. Halfway through the season, you guys are 6-0. Do you feel like you guys are getting closer to how good you can be?

JOSHUA FARMER: Yeah, I feel like that was our best game defensively. Yeah, so I know we going to get better, we going to get a lot better as the season goes. I know the

. . when all is said, we're done."



D-line is getting better as the season goes. You're starting to see more plays in the backfield. We're rolling and I think it's going to continue.

#### Q. (No microphone.)

SHYHEIM BROWN: It's always good. I'm in there with my brothers, who I'm with every day. Just having fun. That's one thing coach tell us. That was just a fun moment right there. Me and my brothers, we work Monday through Friday. Just to take that deep breath, enjoy each other, that's a great feeling.

#### Q. Josh and Shyheim, in this day and age, this sport is set up for the offense to be able to score. You lock down Power Five teams, does this display and show what you're capable of if you do put 60 minutes together at some point?

JOSHUA FARMER: I think it will be crazy when we do, not if. I just feel like as long as we lock in, stay focused, keep our head down, keep working, it's going to happen.

### Q. Coach mentioned that you got to break the rock with Keon today. What did it feel like for two people to be able to do it?

SHYHEIM BROWN: Well, like I said, Keon, he had a great game. I don't know how many yards he did. He got a lot of all-purpose yards. The punt returns and stuff.

That's just two highlights, two guys that just gave great effort tonight. It was more than us. Let me tell it, the whole team could have broke the rock. It's just normal. You just got to enjoy it. That's it.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

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