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Opening Game Recap and Film Review

Now, here's the host of the Coach Oakley Now, here's the host of the Coach Oakley Watkins Show, Jason Hunt. Watkins Show, Jason Hunt. >> All right, we're back here, Reynolds >> All right, we're back here, Reynolds Road, home of the Eagles with the Coach Road, home of the Eagles with the Coach Oakley Walking Show. Coach, um you love Oakley Walking Show. Coach, um you love to say we'll get back to the film room to say we'll get back to the film room and coach off the tape. What' you see uh and coach off the tape. What' you see uh on the tape on Friday night, we saw a on the tape on Friday night, we saw a very talented Cow team score. If you very talented Cow team score. If you look at the scoreboard, kind of got out look at the scoreboard, kind of got out of hand, but there was periods of time of hand, but there was periods of time in the first half where we were in the first half where we were competitive. So tell me what your first competitive. So tell me what your first thoughts are when you saw the film.

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Lessons from Facing a Talented Opponent

>> Yeah, I mean I told our guys this is one >> Yeah, I mean I told our guys this is one of the things when you play a game like of the things when you play a game like this that this that you play somebody that's as talented as you play somebody that's as talented as they are that you're going to learn a they are that you're going to learn a lot about yourself, but you're most lot about yourself, but you're most importantly going to learn that you got importantly going to learn that you got to execute at a high level if you want to execute at a high level if you want to win when you want to win in November.

to win when you want to win in November. And that's something that our guys saw And that's something that our guys saw playing a really good football team.

playing a really good football team. Like there were times we had nine of 11 Like there were times we had nine of 11 on the same page, times we had 10 of 11 on the same page, times we had 10 of 11 on the same page. But you got to have on the same page. But you got to have that's why football is the greatest game that's why football is the greatest game there is is you got to have u everybody there is is you got to have u everybody on the same page if you're going to be I on the same page if you're going to be I mean the best version of you. So that's mean the best version of you. So that's really what we were able to see with really what we were able to see with their team speed just how disciplined their team speed just how disciplined fundamentally sound they are like you've fundamentally sound they are like you've got to execute with all of them.

got to execute with all of them. >> So do you think you took some of their >> So do you think you took some of their stuff and is that a bad thing for a stuff and is that a bad thing for a coach to do and be like hey if you want coach to

do and be like hey if you want to be like the best team you do it like to be like the best team you do it like this. Is that something you coach that this. Is that something you coach that or not really? I mean, not really to be or not really? I mean, not really to be I mean, they because our schemes are I mean, they because our schemes are different, too. So, like there's things different, too. So, like there's things that they do that Yeah. I mean, on that they do that Yeah. I mean, on defense, they've got 11 guys of the defense, they've got 11 guys of the football when when you're running the football when when you're running the football or throwing screen passes, football or throwing screen passes, which is something like we're preaching which is something like we're preaching to our guys, but we're also able to use to our guys, but we're also able to use our young guys really in the third our young guys really in the third quarter cuz we played our freshman quarter cuz we played our freshman against their ones the first drive and against their ones the first drive and it was purposeful. I wanted our guys to it was purposeful. I wanted our guys to get out.

get out. >> Really big eyeballs. >> Really big eyeballs. >> Yes. But we saw some guys that weren't >> Yes.

Offensive Growth and Areas to Improve

But we saw some guys that weren't scared and they scared and they >> ran to the football and it's some of >> ran to the football and it's some of those guys are getting reps this week in those guys are getting reps this week in practice because of it. So, practice because of it. So, >> no, I mean they're really well coached, >> no, I mean they're really well coached, but it's I think we're more worried but it's I think we're more worried about ourselves about ourselves >> than I am another opponent. So, this is >> than I am another opponent. So, this is the next week. I text them in our group the next week. I text them in our group me on Saturday morning said it was a me on Saturday morning said it was a picture took it storming outside and picture took it storming outside and little storm cloud, little sun poked little storm cloud, little sun poked through and I said sun came up. Guess through and I said sun came up. Guess what? Good Lord bless us with another what? Good Lord bless us with another day. we're going to get back to work and day. we're going to get back to work and >> we did.

>> we did. >> It's a little bit easier to understand >> It's a little bit easier to understand that it feels you compete uh you want to that it feels you compete uh you want to win. It doesn't feel good when you lose, win. It doesn't feel good when you lose, but it's easier to understand that when but it's easier to understand that when you're making strides, when you when you're making strides, when you when your teams are making strides. Um what your teams are making strides. Um what did we get better at last week as a did we get better at last week as a team? What do you think that uh we made team? What do you think that uh we made a step forward in? Even if it's a small a step forward in? Even if it's a small step or a big step, what do you think we step or a big step, what do you think we did better in week three than we did did better in week three than we did week two?

week two? >> Yeah, I think we moved the move the ball >> Yeah, I think we moved the move the ball much better on offense. We were just much better on offense. We were just more efficient. I felt like now we had more efficient. I felt like now we had some explosive plays, but in terms of some explosive plays, but in terms of like us being more efficient on that like us being more efficient on that side, I thought we did execute better side, I thought we did execute better there. And we still had some plays we there. And we still had some plays we left out there. I mean, it was 2815. We left out there. I mean, it was 2815. We had them in a third third and long, had them in a third third and long, which you got to do a better job on which you got to do a better job on third down on defense. Uh, which I mean, third down on defense. Uh, which I mean, they were they executed such a high they were they executed such a high level. I mean, the the punt at the end level. I mean, the the punt at the end of the game with our young pups in there of the game with our young pups in there was the first time they punted all year.

was the first time they punted all year. So, that tells you how efficient they So, that tells you how efficient they are on offense. But I would say we were are on offense. But I would say we were we're getting a better feel of who we we're getting a better feel of who we want to be on offense. I will say our want to be on offense. I will say our offensive line, there were some plays offensive line, there were some plays that obviously we wish would have had that obviously we wish would have had back and Nash was having to move around back and Nash was having to move around in the pocket a little bit more we would in the pocket a little bit more we would have liked, but besides that, like those have liked, but besides that, like those couple plays, they really did when you couple plays, they really did when you watch them dive into the tape played watch them dive into the tape played well. We've got to

have everybody now on well. We've got to have everybody now on the perimeter really back that up. So the perimeter really back that up. So that was something that was good to see.

that was something that was good to see. >> From a talent standpoint, we're not >> From a talent standpoint, we're not going to see probably a more talented going to see probably a more talented team this year. That's for sure. going team this year. That's for sure. going forward, even through our playoff, we forward, even through our playoff, we saw about as much talent as we can see saw about as much talent as we can see on the field. So, it's a good on the field. So, it's a good opportunity for uh like you said, you opportunity for uh like you said, you look and see like where do you measure look and see like where do you measure up and where you want to be? Uh maybe a up and where you want to be? Uh maybe a good lesson. Where do you think we need good lesson. Where do you think we need a little more work this week and next a little more work this week and next week going forward? Um so, we talked week going forward? Um so, we talked about how we got better. What do we what about how we got better. What do we what are we lagging behind on?

are we lagging behind on? >> Well, well, let loving guys the >> Well, well, let loving guys the football. That's one thing Coach Brook football. That's one thing Coach Brook always he preaches. I mean, pursuit is always he preaches. I mean, pursuit is like the number one thing we're talking like the number one thing we're talking about and like we got to get to the about and like we got to get to the football. Like that's something I think football. Like that's something I think the hidden yardage battle on Friday. We the hidden yardage battle on Friday. We lost that drastically. They were kicking lost that drastically. They were kicking out of the back of the end zone and uh out of the back of the end zone and uh we were not great on special teams we were not great on special teams Friday, which is really the first time Friday, which is really the first time in or three games that we've lost the in or three games that we've lost the hidden yardage. Had some of our track um hidden yardage. Had some of our track um heavily. So, and then we just got to heavily. So, and then we just got to execute better on offense in terms of execute better on offense in terms of just we had some more procedural just we had some more procedural penalties, much less than we've had, but penalties, much less than we've had, but that's been our track record here is that's been our track record here is like we don't have those issues. Um, so like we don't have those issues. Um, so that's something I think we're we're that's something I think we're we're going to continue to work on as well.

going to continue to work on as well.

Introducing the Senior Guests

>> Gotcha. Well, like we do every week, uh, >> Gotcha. Well, like we do every week, uh, we're going to send you away. You do a we're going to send you away. You do a little film work for the public and then little film work for the public and then we're going to bring in a couple we're going to bring in a couple football players and got a couple football players and got a couple seniors again, right? So, give us an seniors again, right? So, give us an intro of who's [snorts] here tonight.

intro of who's [snorts] here tonight. >> Yeah, I'll do it by number like I did >> Yeah, I'll do it by number like I did I've done the last two weeks. So, we've I've done the last two weeks. So, we've got number 33, Josiah Binky. Um, brand got number 33, Josiah Binky. Um, brand new to the program. He was a soccer new to the program. He was a soccer player here at the school and decided to player here at the school and decided to come out as a senior and we've welcomed come out as a senior and we've welcomed him with open arms and he's been here him with open arms and he's been here like I mean he's been a part of our like I mean he's been a part of our program for a long time. Uh he's a program for a long time. Uh he's a kicker but also made the decision and kicker but also made the decision and transition to playing some Dline which transition to playing some Dline which is you go from playing soccer which I is you go from playing soccer which I know is a physical sport but putting know is a physical sport but putting your hand on the ground and having to your hand on the ground and having to hit somebody every single play I think hit somebody every single play I think says a lot about his character and who says a lot about his character and who he is. Uh but he's just been a joy to to he is. Uh but he's just been a joy to to have in the program. He's been a great have in the program. He's been a great fit with the senior class. We always fit with the senior class. We always talk about mutual alignment as a senior talk about mutual alignment as a senior class and I mean he's been he's fit in.

class and I mean he's been he's fit in. I mean, fit just like a glove with with I mean, fit just like a glove with with and that's hard to do when you come into and that's hard to do when you come into a program that's as big as ours now. So, a program that's as big as ours now. So, very proud of Josiah and look forward to very proud of Josiah and look forward to watching him continue to grow as a watching him continue to grow as a senior in our program. And then the senior in our program.

Josiah Binky's Football Journey

And then the other senior is number 75, Christian other senior is number 75, Christian Shackleford. Uh Christian obviously is a Shackleford. Uh Christian obviously is a four-year player for us. He uh has been four-year player for us. He uh has been on our program since he was a a little on our program since he was a a little little one. Um so, it's been really neat little one. Um so, it's been really neat to see him step in and transition into to see him step in and transition into this role as a senior captain. He's this role as a senior captain. He's voted back captain by his teammates as a voted back captain by his teammates as a as week one, which I think's a powerful as week one, which I think's a powerful thing. It says the work that he put in thing. It says the work that he put in in the months of July and early August.

in the months of July and early August. Uh but he's he's been started in the Uh but he's he's been started in the state championship game for us at guard state championship game for us at guard and uh has continuously gotten better and uh has continuously gotten better this week and and I've challenged him this week and and I've challenged him and I challenge these seniors different and I challenge these seniors different than they're used to be challenged as than they're used to be challenged as underassman. He's rose to the occasion.

underassman. He's rose to the occasion. Um but he's another one. He's just a a Um but he's another one. He's just a a joy to coach. I mean, I love coaching joy to coach. I mean, I love coaching him. brings a smile on my face every day him. brings a smile on my face every day to just get to chat with him and see how to just get to chat with him and see how much he loves the game of football. So, much he loves the game of football. So, hoping he has a a really incredible endo hoping he has a a really incredible endo senior year. So, awesome.

senior year. So, awesome. >> We'll take a short break. We'll be right >> We'll take a short break. We'll be right back with the seniors. All right, we're back with the seniors. All right, we're back here. Senior Joai Binky, right? And back here. Senior Joai Binky, right? And so, you um so, you um >> joined the football team. You heard what >> joined the football team. You heard what your coach said about you when you came your coach said about you when you came in, what Coach O said. You were a soccer in, what Coach O said. You were a soccer player player player >> and made the transition to football. So, >> and made the transition to football. So, talk about that. Like, when did you talk about that.

Christian Shackleford's Leadership Story

Like, when did you decide that it was time to put the pads decide that it was time to put the pads on and what was the thinking behind on and what was the thinking behind that? I think it was like June when I that? I think it was like June when I finally decided like a couple months finally decided like a couple months ago. Um, just being so burned out from ago. Um, just being so burned out from soccer and wanted to try something soccer and wanted to try something different. I see guys like Christian and different. I see guys like Christian and Don just having so much fun with the Don just having so much fun with the sport and just wanted to come out and sport and just wanted to come out and try it out for myself.

try it out for myself. >> My mom's real strict so she let me be a >> My mom's real strict so she let me be a kicker is what we got. Fair enough. kicker is what we got. Fair enough.

>> Got her into and then eventually over >> Got her into and then eventually over time she got used to the program. She time she got used to the program. She got used to and then eventually I got used to and then eventually I believed in myself a little bit too much believed in myself a little bit too much and started heading over the D line.

and started heading over the D line. >> Nice. Um, >> Nice. Um, >> so what was that transition like if you >> so what was that transition like if you uh you're a kicker, which is a natural uh you're a kicker, which is a natural thing for a soccer player to be thing for a soccer player to be >> even the motion at least is a natural >> even the motion at least is a natural thing. Timing's a little different thing. Timing's a little different obviously with football, but when did obviously with football, but when did you say like you say like >> I can help out on defensive line. Was >> I can help out on defensive line. Was that a conversation from your coaches that a conversation from your coaches telling you do that or you volunteered telling you do that or you volunteered to do that?

to do that? >> My coach um just called me over. He >> My coach um just called me over. He said, "Hey, you you've got size, you got said, "Hey, you you've got size, you got you got potential, you can play D line." you got potential, you can play D line." And eventually I thought thought it And eventually I thought thought it over, talked with my mom, talked with over, talked with my mom, talked with the coaches and decided I'm going to try the coaches and decided I'm going to try out a couple days. I got a couple days out a couple days. I got a couple days got into it. Um, and I haven't quit. So, got into it. Um, and I haven't quit. So, here I am.

here I am. >> Yeah. What's the hardest thing to learn >> Yeah. What's the hardest thing to learn being a new defensive lineman? being a new defensive lineman?

>> Um, picking yourself up after every >> Um, picking yourself up after every play. I mean, you're not going to get in play. I mean, you're not going to get in all the time starting like three minutes all the time starting like three minutes three months ago. And that's how it three months ago. And that's how it works. But picking yourself up, playing works. But picking yourself up, playing the next play. Um, even when you get sat the next play.

Senior Reflections and Team Brotherhood

Um, even when you get sat on your butt, you just got to keep going on your butt, you just got to keep going and just strike and do your best. So, and just strike and do your best. So, >> yeah. And what about like scheme wise, >> yeah. And what about like scheme wise, like learning the game of football?

like learning the game of football? What's the hardest thing to pick up as a What's the hardest thing to pick up as a new defensive lineman or as a new new defensive lineman or as a new football player in general?

football player in general? >> I think a lot of the um things >> I think a lot of the um things everybody's known because they've been everybody's known because they've been in the program for so long like, oh, in the program for so long like, oh, we're going to go get a shot of water we're going to go get a shot of water here. And I'm just figuring out like the here. And I'm just figuring out like the lingo and all these things and just kind lingo and all these things and just kind of following everybody first and coming of following everybody first and coming on as a senior um a little bit late to on as a senior um a little bit late to the game, but still being able to like the game, but still being able to like get into those processes and still a get into those processes and still a good thing.

good thing. >> Talk about that. talk about uh the >> Talk about that. talk about uh the senior class in general, that senior class in general, that brotherhood and and have you felt brotherhood and and have you felt welcomed by that class coming in as welcomed by that class coming in as football players? What's that transition football players? What's that transition been like? Have they open open arms and been like? Have they open open arms and welcome to the program? Speak about that welcome to the program? Speak about that a little bit.

a little bit. >> You talk about a group of guys like >> You talk about a group of guys like Christian here and um Sam Pearson, Christian here and um Sam Pearson, Conrad Hart, Don Rick, like all these Conrad Hart, Don Rick, like all these guys just invest in me like, "Hey, you guys just invest in me like, "Hey, you strike like this and you turn and then strike like this and you turn and then you move in." Um these guys that are you move in." Um these guys that are could be like huge hot shots just could be like huge hot shots just worrying about themselves or I'm worrying about themselves or I'm worrying about college. and worrying worrying about college. and worrying about playing all the reps that I can about playing all the reps that I can get. Um, but he's calling me up and say, get. Um, but he's calling me up and say, "Hey, get in here. Hey, I'll sub out for "Hey, get in here. Hey, I'll sub out for you. You get in, get these reps." And you. You get in, get these reps." And try to be intentional about investing in try to be

intentional about investing in me and um especially the guys that I'm me and um especially the guys that I'm not working with too. Just like feeling not working with too. Just like feeling so open and welcoming them, just like so open and welcoming them, just like joking and laughing and being part of joking and laughing and being part of the culture amazing.

the culture amazing. >> So, did you know any of the um any of >> So, did you know any of the um any of the guys before you decided to play the guys before you decided to play football? You mentioned Christian, but football? You mentioned Christian, but like did you know any of the football like did you know any of the football guys that are senior?

guys that are senior? >> I knew um Don a little bit and um Max >> I knew um Don a little bit and um Max saw her a little bit, but not much. saw her a little bit, but not much.

>> Not really. not like in your friend >> Not really. not like in your friend group. So that's that speaks a ton about group. So that's that speaks a ton about open arms and playing again. That's the open arms and playing again. That's the second time we talked about Nate coming second time we talked about Nate coming in as also as a kicker in as also as a kicker >> as a senior. So kind of welcome him in >> as a senior. So kind of welcome him in as well. So I think it says a lot about as well. So I think it says a lot about your class.

your class. >> Um >> Um >> Um >> what do you want to accomplish this >> what do you want to accomplish this year? Like what goals do you have year? Like what goals do you have through this football season?

through this football season? >> Just play the best that I can play. Um, >> Just play the best that I can play. Um, I know I'm joining too late to actually I know I'm joining too late to actually go somewhere with the football or go somewhere with the football or anything, but I mean just having fun anything, but I mean just having fun with the sport, just cheering on the with the sport, just cheering on the sidelines and just um being the best uh sidelines and just um being the best uh teammate I can be and just investing in teammate I can be and just investing in the freshman.

the freshman. >> What about your senior year at LCA? What >> What about your senior year at LCA? What do you want to accomplish as a student do you want to accomplish as a student and as a as a person who walks the and as a as a person who walks the hallways here? Like, say something about hallways here? Like, say something about LCA. Like, how long have you been here?

LCA. Like, how long have you been here? How long you been LCA? I've How long you been LCA? I've >> been here since seventh grade here. Um >> been here since seventh grade here. Um and um it took me a minute to get into and um it took me a minute to get into the school and everything, but like over the school and everything, but like over the years just kind of grown closer and the years just kind of grown closer and falling more in love with the school. Um falling more in love with the school. Um being a senior this year, obviously being a senior this year, obviously having a lot more influence. So kind of having a lot more influence. So kind of pouring back into those younger guys and pouring back into those younger guys and freshman, sophomores, that kind of thing freshman, sophomores, that kind of thing has just been um on my mind a lot has just been um on my mind a lot recently. Especially being a football recently. Especially being a football senior. I mean, you have more influence senior. I mean, you have more influence like like like >> Sure.

>> Sure. >> Sure. >> There's no right or wrong answer, but >> There's no right or wrong answer, but have you already thought about your have you already thought about your water gun for a senior assassin?

water gun for a senior assassin? >> I'm thinking about a tiny little once. >> I'm thinking about a tiny little once. they don't see it on me and so I just they don't see it on me and so I just play it off and just squirt them real play it off and just squirt them real quick.

quick. quick. >> Awesome. Well, thanks for joining us. >> Awesome. Well, thanks for joining us. You did a great job. Welcome to the You did a great job. Welcome to the program. We're going to be cheering you program. We're going to be cheering you on the whole year.

on the whole year. >> Uh seeing how many reps you can get at >> Uh seeing how many reps you can get at the the [snorts] defense and maybe we'll the the [snorts] defense and maybe we'll end with a sack sometime in district end with a sack sometime in district play. If we do, we'll go nuts.

play. If we do, we'll go nuts. >> Yes, sir. >> Yes, sir. >> All right. Continue. >> All right. Continue. >> Thank you.

Offensive Line Progress and Team Identity

>> Thank you. >> Welcome back. Uh we we were able to talk >> Welcome back. Uh we we were able to talk to you last year, so I'm not going to to you last year, so I'm not going to ask you the same questions I asked you ask you the same questions I asked you last year, but um you're in a new role last year, but um you're in a new role now for this team. You're a senior. So now for this team. You're a senior. So last year, you know, you're stepping up last year, you know, you're stepping up as a a junior and you're kind of as a a junior and you're kind of following the lead of the people who uh following the lead of the people who uh were leading your team, but then like were leading your team, but then like Coach Oakley said, the tide shifts when Coach Oakley said, the tide shifts when that season's over and the expectations that season's over and the expectations for the seniors rise. And so talk to me for the seniors rise. And so talk to me about that. How's the off season about that. How's the off season transition into a leadership role in transition into a leadership role in this team? How's that been for you?

this team? How's that been for you? >> Well, um I got to start with last year, >> Well, um I got to start with last year, man, in that senior class. I feel like man, in that senior class. I feel like especially my guy holding Clayber, he especially my guy holding Clayber, he really just prepared me for this moment.

really just prepared me for this moment. Like seeing him every day in practice, Like seeing him every day in practice, the preparation it took for him. There the preparation it took for him. There were days where he was down and wasn't were days where he was down and wasn't feeling good and would have been sick feeling good and would have been sick and was taking vitamins and stuff and and was taking vitamins and stuff and you know, but I never saw him waver. I you know, but I never saw him waver. I never saw him back down. Um and that's never saw him back down. Um and that's just kind of something that I've taken a just kind of something that I've taken a heart and tried to just pour into this heart and tried to just pour into this team. Um you know, O line is all it's team. Um you know, O line is all it's all consistency. It's all how good can all consistency. It's all how good can you do every single play and you know I you do every single play and you know I mean you give up one sack and you know mean you give up one sack and you know your grade goes down 10 points. So you your grade goes down 10 points. So you know O line is just one of those things know O line is just one of those things where it's all consistency and showing where it's all consistency and showing up every day. So you know I started this up every day. So you know I started this off seasonason we were in here uh every off seasonason we were in here uh every day and it was mostly just freshman and day and it was mostly just freshman and a few seniors. But you know I was really a few seniors. But you know I was really intentional about telling those freshman intentional about telling those freshman I love them, how much I care about them, I love them, how much I care about them, how happy I am to see 22 freshman in how happy I am to see 22 freshman in this weight room. like it was really a this weight room. like it was really a blessing to have all them in here almost blessing to have all them in here almost every day. Um and then transitioning every day. Um and then transitioning into the season, you know, I'm just into the season, you know, I'm just trying to get better every single week.

trying to get better every single week. You know, I'm not perfect. Um I've had You know, I'm not perfect. Um I've had some down moments and some rough games, some down moments and some rough games, but I felt like um as a group, not just but I felt like um as a group, not just me, we really stepped up last week and me, we really stepped up last week and played well despite a loss.

played well despite a loss. >> Yeah. How do you feel about uh the >> Yeah. How do you feel about uh the progression that you've made so far progression that you've made so far through these first three weeks? And through these first three weeks? And then what do you think that you guys as then what do you think that you guys as a unit, as offensive line need to do a unit, as offensive line need to do better? Well, um, my progression at better? Well, um, my progression at least, uh, came out real sloppy week least, uh, came out real sloppy week one. Uh, North Harden was a rough game one. Uh, North Harden was a rough game for me. Graded out at like a 72 or

for me. Graded out at like a 72 or something, which for O line is not good.

something, which for O line is not good. Uh, anything below anything below 80 is Uh, anything below anything below 80 is not good. Week two was a little better.

not good. Week two was a little better. Um, was blocking one of the best players Um, was blocking one of the best players in the state, but um, felt like I got a in the state, but um, felt like I got a little better. And then last week, I little better. And then last week, I feel like me and Don, my god, Don, he feel like me and Don, my god, Don, he makes it so he makes my job so easy. I makes it so he makes my job so easy. I feel like we really put it all together feel like we really put it all together last week. Um, you know, we had a last week. Um, you know, we had a fivestar cross from us and, you know, we fivestar cross from us and, you know, we really gave it everything we had. Um, really gave it everything we had. Um, you know, we didn't didn't come out on you know, we didn't didn't come out on top. Uh, things didn't exactly go how we top. Uh, things didn't exactly go how we wanted, but just really felt like we got wanted, but just really felt like we got better as a collective unit. Um, and in better as a collective unit. Um, and in ways we can get better. Um, we just got ways we can get better. Um, we just got to keep showing up. Uh, just keep being to keep showing up. Uh, just keep being consistent. Um, you know, we have consistent. Um, you know, we have leaders, me and Nick, especially on the leaders, me and Nick, especially on the old line, who feel like, you know, we old line, who feel like, you know, we can elevate the group and keep everybody can elevate the group and keep everybody together. Um, then my guy Matthew, boy, together.

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Um, then my guy Matthew, boy, he plays his tail off, him and Don at he plays his tail off, him and Don at tackles. And then Jed is a little tackles. And then Jed is a little underexperienced. You know, it's his underexperienced. You know, it's his first year really getting into the first year really getting into the varsity starting and, you know, he varsity starting and, you know, he played one game last year against a played one game last year against a really good Franklin team and struggled really good Franklin team and struggled a little, but it's that struggle that's a little, but it's that struggle that's made him better. He's gotten better made him better. He's gotten better every single week. Um, and he's going to every single week. Um, and he's going to be one heck of an offensive lineman in be one heck of an offensive lineman in one two years. So, awesome. Let's make a one two years. So, awesome. Let's make a transition over to um, what backpack did transition over to um, what backpack did you pick this year? Oh, I had a cars you pick this year? Oh, I had a cars backpack. Lightning McQueen, too.

backpack. Lightning McQueen, too. >> But Lightning McQueen, not Mater. >> But Lightning McQueen, not Mater. >> No. Well, I like Mater, too, but I was I >> No. Well, I like Mater, too, but I was I was a Lightning McQueen guy. I like to was a Lightning McQueen guy. I like to race. I like racing.

race. I like racing. >> And then did you uh participate in >> And then did you uh participate in painting your parking spot? And that's painting your parking spot? And that's what What's your car look like?

what What's your car look like? >> So, um >> So, um >> what's your parking spot look like? >> what's your parking spot look like? >> So, my parking spot uh we painted it all >> So, my parking spot uh we painted it all blue and then the idea was is we were blue and then the idea was is we were going to do 75 and then like the going to do 75 and then like the Spider-Man logo spread out behind it.

Spider-Man logo spread out behind it. >> Okay. >> Okay. >> Okay. >> Uh the Spider-Man logo part never came >> Uh the Spider-Man logo part never came through. Uh we did not have time. A lot through. Uh we did not have time. A lot of work.

of work. >> Yeah. We did not have time and it was >> Yeah. We did not have time and it was really hot that day. really hot that day. >> So we painted a 75 and then put Shaq on >> So we painted a 75 and then put Shaq on the top. My nickname.

the top. My nickname. >> There's a lot of things that happen like >> There's a lot of things that happen like uh you're going to blink and the senior uh you're going to blink and the senior year is going to be over and so uh it year

is going to be over and so uh it happens so fast the football season you happens so fast the football season you guys are you're working so hard and guys are you're working so hard and you're you're working on your craft and you're you're working on your craft and then every day you're putting time in.

then every day you're putting time in. you're gonna look up and it's going to you're gonna look up and it's going to be sand lot and senior assassin time and be sand lot and senior assassin time and it's going to feel like you didn't get it's going to feel like you didn't get enough time with your senior class. So, enough time with your senior class. So, talk about that. Talk about your talk about that. Talk about your brothers who are your senior class, your brothers who are your senior class, your football teammates and uh how that bond football teammates and uh how that bond has formed. Um, man, this is I really has formed. Um, man, this is I really don't get emotional, but my my guys, don't get emotional, but my my guys, man, I I've been here I'm a lifer at man, I I've been here I'm a lifer at LCA. I've been here my whole life, and LCA. I've been here my whole life, and some of these guys I've been here with some of these guys I've been here with my whole life. Um, some of them are my whole life. Um, some of them are juniors who held back, so they should be juniors who held back, so they should be seniors. I mean, I share a birthday with seniors. I mean, I share a birthday with Nash Whan. I've been playing with him Nash Whan. I've been playing with him since I was four. Uh, Bodie Darlin, M.

since I was four. Uh, Bodie Darlin, M. Darling last year. Um, you know, just Darling last year. Um, you know, just Matthew Montgomery was on those teams, Matthew Montgomery was on those teams, Nick. Um, it's going to be hard for me Nick. Um, it's going to be hard for me to say goodbye, but talking about the to say goodbye, but talking about the seniors, um, I've really gotten close seniors, um, I've really gotten close with a lot of the senior class through with a lot of the senior class through high school. Uh, first, uh, it was high school. Uh, first, uh, it was freshman year with Don, Max, and Sawer freshman year with Don, Max, and Sawer specifically. uh those guys um really specifically. uh those guys um really came into my life and have been the best came into my life and have been the best friends I could ever ask for. Um and friends I could ever ask for. Um and then really last year was when we then really last year was when we started really coming together. I became started really coming together. I became friends with Conrad, Sam, Nathaniel, friends with Conrad, Sam, Nathaniel, those guys like I really got close with those guys like I really got close with them and then them and then my guy Scrap um Aiden Lions. It's been my guy Scrap um Aiden Lions. It's been my guy since I was a little kid. Um it's my guy since I was a little kid. Um it's going to be really weird not going to going to be really weird not going to the same school as him.

the same school as him. >> Yeah. And then of course my man Josiah, >> Yeah. And then of course my man Josiah, man, he came in here, gave up his sport.

man, he came in here, gave up his sport. He's been playing his whole life just to He's been playing his whole life just to come play with a bunch of us and do come play with a bunch of us and do something that was uncomfortable, not something that was uncomfortable, not everybody can do.

everybody can do. >> And he's really put his head down and >> And he's really put his head down and impressed a lot of people. So impressed a lot of people. So >> yeah, for sure. He's not built like a >> yeah, for sure. He's not built like a kicker, huh?

kicker, huh? >> No, not at all. >> No, not at all. >> All right. >> All right. >> All right. >> My man is built. >> My man is built. >> That's right. So we'll wrap it up with >> That's right. So we'll wrap it up with this. Like um this. Like um what do what do you want to study in what do what do you want to study in college or have you decided yet? And college or have you decided yet? And then uh also if you think of one thing then uh also if you think of one thing that you want to accomplish off the that you want to accomplish off the football field at school this year, what football field at school this year, what would you say it would be?

would you say it would be? Um so I would like to study business. Um Um so I would like to study business. Um but there might be some things that I but there might be some things that I have on top of that. Like I might minor have on top of that. Like I might minor in construction management. I don't know in construction management. I don't know yet. Um just kind of seeing what the yet. Um just kind of seeing what the college route looks like, where I'm college route looks like, where I'm going to end up at.

going to end up at. >> But um man, one thing >> But um man, one thing Um, so I'm you could say hit a home run Um, so I'm you could say hit a home run on the sand lot.

on the sand lot. >> That would be cool, but I got something >> That would be cool, but I got something a little bigger. Um, I just a little bigger. Um, I just [clears throat] want to have an impact.

[clears throat] want to have an impact. I want people to remember I was here. I want people to remember I was here. Um, and the good things, too. I want Um, and the good things, too. I want them to remember that I was really, as them to remember that I was really, as Coach Galloway likes to say, an eagle, a Coach Galloway likes to say, an eagle, a committed Christian leader in every way.

committed Christian leader in every way. Um, you know, I just hope my legacy Um, you know, I just hope my legacy sticks with the freshman who are here sticks with the freshman who are here and they pass it on to the freshman when and they pass it on to the freshman when they're seniors and those guys.

they're seniors and those guys. Um, I'm TAing for the middle school, uh, Um, I'm TAing for the middle school, uh, spiritual life director right now. So, spiritual life director right now. So, I'm his teacher's assistant. So, I'm I'm his teacher's assistant. So, I'm doing school podcast with him, helping doing school podcast with him, helping out with chapel. So, out with chapel. So, >> plus, you're probably a hero for those >> plus, you're probably a hero for those [clears throat] [clears throat] >> all right. So, this was early in the >> all right. So, this was early in the game for us. Um, one thing about cows, game for us. Um, one thing about cows, they're extremely efficient on offense they're extremely efficient on offense and, um, this is a good scheme by them.

and, um, this is a good scheme by them. One of the things we've got to do though One of the things we've got to do though when you get roll away or any sort of when you get roll away or any sort of action away, which you're getting that action away, which you're getting that from the pump here with the quarterback from the pump here with the quarterback is you got to make sure you're staying is you got to make sure you're staying home on the back side. And that's what home on the back side. And that's what that's why this is good to teach from that's why this is good to teach from the tape when I talk about backside.

the tape when I talk about backside. It's like this is the strength of the It's like this is the strength of the formation over this way to um to their formation over this way to um to their sideline. And that's one of those things sideline. And that's one of those things for us. So, we've just got to make sure for us. So, we've just got to make sure we're slow playing on the backside, not we're slow playing on the backside, not over pursuing.

over pursuing. It's a it's a great scheme by them, but It's a it's a great scheme by them, but it's one of those things we just got to it's one of those things we just got to So, for us, this is um our first So, for us, this is um our first touchdown of the game. We knew like they touchdown of the game. We knew like they pursued the football hard. I mean, you pursued the football hard. I mean, you look at right now even when we just look at right now even when we just clapped the hand like you're getting um clapped the hand like you're getting um movement from them pretty quick which is movement from them pretty quick which is I mean they're they fly. So when you see I mean they're they fly. So when you see this like we checked to something we this like we checked to something we liked which was our uh version of hook liked which was our uh version of hook and ladder off a screen. Uh which is and ladder off a screen. Uh which is means we're throwing at the number two means we're throwing at the number two here which is Sam Pearson. balls out and here which is Sam Pearson. balls out and Sam once he catches it is um flipping it Sam once he catches it is um flipping it back to packs. This is great job by back to packs. This is great job by Jeremiah on the perimeter though. Like Jeremiah on the perimeter though. Like you've got tell our guys on the you've got tell our guys on the perimeter how you play without the perimeter how you play without the football tells me how much you care football tells me how much you care about your teammates and this is one of about your teammates and this is one of those plays by Jeremiah that definitely those plays by Jeremiah that definitely told me like look I care about my told me like look I care about my teammates. You can see he's pressing teammates. You can see he's pressing vertical like it looks like he's running vertical like it looks like he's running a vertical so nobody else really knows a vertical so nobody else really knows and then uh ball comes out um and he's and then uh ball comes out um and he's able to get Pax is able to get outside able to get Pax is able to get outside of uh Jeremiah's block here. So this is of uh Jeremiah's block here. So this is great by Jeremiah. Great timing by Sam great by

Jeremiah. Great timing by Sam And Pax on this, I think this is cool And Pax on this, I think this is cool fact. He hit the program record of 21.95 fact. He hit the program record of 21.95 on um on um on our catapults. Our catapults track on our catapults. Our catapults track how far guys travel in a game. It tracks how far guys travel in a game.

Special Teams and Coverage Adjustments

It tracks their power plays, where they exerted a their power plays, where they exerted a lot of effort. Uh it tracks how much lot of effort. Uh it tracks how much fast they went, their top acceleration.

fast they went, their top acceleration. and he ran on that play 21.95 miles an and he ran on that play 21.95 miles an hour which for a high school player is hour which for a high school player is So one thing we did different this week So one thing we did different this week is I mean number one J Brown for them is is I mean number one J Brown for them is I mean he's one of the top receivers in I mean he's one of the top receivers in the country and everybody saw exactly the country and everybody saw exactly why that is for him and Jeremiah for us why that is for him and Jeremiah for us is uh is an elite corner. He's got some is uh is an elite corner. He's got some division one offers himself so we division one offers himself so we challenged him a little bit this week.

challenged him a little bit this week. Uh, so he's chasing really a manto man Uh, so he's chasing really a manto man while we're playing zone elsewhere. Um, while we're playing zone elsewhere. Um, and this is just a good ball. Good and this is just a good ball. Good catch. That's not bad coverage at all by catch. That's not bad coverage at all by Jeremiah. Um, I really take that from Jeremiah. Um, I really take that from him.

him. him. His eyes aren't in the back field. His eyes aren't in the back field. Just like to see that left arm there. Just like to see that left arm there.

Just getting the picture a little bit Just getting the picture a little bit quicker. quicker. quicker. That's good coverage. And you can see it That's good coverage. And you can see it That's tough ball. Good coverage.

That's tough ball. Good coverage. One thing I would say too, and looking One thing I would say too, and looking at this clip, we can't get washed on the at this clip, we can't get washed on the defensive line like rushing. We got to defensive line like rushing. We got to continue to throw that hit back and continue to throw that hit back and close up that pocket so we don't get a close up that pocket so we don't get a So, this one here is funny um to look So, this one here is funny um to look back on as Nash. This is a nice concept back on as Nash. This is a nice concept here where we're uh here where we're uh working verticals and then mini post working verticals and then mini post mini dig on the inside, which what I mini dig on the inside, which what I mean by that is mini mini post is here mean by that is mini mini post is here and then the dig is right behind it. So, and then the dig is right behind it. So, what you end up getting is this guy what you end up getting is this guy right here opens his hips inside to make right here opens his hips inside to make it mini dig easy. What I like to see it mini dig easy. What I like to see Conrad do here at tight end, Conrad's Conrad do here at tight end, Conrad's tight end here, is be a little bit tight end here, is be a little bit slower with the way he runs this route.

slower with the way he runs this route. He doesn't need to be in a big hurry He doesn't need to be in a big hurry when there's grass in there. Um, when there's grass in there. Um, and we just got to get the ball. One and we just got to get the ball. One thing I told Nash on this play is I'd thing I told Nash on this play is I'd like to see the ball out now instead of like to see the ball out now instead of waiting, waiting, looking how much more waiting, waiting, looking how much more harder this decision is. Great catch by harder this decision is. Great catch by Conrad, but like we should have, this Conrad, but like we should have, this ball should have been out literally ball should have been out literally right there.

right there. And Brady, we want to be more physical And Brady, we want to be more physical with that inside route as well. But our with that inside route as well. But our tight ends, Brady and Conrad, both I tight ends, Brady and Conrad, both I thought played really, really well on thought played really, really well on Friday. Um, so this is something here.

Friday. Um, so this is something here. We went motion across. We knew we'd get We went motion across. We

knew we'd get a little manipulation to the coverage a little manipulation to the coverage here. um running Sam a little slot fade, here. um running Sam a little slot fade, great ball, great catch, but you just great ball, great catch, but you just see what like minor details how much 42 see what like minor details how much 42 back here at safety moves with the back here at safety moves with the motion across just gives us outside motion across just gives us outside leverage to be able to run a slot fade.

leverage to be able to run a slot fade. Uh we don't do that a lot um slot fade Uh we don't do that a lot um slot fade wise, but this was one thing with them wise, but this was one thing with them where they played some man type coverage where they played some man type coverage uh with um then this was not man, but we uh with um then this was not man, but we wanted to just try and get some wanted to just try and get some So, this is Cal running dash. Uh dash, So, this is Cal running dash. Uh dash, what that means is they're looking at what that means is they're looking at the boundary for a hitch. If they don't the boundary for a hitch. If they don't get a hitch, this guy's if he can't run get a hitch, this guy's if he can't run a hitch because he's got press coverage, a hitch because he's got press coverage, he's run the vertical off the top. And he's run the vertical off the top. And then what they've got is slide then what they've got is slide protection this way. And this tight end protection this way. And this tight end is blocking our overhang backer. Uh cuz is blocking our overhang backer. Uh cuz he's getting flow away. They're thinking he's getting flow away. They're thinking we've got squeeze. And they're running we've got squeeze. And they're running some sort of concept from the other side some sort of concept from the other side which is I think on this one was deep which is I think on this one was deep over from the tight end.

over from the tight end. Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, something similar. something similar.

Senior Spotlight and Personal Goals

And we hadn't really seen this is the And we hadn't really seen this is the first time I've seen them run it in this first time I've seen them run it in this fashion out of Turquoise which is our fashion out of Turquoise which is our tight end setup.

tight end setup. But good good spin good spin out by But good good spin good spin out by their quarterback here which makes you their quarterback here which makes you you see how our defense moves to the you see how our defense moves to the side um when he pumps it. It's just a side um when he pumps it. It's just a tough ask.

tough ask. It's a good ball. This is a big third It's a good ball. This is a big third down too. I was really third and 10. down too. I was really third and 10.

Game was 2815 at this point trying to Game was 2815 at this point trying to get off the field. This is where we just get off the field. This is where we just Yeah. And you see at the top there, Yeah. And you see at the top there, we're manning up number one. Um would we're manning up number one. Um would love to see outside linebacker there love to see outside linebacker there instead of looking in the back field instead of looking in the back field here get to the flats. Um, good effort here get to the flats. Um, good effort here by I think that's here by I think that's Brady. Yeah. But I'd like to see us have Brady. Yeah. But I'd like to see us have be able to get when I say flats like be able to get when I say flats like This is one of those we just talk about This is one of those we just talk about tackling on space. We just got to do a tackling on space. We just got to do a better job tackling for not have to better job tackling for not have to >> So they're just running a boundary >> So they're just running a boundary jailbreak type screen here.

jailbreak type screen here. um they do a good job getting a body on a they do a good job getting a body on a body, but again we on the defensive line body, but again we on the defensive line we read screen. So once you see that we read screen. So once you see that you're not being blocked like right now you're not being blocked like right now all of these D linemen, we teach them all of these D linemen, we teach them retrace, retrace uh because if they retrace, retrace uh because if they retrace here then number one's catching retrace here then number one's catching it and running right into that wall.

it and running right into that wall. It's just it's a hard thing to teach. Um It's just it's a hard thing to teach. Um and we teach it all the time, but guys and we teach it all the time, but guys when they get on block, they're thinking when

they get on block, they're thinking I'm about to make a sack. Um so we just I'm about to make a sack. Um so we just got to do a better job retracing and got to do a better job retracing and then obviously open field tackle and then obviously open field tackle and pursuit.

This is our young pups in here. This is our young pups in here. Try blacker. He's he's uh he's a good Try blacker. He's he's uh he's a good player. Um we're fortunate to have him player. Um we're fortunate to have him here playing quarterback. We're This is here playing quarterback. We're This is This route was way too deep by our slot.

This route was way too deep by our slot.

9/11 Memorial Game and Community Tribute

Should be running this at here like a Should be running this at here like a three yard speed cut. But you see when three yard speed cut. But you see when And you see all this grass here. If we And you see all this grass here. If we run a three- yard speed cut, like that's run a three- yard speed cut, like that's where the ball should be, but we run it where the ball should be, but we run it too deep. But good job of our guys too deep. But good job of our guys adjusting on the scramble drill. Great adjusting on the scramble drill. Great This one here, Parker Penn's a This one here, Parker Penn's a quarterback. Um, it's good ball. Good quarterback. Um, it's good ball. Good job by Drew. And I'll say this, Max Hart job by Drew. And I'll say this, Max Hart out here at tight end. Really good job out here at tight end. Really good job getting on the high shoulder. I'd like getting on the high shoulder. I'd like to see him keep running his feet. Um, to see him keep running his feet. Um, but this is really good blocking out on but this is really good blocking out on the perimeter, especially by John Simon.

the perimeter, especially by John Simon. John Simon really I thought I mean John Simon really I thought I mean played at a high level uh in this played at a high level uh in this portion of the game for him. So it was portion of the game for him. So it was good to see we're on a swing here and good to see we're on a swing here and this shows Drew Drew Williams freshman this shows Drew Drew Williams freshman and Drew showed us on Friday night like and Drew showed us on Friday night like he's not afraid of the moment and uh he's not afraid of the moment and uh really played his tail off. So it was really played his tail off. So it was good to see him uh on this stage against good to see him uh on this stage against really quality competition. So very really quality competition. So very proud of him but um he's going to be one proud of him but um he's going to be one we got to get on the field more.

we got to get on the field more. But all we're trying to do here is out But all we're trying to do here is out leverage them with a swing type screen leverage them with a swing type screen here.

here. here. >> All right, we're back here. Coach Oakley >> All right, we're back here. Coach Oakley walking show. Coach, we have a big week walking show. Coach, we have a big week coming up, not just for football. Uh we coming up, not just for football. Uh we got the 25th anniversary of 911. So talk got the 25th anniversary of 911. So talk about that. Let's kick off with that. We about that. Let's kick off with that. We saw everyone sharing your post, your saw everyone sharing your post, your social media post about what's going on.

social media post about what's going on. So give us a little insight of uh what's So give us a little insight of uh what's happening on Friday night. happening on Friday night.

>> Yeah, I mean 911, these boys in the >> Yeah, I mean 911, these boys in the program, it's hard to believe. It's been program, it's hard to believe. It's been 25 years. they weren't alive on that 25 years. they weren't alive on that tragic day. Um, but Franklin County is tragic day. Um, but Franklin County is where I went to high school and really where I went to high school and really good friends with their head coach and good friends with their head coach and um, he had reached out about a t-shirt um, he had reached out about a t-shirt idea initially or a hoodie idea that idea initially or a hoodie idea that both staffs are going to wear a a 911 both staffs are going to wear a a 911 memorial hoodie. They're the Flyers or memorial hoodie. They're the Flyers or the Eagles. Same exact logo. So, it's the Eagles. Same exact logo. So, it's going to be American flag base. And we going to be American flag base. And we we really started taking this to a next we really started taking this to a next step. Um, so we have challenge coins step. Um, so we have challenge coins that we're going we're calling it hero that we're going we're calling it hero appreciation night. Also the 911 appreciation night. Also the 911 memorial game. So at the 15-minute mark

memorial game. So at the 15-minute mark before the kickoff and we're going to before the kickoff and we're going to call all first responders and military, call all first responders and military, former and active down on the field and former and active down on the field and they're going to be the 50 yard line. Uh they're going to be the 50 yard line. Uh we're going to do a standing ovation we're going to do a standing ovation just make sure we recognize them for just make sure we recognize them for those their selflessness and uh courage those their selflessness and uh courage and service. And we're going to hand and service. And we're going to hand each individual a challenge coin that is each individual a challenge coin that is custom made that has both LCA Franklin custom made that has both LCA Franklin County logos on the front says together County logos on the front says together we win because again this thing's we we win because again this thing's we talk about all the time like talk about all the time like >> bigger than >> bigger than >> it's way bigger than football. And on >> it's way bigger than football. And on the back side of the coin is going to the back side of the coin is going to have the 911 memorial logo we have. And have the 911 memorial logo we have. And um then we're going to do a moment of um then we're going to do a moment of silence for uh obviously those that lost silence for uh obviously those that lost their lives and those that lost their their lives and those that lost their lives on that day and also those that lives on that day and also those that lost their lives in combat. uh because lost their lives in combat. uh because so many people obviously were were so many people obviously were were impacted by a terrible terrible day. And impacted by a terrible terrible day. And then um singing the national anthem and then um singing the national anthem and then at the coin toss we have two then at the coin toss we have two coaches on our staff that are former coaches on our staff that are former military. It's Chad Adams and Joe military. It's Chad Adams and Joe Lebrick who are both going to leave our Lebrick who are both going to leave our lead our Thursday community devotion. Uh lead our Thursday community devotion. Uh which will be great. But um the cool the which will be great. But um the cool the really neat piece is again talking about really neat piece is again talking about two teams coming together for one common two teams coming together for one common mission and again talking about us being mission and again talking about us being able to play this great game is owed to able to play this great game is owed to a lot of these military members and a lot of these military members and service members that have uh given their service members that have uh given their lives so we can have our freedoms. So on lives so we can have our freedoms. So on one side will be Sam Bruff from Franklin one side will be Sam Bruff from Franklin County who I know Sam well. Uh he was County who I know Sam well. Uh he was actually John Hart who is Conrad Max's actually John Hart who is Conrad Max's dad. He was his first sergeant in the dad. He was his first sergeant in the military both which is so crazy. You got military both which is so crazy. You got two that so they're going to walk out two that so they're going to walk out together just to show again together just to show again >> that this is bigger than football. It's >> that this is bigger than football. It's two people from opposite sides that are two people from opposite sides that are um um um >> just so selfless and what they've done >> just so selfless and what they've done for our country. So it's going to be a for our country. So it's going to be a really special evening and I think really special evening and I think that's a kudos to Franklin County too that's a kudos to Franklin County too willing to be able to come together as willing to be able to come together as one. I know it's a big time football as one. I know it's a big time football game.

game. game. >> Uh it's game. >> Uh it's game. >> It's hard to get the emotions that high >> It's hard to get the emotions that high and then play a football game but like and then play a football game but like you said it's way bigger than a football you said it's way bigger than a football game.

game. game. >> It is. >> It is. >> So that's cool. So, it's something that >> So that's cool. So, it's something that everyone will want to experience, too.

everyone will want to experience, too. So, make sure everyone comes out and So, make sure everyone comes out and enjoys the game on Friday night. And enjoys the game on Friday night. And then talk about Franklin County. Um, I then talk about Franklin County. Um, I don't know if you can ever sit down and don't know if you can ever sit down and say they have an untalented Franklin say they have an untalented Franklin County team coming to come to play. So, County team coming to come to play.

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So, talk about Franklin County and what they talk about Franklin County and what they do very well, what we can expect from do very well, what we can expect from them.

them. them. >> Yeah, I think it's the same what people >> Yeah, I think it's the same what people say about us. It's like we're one and say about us. It's like we're one and two and everybody's like one and two, two and everybody's like one and two, like what's going on? It's like they're like what's going on? It's like they're one and two and they played a really one and two and they played a really tough schedule and they're a really good tough schedule and they're a really good football team and they're coached well.

football team and they're coached well. They've been to multiple state They've been to multiple state championship games and they're so close championship games and they're so close to getting over that hump. They're well to getting over that hump. They're well coached. They're disciplined, coached. They're disciplined, fundamentally sound. You know, they're fundamentally sound. You know, they're going to play hard. Um they are always going to play hard. Um they are always extremely physical. That game always is.

extremely physical. That game always is. >> So, >> So, >> So, >> they have another bruiser for running >> they have another bruiser for running back. back.

back. >> They do. And they're really good at the >> They do. And they're really good at the quarterback position and that's I and quarterback position and that's I and I'm close to like my parents still live I'm close to like my parents still live in Frankfurt so I see a lot of the stuff in Frankfurt so I see a lot of the stuff that they do and uh they do it the right that they do and uh they do it the right way. I mean, their youth league, their way. I mean, their youth league, their middle school, high school, all do the middle school, high school, all do the same thing. So, like when guys get same thing. So, like when guys get there, like they understand what they're there, like they understand what they're going to be coached to do. Uh, so it's going to be coached to do. Uh, so it's turned into a really good game for us to turned into a really good game for us to play. Like again, like play. Like again, like >> we lost last year at their place on a >> we lost last year at their place on a miss on a blocked extra point and like I miss on a blocked extra point and like I thought we were better for that thought we were better for that experience. Now, did I want to win? Like experience. Now, did I want to win? Like >> absolutely. But I mean, they challenge >> absolutely. But I mean, they challenge you in ways that other teams we've you in ways that other teams we've played don't. Yeah.

played don't. Yeah. >> Um so we're looking forward to the >> Um so we're looking forward to the challenge and that's again why you play challenge and that's again why you play these big games. Put our kids on big these big games. Put our kids on big stages and I'm I'm excited to watch our stages and I'm I'm excited to watch our guys play on Friday.

guys play on Friday. >> Talk about um the first part. So we're >> Talk about um the first part. So we're getting halfway through what we used to getting halfway through what we used to say that's the first part of the season say that's the first part of the season which is the pre-dist match. But so talk which is the pre-dist match. But so talk about that like our progression. We about that like our progression. We talked about a little bit before like talked about a little bit before like let's not talk about specifically what let's not talk about specifically what we need to get better at but like the we need to get better at but like the trajectory of our team to what everyone trajectory of our team to what everyone wants to do and be successful. Um, where wants to do and be successful. Um, where do you think we are now compared to um, do you think we are now compared to um, where you thought we would be?

where you thought we would be? >> Yeah, I mean the cool thing is I think >> Yeah, I mean the cool thing is I think we have learned like what we thought we have learned like what we thought about our team going in the Brian about our team going in the Brian Station scrimmage versus where we are Station scrimmage versus where we are now.

now. now. >> It's a completely different mind. >> It's a completely different mind. >> That's exactly what I was trying to get >> That's exactly what I was trying to get you to talk about.

you to talk about. >> Like that's it. It really is. I mean, >> Like that's it. It really is. I mean, we've changed our defensive scheme with we've changed our defensive scheme with what we were going to do based off what we were going to do based off personnel and I mean it's been a good personnel and I mean it's been a good change for us. So obviously Friday we change for us. So obviously Friday we did not play well on that side of the did not

play well on that side of the ball. Um but we've changed that a little ball. Um but we've changed that a little bit. We've bit. We've been playing around with personnel been playing around with personnel groupings on offense because we do have groupings on offense because we do have a lot of guys that are playing both ways a lot of guys that are playing both ways now on the back end that traditionally now on the back end that traditionally had not done that. They were one way had not done that. They were one way guys.

guys. guys. >> So in that like it's challenged those >> So in that like it's challenged those guys u which has been good. So, um, I guys u which has been good. So, um, I just think holistically when you look at just think holistically when you look at who we are, even at the kicking game, who we are, even at the kicking game, like we've changed a little bit about like we've changed a little bit about what we've been doing in that. So, um, what we've been doing in that. So, um, that's the cool thing about high school that's the cool thing about high school football is like you you're learning football is like you you're learning about yourself each and every week. I about yourself each and every week. I know every level is doing that, but high know every level is doing that, but high school is the again the purest form of school is the again the purest form of what it is. Like this is we're coaching what it is. Like this is we're coaching who's here and that's what's what's the who's here and that's what's what's the beauty of it. And um, every week there's beauty of it. And um, every week there's been something we've learned different.

been something we've learned different. And you look at the teams like North And you look at the teams like North Harden extremely athletic. I mean Harden extremely athletic. I mean extremely athletic. Palasi County is extremely athletic. Palasi County is athletic but they are bruisers downhill athletic but they are bruisers downhill humongous. Then you go play Cal who is a humongous. Then you go play Cal who is a completely different team than those two completely different team than those two together. It's all kinds of speed on the together. It's all kinds of speed on the field.

field. field. >> And then you're playing a Franklin >> And then you're playing a Franklin County team this week that is County team this week that is >> probably a hybrid of those.

>> probably a hybrid of those. >> It's it really is. So it's like you all >> It's it really is. So it's like you all those things are are great for some re those things are are great for some re many reasons. You got Lexon Kathy next many reasons. You got Lexon Kathy next week who's I mean extremely talented on week who's I mean extremely talented on defense. That's who that they Coach defense. That's who that they Coach Clark's not shy and saying that they Clark's not shy and saying that they hang their hat on defense. So it's like hang their hat on defense. So it's like every week's a different challenge. Like every week's a different challenge. Like obviously there's a little bit more obviously there's a little bit more sense of urgency right now with us being sense of urgency right now with us being one and two, but I'm also playing the one and two, but I'm also playing the long game. I tell our kids that all the long game. I tell our kids that all the time. It's like it's not the immediate time. It's like it's not the immediate like any people that has that instant like any people that has that instant gratification, which is what you talk gratification, which is what you talk about with young people in this world about with young people in this world today. Like they need to learn. Like today. Like they need to learn. Like there's more to it than just this short there's more to it than just this short like, oh, we want to win this week. like like, oh, we want to win this week. like I want one this week, but I also know I want one this week, but I also know what our end goal is and what we've got what our end goal is and what we've got to do to get to where we want to be when to do to get to where we want to be when it when it matters.

it when it matters. >> It seems like to me, and this is u this >> It seems like to me, and this is u this is my observation of your unsettlness is my observation of your unsettlness about the offense and making changes, it about the offense and making changes, it seems like to me even though you may seems like to me even though you may sleep less, be a little more on the sleep less, be a little more on the edge, that you like the challenge of edge, that you like the challenge of having to do something that's not having to do something that's not exactly what you thought you were going exactly what you thought you were going to do. Is that true?

to do. Is that true? >> Yeah. No, I mean that's I think any >> Yeah. No, I mean that's I think any coach loves that, right? And I tell our coach loves that, right? And I tell our guys all the time like you're not going guys all the time like you're not going to get better as a player if you don't to get better as a player if you don't make yourself uncomfortable. Well, guess make yourself uncomfortable. Well, guess what? As a coach for me, like you coming

what? As a coach for me, like you coming off of the year that we had last year, off of the year that we had last year, which is great, but every year is which is great, but every year is different. And like this has been different. And like this has been >> we've had some adversity hit. We've been >> we've had some adversity hit. We've been really good on offense here for a long really good on offense here for a long time. And this year's presented its own time. And this year's presented its own challenges, which for me is like I'm challenges, which for me is like I'm taking as like this is going to make me taking as like this is going to make me better as a coach, right? I know not a better as a coach, right? I know not a lot not everybody wants to hear that lot not everybody wants to hear that maybe, but like that's I mean I'm maybe, but like that's I mean I'm willing to take a step back and say like willing to take a step back and say like >> but what it does is like reinforces what >> but what it does is like reinforces what you said all along that you have to make you said all along that you have to make adjustments and you have to get better adjustments and you have to get better at it. So even though um you know we at it. So even though um you know we said several times last year that we can said several times last year that we can hang our hat on who returned on defense hang our hat on who returned on defense and then we we know that we're going to and then we we know that we're going to have some identity in that and then have some identity in that and then mainly because we didn't have as much as mainly because we didn't have as much as the offense went along there was a lot the offense went along there was a lot of clicking like the offense clicked a of clicking like the offense clicked a little bit better than last year and little bit better than last year and this year hasn't done that so far but it this year hasn't done that so far but it also I think is going to make the team also I think is going to make the team better when it matters the most when better when it matters the most when playoffs hit you're like okay we've been playoffs hit you're like okay we've been through that struggle we worked that through that struggle we worked that stuff out. If it naturally happened and stuff out. If it naturally happened and we were scoring 60 points a game, then we were scoring 60 points a game, then probably the arrogance that goes with probably the arrogance that goes with that or the confidence that goes with that or the confidence that goes with that, may not even be arrogance can show that, may not even be arrogance can show itself. You don't know. So, I think it's itself. You don't know. So, I think it's going to help us prepare for playoffs going to help us prepare for playoffs for sure. We don't want to look past for sure. We don't want to look past Franklin County and obviously don't look Franklin County and obviously don't look past Lexon Catholic and then the past Lexon Catholic and then the district play, but ultimately um they're district play, but ultimately um they're making deposits right now for what they making deposits right now for what they >> every everyone who's here that's not a >> every everyone who's here that's not a freshman or a senior that left kind of freshman or a senior that left kind of tasted the water and they like the way tasted the water and they like the way it tastes and they want to taste it it tastes and they want to taste it again. So if we're building towards again. So if we're building towards that, I think this helps us in the that, I think this helps us in the middle of the season. And if we needed middle of the season. And if we needed an example, which I don't think we did, an example, which I don't think we did, if we needed an example last year to say if we needed an example last year to say our record really doesn't matter when our record really doesn't matter when you're in the middle part of your you're in the middle part of your season, then that's these kids can rest season, then that's these kids can rest easy know that's the case.

easy know that's the case. >> All right. Give us some parting gifts >> All right. Give us some parting gifts for uh this week at Franklin. I always for uh this week at Franklin. I always let you talk to the crowd or talk to let you talk to the crowd or talk to somebody. Anything on your mind you want somebody. Anything on your mind you want to tell people who are listening?

to tell people who are listening? >> I think this week's just extremely >> I think this week's just extremely special just with the 911 memorial game special just with the 911 memorial game and the hero appreciation night. If and the hero appreciation night. If there's anybody in your family, anybody there's anybody in your family, anybody that you know that you would like to see that you know that you would like to see recognized for their selflessness and recognized for their selflessness and courage and service, please have them courage and service, please have them come out to the game. They'll be come out to the game. They'll be recognized at 7:15. They'll get a recognized at 7:15. They'll get a commemorative challenge coin. That's commemorative challenge coin. That's really, really cool. Um, it's going to really, really cool. Um, it's going to be a big celebration. And then on the be a big celebration. And then on the flip side, at halftime, a little bit flip side, at halftime, a little bit lighter event. It is homecoming as well.

lighter event. It is homecoming as well. Homecoming is earlier in the year this Homecoming is earlier in the year

this year just because the boys falls on fall year just because the boys falls on fall break and then Washington County senior break and then Washington County senior night. So there's no other real game for night. So there's no other real game for us to have as as homecoming. So um come us to have as as homecoming. So um come out for that as well. We'd love to see out for that as well. We'd love to see some former alumni coming out. Um but some former alumni coming out. Um but it's a fun group to watch. It's going to it's a fun group to watch. It's going to be a big time game, big time be a big time game, big time environment. We are the Fox 56 game of environment. We are the Fox 56 game of the week this week, which was uh I mean the week this week, which was uh I mean our kids can't ever say that they're not our kids can't ever say that they're not playing on big stages here. That's one playing on big stages here. That's one thing I told our staff.

thing I told our staff. >> You might get a little spoiled in that >> You might get a little spoiled in that standpoint, but we'll take it. standpoint, but we'll take it.

>> Yes. And that's what I said. So uh come >> Yes. And that's what I said. So uh come on out and support these guys because on out and support these guys because Friday is a big big game. I don't like Friday is a big big game. I don't like to talk about RPI a ton, but this week to talk about RPI a ton, but this week >> matters.

>> matters. >> matters. >> It these these next two matter because >> It these these next two matter because when you get into district play, you're when you get into district play, you're playing for district seating, but this playing for district seating, but this is more about um hoping to place is more about um hoping to place yourself in a position to potentially yourself in a position to potentially host some games in the playoffs.

host some games in the playoffs. >> Awesome. Well, we'll wrap up and >> Awesome. Well, we'll wrap up and hopefully be back here next week after hopefully be back here next week after your win. Thanks, coach.

your win. Thanks, coach. >> Thanks for joining us for the LCA >> Thanks for joining us for the LCA football [music] coach Oakley Watkins football [music] coach Oakley Watkins show. Tune in next week to hear from show. Tune in next week to hear from more LCA players and Coach [music] more LCA players and Coach [music] Oakley Watkins. Don't forget to contact Oakley Watkins. Don't forget to contact our sponsor, Dr. Jason Hunt, and the our sponsor, Dr. Jason Hunt, and the Joint Preservation Center for [music] Joint Preservation Center for [music] all your sports medicine needs. And all your sports medicine needs. And