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Lawrance Taofili

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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. LT, can you break down the touchdown run for us, the block.

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: Oh, man, I mean, anybody could have been running that ball, you know what I'm saying. The perimeter was blocked. Receivers blocking downfield. The O-line started off, got after it. It was just wide open, you know what I'm saying. Just had to get it in there.

Q. Lawrance, you guys have been flawless in the red zone all year. Two opportunities come up short. Still you score 41 points. What does it say about a football team that's still able to overcome that?

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: Things not always going to go your way, you know what I'm saying. You just got to be able to respond to those situations. I feel like that's what we showcased today. We had a couple times where we should have got it in there. Got to make them plays.

We showed our response, showed that we're ready to get after it, make it happen.

Q. Did you see Keon's first catch over the middle?

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: Ridiculous.

Q. Does it surprise you any more what he does?

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: He does it all the time in practice and things like that. It was just a great catch, you know what I'm saying. Just the situation. That was definitely a big-time catch.

Q. You guys didn't have Johnny available today. How did you feel like the offense did not having one of your top players?

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: It's always an adjustment. I mean,

get the young guys going, get the other guys going. We still got some guys out there.

I mean, I feel like we just giving everybody else an opportunity to showcase what they can do. Rough starts, things like that. We just got to make those plays, though. Everybody showed what they can do.

Q. This was the 12th straight win, 12th straight time scoring 30 points. What does it mean for the offense to be at this consist of a level, 30 points, you know you're going to get there every week?

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: I mean, I don't even know how to explain it. It's definitely a switch. I mean, we're just working hard. I guess it's just showing that it's paying off. Everybody's going hard. All the running backs, man, everybody's pushing each other.

It's just paying off, you know what I mean.

Q. Keon had a couple of impressive punt returns as well today. For someone that big to be able to move that well, what makes him so impressive and explosive?

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: I mean, I would say his mentality. He's ready to attack, you know what I mean. If you have one little missed block or somebody not covering down the right way, he's definitely going to take it.

Q. How fun is it for you to be able to compete in this offense with such versatility, know that anybody has a chance to make a big play?

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: That's the highlight of the day, you know what I'm saying. This is what we work on all week. Like all the play-makers being able to go out there and contribute. I feel like today was one of those days where a good amount of people were just contributing for the team.

It makes me happy. It's great, for sure.

Q. Coach Norvell talked a few times about how far he's seen Hykeem Williams come since January. What

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have you seen from him? How have you seen him adapt, show up on the field?

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: He's been working so hard. I'm just so happy to see it finally pay off, pan. He's a guy who keeps going. I feel like he's adapted pretty well. He's going to be a great player, for sure.

Q. What has the mood been like in the running back room the past two games?

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: We're always supporting each other. Even if things aren't going our way, we're keeping a positive mindset, being ready. Whenever our number is called, ready to contribute.

Q. When you guys were not scoring a couple times there, Jordan wants to score every time, he gets frustrated, how do you handle that?

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: I mean, I feel like we handle it if a good way. I feel like it's just our hunger. Everybody wants to score. Everybody wants to make that play.

We know you got to have a short-term memory. Not everything is going to go our way. Next play mentality. When that play comes, be ready to attack.

Q. Which running back style of play do you admire the most? Are you just trying to be Lawrance Toafili?

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: It's hard. I feel like it's hard to kind of compare myself. If I would have to say, I would probably go way back, Amp Lee, just my style of running. I would definitely say that.

Yeah, it's kind of hard to compare to really anybody else that I've seen. Just really try to be myself.

Q. You guys got to spend some time with the 1993 national championship team. What was that like? Any messages they shared?

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: It was surreal. They're talking about their brotherhood. I feel like that's kind of what we're creating right now. We're trying to create that brotherhood so it can last a lifetime, just like they have.

Definitely a great experience.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

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