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## Lawrance Toafili Caziah Holmes

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**Q. When Jordan goes down and Tate is thrown into the action, the running backs scored I think three straight touchdowns late in the first half. How important was it for you guys to pick up the offense?**

CAZIAH HOLMES: Very important. The coach was telling it's on us. We take pride in that. With each opportunity we get, we try to make the most of it, and God put us in a position to do that, and we did what we had to do to help the team.

**Q. Lawrance, you saw Caziah go through the practices and do everything during practice, and game week comes and he has, what, five touches, two touchdowns. How gratifying is it to see his hard work paid off in that running room from everything you've seen?**

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: It makes me so happy. I'm glad to see the hard work paying off, you know what I'm saying? Definitely coming in learning a new offense it was kind of difficult at first for him, but, you know, it kind of always is, but he got it down pat. He is ready, and it shows. So I'm happy about that.

**Q. Lawrance, on your touchdown run you were swarmed by the 2013 Championship team. What was that moment like for you?**

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: I mean, it was a great moment. It was a blessing. I kind of didn't know what to do, and they just kind of decided for me, but I appreciate that. I'm thankful for that.

**Q. On the other end of the spectrum, you've been here since the beginning with Jordan. Just how did you guys handle that, just the emotions of seeing him go down?**

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: I mean, I would rather not even talk about that right now, so...

**Q. To ask the same question I asked Caziah earlier about the running game. How do you feel like you guys did? It was a slow start for the offense, but did you feel like you guys kind of asserted yourself as the game went on?**

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: Yeah, I'm glad that everybody got to showcase their abilities and be able to be in position to make plays. We always talk about it at practice and have these things going on at practice. I'm glad that we got to show some people what we can do, what the room can do.

**Q. You guys have always shown confidence in Tate. What did he do out there today to -- did you have to say anything to him, or is that just a let him be him moment?**

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: Tate has been here for four years. He came in with me. He has been prepping for this. I know he is ready. He is ready to step up to the plate.

**Q. Staying on Tate, it's a big one coming up next week for him on the road there. How much does tonight give you guys confidence in him, or is it more like you said, what you see every day in practice? Or even going back to the Louisville game of last year. What gives all the confidence you have in him?**

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: He is a worker. He goes to work every day, and he's always preparing and never knowing what can happen. I just know when it's time, he is going to be ready.

**Q. First Lawrance and then Caziah, please. I know it's tough to process everything that happened tonight, but the fact that you are 11-0 and so close to the finish line, is that going to help you guys push harder here these next two weeks to finish the way you need to despite what's happened?**

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: I mean, of course, but we try to take the field in everything we do as if it was the last time

we could do it, and we just try to go our hardest. I feel like that's just how we attack every situation, so that's kind of how I feel about it.

CAZIAH HOLMES: Just like L.T. said, I think it's added motivation for us and the team, and we're just going to give it everything we've got one day at a time, one practice at a time, one rep at a time.

**Q. If you guys could, I assume you were in the group that went down after Quindarrius scored at the end of the game. What was that like? It's such an emotional night and to end it that way, what was that moment like for you guys?**

CAZIAH HOLMES: Definitely excited feeling. I was running down the whole sideline cheering him on, but just seeing those guys being able to get in, make the most of their opportunities at the moment, that was just big.

LAWRANCE TOAFILI: We always talk about our pride unit, our field goal block, and them boys really just attacked that today as well. I was really happy to see that we could make a play on that unit. It was big. It was big for me for sure.

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