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Q. It would have been done for you. Is it a bigger sense of disappointment being your brother because, oh, man, the one person you want to beat is him so much? At what point are you like this sucks?

HUNTER LAWRENCE: Tonight is that point, but it has nothing to do with it being my brother. It could have been anyone else, and I still would have had the same reaction.

Eli was on my butt all moto. Then Obviously Jett was inching closer. I think the yellow flags for Chase -- hopefully he's okay. I think that maybe helped, you know, throw a dog a bone maybe. Once I seen him get Eli, I was just like pull into the pits.

THE MODERATOR: Eli Tomac joining us. Welcome to the conversation.

Q. (No microphone)?

ELI TOMAC: It was like that moto, you were better off being behind to learn the lines because the way it evolved. Of course I saw Hunter there on the inside in the first lap, and I knew that was going to be -- well, I didn't know, but I figured it would be open again the next lap. I figured, okay, I can make a move there.

Like the sand turn before the tunnel, I kept going outside, and I should have been inside, and I believe Jett was going inside there. I think it was like three-quarters of a second or something, and my team thought if I'd had just hit that for ten laps, it probably would have been a whole different race.

But I never caught on to it because I really did think I was going to win that race, then Jett just sneaks up and of course passes everyone. Yeah, what do you do? He's good.



Q. For Eli, when you were in that position and leading and in the race and Hunter similar later on in the night, but what goes through your mind the moment when Jett does seem to come on strong in these later points of these motos? It's kind of -- it's almost become a tactic in itself.

ELI TOMAC: Really I'm just wondering what he's doing different. Tonight when he passed me, I saw some serious different lines. When it's a sand section like that, you can gain a significant amount of time, and I just missed it, and of course he was doing that better.

Q. For both of you guys, is the intensity that we saw this playoffs, does it have to do with the graduated points, or is it that you've got the three riders who are at the top of their game and everybody just found the right thing in the last three races? Hunter first.

HUNTER LAWRENCE: You mean like the intensity was higher this year compared to last year, or what do you mean?

Q. Higher than last year.

HUNTER LAWRENCE: I don't know. I don't know. We need some way to measure it because I feel like I'm pushing just as hard as any other time. Maybe it is, yeah, sure, we're going faster. We'll just go with that.

ELI TOMAC: It's hard to say. It was kind of like the same thing over again racing both of these brothers.

Q. Hunter, great ride tonight. Can you take us through that first moto, you and Jett were -- after the finish line, that really tight area, you guys were kind of battling maybe a little bit harder than you normally do. That's what it looked like, maybe a little extra bar banging and stuff. Was that money on the line? Can you just take us through that moment?

HUNTER LAWRENCE: No, just racing, the track didn't offer a ton of passing spots on it. So any passes that were going to happen were -- except that one outside before that double -- any other passing spots on the track were going to be close passes just due to the nature of all that section

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



and on the dragstrip being really one line.

Q. What does the next two weeks look like for Motocross of Nations?

ELI TOMAC: What does the next two weeks look like for Motocross of Nations? It's -- right now I have no idea what happens. I'm more concerned about my team that got blown apart tonight. Who knows what happens? I'll take a couple days off and then put the moto suspension back on and go from there.

Yeah, that's -- tonight was terrible for Team USA. So I don't know what happens.

Q. Eli, kind of building on that, if Chase and Deegan can't race, who would you pick to be on your team?

ELI TOMAC: Really it's whoever's motivated to do it and wants to do it and go from there. Then you'd be knocking on the door and wanting to do it, whoever it is. I guess we'll see who comes knocking.

THE MODERATOR: Gentlemen, thank you. That is all we have time for for this session. Thank you very much, Hunter Lawrence and Eli Tomac.

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