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Deuce Spann Patrick Payton

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Q. Deuce, can you talk about the kick return? Coach said you guys kind of had set it up during the week and the opportunity was there, but the blocking in front of you, then just taking off and housing it?

DEUCE SPANN: Yeah, we had worked that all practice and stuff, so like we just trained it in practice and stuff, and then when it came to the game, Coach Norvell said before the game he said I was going to take one back, and it just happened.

Q. Pat, can you talk about the response of the defense in the second half, what you guys did particularly well to shut Duke out?

PATRICK PAYTON: It's really just be us shooting ourselves in the foot sometimes. We've just got to -- everybody got to believe the next man is doing their assignment, and then once everybody is doing their assignment, I feel like no team can really run the ball or throw the ball on our defense. We just all have to be on the same page, and that's what I feel like.

Q. Patrick, when you guys -- when the pass rush gets going, you guys start to get going in the second half, how much fun is that, and can you feel like you guys taking over the game?

PATRICK PAYTON: Yeah, it felt great, especially this game because like the last few games it really ain't been no pass rush, just been a lot of teams really just scared to drop back and let us rush. But today, even though we had like zero sacks, still, the rush was there every time. A different person was one step away from being home, and that helps out the DBs, too.

Q. Deuce, none of us will ever get to feel a moment like this. When you see the hole open up and you know your speed and you know there's nobody over

there that can -- what is that feeling like? Do you hear the crowd? What does that feel like when you're at midfield and you know nobody is catching you?

DEUCE SPANN: It felt good. When I seen green grass, I just know I was going to score, so it felt real good.

Q. Deuce, Jordan hasn't had to run the ball much this year and hasn't run the ball much this year. What does it do for the offense when he does what he did in the fourth quarter running the ball?

DEUCE SPANN: When Jordan be running the ball and stuff, he made plays so it opened the offense up for other things to open up. That's real good for him. It opened up...

Q. Pat, can you talk about Riley Leonard in this scheme, what you guys prepared for him to play? Then when Belin came in, what type of adjustment did that take from the defense?

PATRICK PAYTON: It really was -- we prepared the whole week like he was going to play. We didn't really care about it, but we prepared about it, and we just knew whoever was out there at quarterback, we was going to give him our full Seminole defense. We wasn't going to underestimate nobody, and then when No. 3 got in, it was just the same mindset with him, get to him, get him out of the game, next.

Q. Deuce, I feel like obviously guys like Jordan, like Trey, like Keion, like Johnny get a lot of attention. For the first two touchdowns to come from Caziah and you tonight, what does that say about how many weapons you have and how scary the offense and the special teams can be with your playmakers?

DEUCE SPANN: It shows that our football team has a lot of playmakers that can make plays all around like at the position, like receiver, running back, we can all make plays, so it shows we have a lot more playmakers.

Q. Patrick, can you talk about the 4th down stop you guys got inside the 5-yard line and how big that was.

PATRICK PAYTON: It was good because all season we

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done gotten down there to the goal line a couple times when it came to 4th down, and I don't think we gave up a touchdown not one time. We're just knowing like our backs are against the wall, they're going to score, and that's when I always say we play the best, when we know our backs are against the wall.

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