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QUOTES FOR JEFF LEBBY, GLEN ELARBEE, DARRIEL MACK, WYATT MILLER, MICHAEL COLUBIALE, GABRIEL DAVIS, GREG McRAE

Q. Jeff, what about your quarterback's emergence now that he's had a couple of games under his belt and how far he's come?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: D.J.'s (Darriel Mack) done a great job putting himself in position. He put a lot of work in since last January. Excited for him to get out there and go have a great day on the 1st.

Q. Did you have a change a lot in the offense with him?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: We're going to be who we are. D.J. gives us the ability to do that and run our offense the way we want to run it and gives us the ability to do exactly what we want to do. Didn't have to change much.

Q. What's the latest on [McKenzie] Milton? What's the latest on McKenzie?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: McKenzie is here with us. He's had great reports. Every single doctor's visit has gone really good. Been really well. We're looking forward to him getting healthy.

Q. What's the next step for him?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: The next step for him is rehab. He'll go back in late January and have another surgery. Rehab until then and get ready to roll. But he's done really, really good. It is great having him here around us every single day and that part has been good.

Q. Is next season possible at all?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: Yeah, I think so. We'll wait and see, but, again, I think it's day to day with him. That's just the reality of it and working through it all with him and our medical staff and seeing where it goes.

Q. Are you going to request the medical or redshirt for him?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: Yeah, it is all day to day. It is how he's feeling, how the surgery goes, all of those things. Got to get a lot of things done before we get to that point.

Q. LSU's produced so much defensive NFL talent over the years. Even with a lot of guys not playing in the game, you don't expect much of a drop-off given what you're up against?



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OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: LSU is LSU because of the way they've recruited. They've recruited really well. They've got incredible depth. That's what's made them them. To me and to us, who they put on the field will be really good. That's who they are. That's who they've been. They've got a bunch of depth. They've done a great job recruiting, and so regardless of who's on the field, they're going to be good football players.

Q. What's the Fiesta Bowl environment like for you? What makes the bowl game special for you guys?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: It gives them the ability to do something they've never done before. It gives our families the ability to come out here and have a great week, and Fiesta Bowl is as good as it gets. At the end of the day it still is an opportunity for us to go and prove something on the field, and gives us the opportunity to go do what we want to do, which is go 1-0 and get a big win. So there's a lot of great things that come from this week. But our kids are having the ability to do something they've never done before, which is awesome.

Q. What you did learn about your team or what pleased you about him stepping into that championship game and playing so well?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR GLEN ELARBEE: Not sure it's learn about your team or learn about -- it's what they've been the entire year. I've been shocked every time you go into the locker room and it is calm. Guys are just -- never low, just ready to go on to the next challenge. You put plays up on the board, say that's how we want to adjust, and they go out and they execute it. That's who they've been this entire year, I think. They've made the 1-0 mantra, and that's really what they do. They focus on the task at hand and, man, if the pieces of the puzzle are a little bit different, it doesn't change the process they're going through.

Q. Coach Elarbee, I'm sorry -- what does it mean to you to be the offensive scoop -- especially it was former coaches that voted for you.

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR GLEN ELARBEE: I made a couple of friends who felt sorry for me and won me the award, but -- it is awesome, man. And really you put it back to anytime you get an accomplishment, it goes right back to one, guys I get to coach every day that make my job really easy. They're so super smart. I've told a lot of people in coaching them that I've learned from them every single day and they have helped me to grow as a coach, and they go out there and perform every day, and there's never an offensive line that is going to be any good if you don't have a McKenzie Milton, a D.J. (Darriel) Mack back there doing things, and then the running backs, A.K. (Adrian Killins) and Greg [McCrae] and tight ends blocking, and then you've got the receivers who give us a chance to run the ball. Those guys keeping the box light. It is a culmination of everything.

Q. Can you talk about how even keel the team has been through everything, particularly after [Milton] McKenzie's injury? How much has the way he handled it and the way D.J.'s [Darriel Mack] handled it, kind of helped him be that way? He seems as calm as you can be in this situation.



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OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR GLEN ELARBEE: That guy's not human, man. He really isn't. I've never been around a dude that way and I think it absolutely rubs off or is a part of this team. The way he has handled it and tried to be involved in every aspect of it. You see the way the guys truly love another brother on the team. Especially D.J. And I think -- you get a chance to -- everybody talks about the brotherhood term but he is a prime example of brotherhood you could ever have.

Q. Do you like LSU's 50/50 balls?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: It's who we are. It is finding ways to be aggressive, be on the attack, again, be who we are offensively. Finding ways to throw it around and throw it down field is what we're about. If you put on the tape, you'll see that. That's not anything new.

Q. How valuable was that Memphis championship game for Darriel [Mack], more so than the win but the fact that it is hard to replicate things in practice and a lot of things happened in that game. There were ups and downs and he was able to bounce back. Having a lot of different things transpire has to be valuable for him.

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: Absolutely it is. We talked about it coming into that week, obviously. It started at East Carolina, coming in against South Florida, playing the way he played, taking care of the football, those things. And then to come out against Memphis and have some things not go the way we wanted them to go early in the game but him finding ways to fight his butt off and put our team in position to success in the second half was special. It was fun to watch.

I think you get a lot of redshirt freshmen, 19-year-old kids get out there, bad things happen early in the game, they don't respond like he does. He did a great job. Everybody around him did a great job. We have good football players and that gives him a chance to bounce back the way he did.

Q. A lot of your players say that you're a character in the room. What does that mean?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: That's interesting. You know, I don't know. Probably because I have fun. I think we all got involved in this game, whether it be when we were 6 or 12, because it's fun. I think if we lose sight of that, then we've got issues. That's what this thing is all about, just having fun. That's why everybody started. I try to be that way every single day, have fun every single day, because as soon as people don't have fun, they're really not burning as hot as they can. So that's what it's all about.

Q. Randy Shannon was in here yesterday. He made the same comment. Having fun wasn't something that happens every place he's been. That's the biggest takeaway he's had from his time at UCF. Is that just something that maybe starts off the offensive side with Coach [Josh] Heupel or is that -- it seemed like it was pretty unique.

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: It is the culture Coach Heupel wants. It bleeds down through the entire building. It gives us the opportunity to walk in that building the same way every day, be the



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same guy every day, and have a bunch of fun. Because, again, that's what it's all about. Winning a bunch of games is a lot of fun too. That's made it easy.

Q. You did know Coach Heupel at Oklahoma?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: I did.

Q. He was coaching there?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: He came back as a GA. Once I was done playing, I was a student assistant. And we got to grunt it up a little bit for three or four years.

Q. So you guys were like the low man?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: There's no doubt about it. Still am. Yes, sir.

Q. What was the year like for you at Southeast?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: It was good. It was good.

Q. That's in Lakeland, right?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: It is. Coaching is coaching. Finding ways to score a bunch points and win a bunch of games regardless of who you're coaching or who you're doing it with is fun. I go back to that term. Had a lot of fun because we had guys buy in and score a bunch of points and win a bunch of games. So it was good.

Q. How did you hook up with Coach Heup (Josh Heupel) again?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: You know, when Coach Heupel got to Orlando, he gave me a call. I got in the car and drove over. So it worked out well.

Q. (Question regarding Jeff Lebbby's dad and Coach Josh Heupel).

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: No. My dad and Coach Heupel never were together. Coach Heupel and myself had been together in Oklahoma from '03 to '05.

Q. How did you enjoy the last year being with Coach [Josh] Heupel and seeing the success everyone's having?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: It has been great. Again, winning a bunch of games is a lot of fun. We have great kids. We have a great culture. We have kids that care about each other. We have



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coaches that care about each other, I think, which is unique. We've got an incredible staff. And it makes it fun coming to work every single day, being with these guys, sharing walls with these guys. When you're in the office as much as we are and you have the opportunity to share with people you care about, it is pretty special. We're going to hold on to that for a long time.

Q. How much of an awakening was it for you -- I don't know how much you knew about UCF five years ago when you guys played them -- was that an awakening for you? Were you aware of how --

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: I was aware. We watched them for a month.

Q. I'm talking about even before you started watching tape, were you aware of the potential of the program?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: Yeah, I mean, because I think there was some familiarity with our staff when I was in Waco playing in Conference U.S.A., playing UCF. So we had great awareness of the ability the players had, and the university was recruiting every single day. So we knew that it was going to be a great challenge then, and hopefully it is the same outcome this year.

Q. Was that ever in the back of your mind, hey, this is a sleeping giant type of program?

OFFENSIVE CO-COORDINATOR JEFF LEBBY: You knew it had the ability to be because it's in a major city. It is an incredible state. It is a great recruiting hotbed. Knew that it had the ability to take off and, you know, talked about this a bunch, but our brand right now is incredible. It is incredibly strong. But to me, five years from right now, got the chance to have as much growth as we've had in the last five years. And that's, to me, what is exciting as anything.

Q. How have the guys embraced everything and embraced a change here the last six weeks?

DARRIEL MACK: I know they definitely embrace me. They had a trust in me. I feel that. They just try and go out there and make plays for him.

Q. Have you had that moment yet -- was there a time in the Memphis game or the UCF game where you say everything's going to be good? Able to exhale?

DARRIEL MACK: Really for me it was when I got out there. It was crazy. I wasn't nervous. Palms weren't sweaty. I was just ready to go out there when it actually happened. I knew I was good. Made a couple throws, missed a couple throws, stuff like that. But I never really sat and got down on myself.

Q. Jordan [Johnson] said before you guys made the trip out here, no disrespect to McKenzie [Milton], we haven't missed a beat. This offense is just as fast. Did you feel that right from the get-go when you were taking snaps?



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DARRIEL MACK: Definitely. First day it was a little rocky. But really I just had to go out there and play the game I've been playing.

Q. You mentioned the moments with your family, talking and praying about. How important has that been for your faith to have your family involved in this process?

DARRIEL MACK: Having their support, having to keep my faith strong is always good for me because sometimes I may lose it a little bit just being there by myself, but having them around all the time has helped a lot.

Q. You think about when you came to campus last year, and I remember talking with you, and from that moment and kind of on the practice field and fall camp to this moment right here and being on the stage, what do you think about when you look at those kinds of -- that kind of transition?

DARRIEL MACK: A confidence thing. Having more confidence in myself. My teammates having the confidence in me has really helped me out a lot.

Q. What would you like in ten years, when people look back at this run and people look at what you guys have been able to do? What would you like them to say about this team and what you guys have been able to do?

DARRIEL MACK: That we really went out and we really tried to go 1-0, whether it was a rep at practice, whether it was the practice, whether it was the game. We just really tried to go out there and win the battles that we have.

Q. Coach [Randy] Shannon said yesterday one of the things that kind of stood out and impressed him the most about this team is normally teams do -- offensive players stay with offensive players and defensive players stay with defensive. You guys are friends with everybody on the team. It is a really big family atmosphere. Has that helped out a lot with what you guys have been doing?

DARRIEL MACK: From when I first stepped on this campus, I always felt like that. Not any cliques off to the side or anything like that. If we're somewhere, we're always together. Just being around that and being able to be around all of the brotherhood of the team has really helped us a lot.

Q. When you were growing up, was there a favorite player that you watched, an NFL player that you watched?

DARRIEL MACK: Growing up, it was Michael Vick. I got into high school, Cam Newton stepped on the scene, and haven't been able to stop watching him yet.



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Q. A couple of people said that they feel like your play and build is reminiscent of Cam Newton.

DARRIEL MACK: Right. People say that all the time, but even before I played quarterback Cam was one of my guys.

Q. What stood out about his -- his play and what he's been able to do?

DARRIEL MACK: Yeah, that and just the way he carries himself. Definitely a confident guy. That always stuck out with me.

Q. He's got a very fashion-forward style. Would you like to be able to take advantage of that someday and be able to express yourself through fashion a little?

DARRIEL MACK: People's styles. I think he's a flashy game, but I'm a more chill guy. Your bow tie is very nice.

Q. Thank you very much. Going into this week, what has been your mindset? There's so much -- not just the preparations for the game but you've got more stuff you have to do. What's been kind of your mindset?

DARRIEL MACK: Just trying to take it a day at a time. Enjoying the time we have here and the bowl events that we're at. Make memories with my brothers. When football starts, go out and practice and prepare.

Q. When you see guys like Wyatt [Miller] and Michael [Colubiale], seniors playing their last game, does that motivate you a little bit more?

DARRIEL MACK: Definitely. Definitely. Knowing they had a big impact on me while they was here. Whether they're teaching me lessons or just being a brother to me. Being able to go out there and win it for them. It means a lot to me.

Q. We've heard about all season it has been the 1-0 talk. It has taken on a mind of its own. Now the fans are into it. What embodies 1-0? It is humorous to -- hear you guys say it all the time.

DARRIEL MACK: Am I allowed to be completely honest? When some people say 1-0, around the country trying to win a game at a time. They really -- they think they mean it but they don't. Honestly, I can say everyone on this team, whether it is the coaches, the players, the fans, when they say 1-0, they really mean it. Whether it is going to win a rep, whether it's going to win practice, whether it's going to win a game. Any battle that we have, we try to go 1-0 at it.

Q. Impersonation is the highest form of flattery, right?

WYATT MILLER: That's right. That's exactly right.



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Q. If you win this game, it is 26 in a row. It carries into the summer. Again, is that kind of the motivation in this game?

WYATT MILLER: We don't look at streaks much. Our mantra, our motto, has been 1-0. Whether that be today's press conference, whether that be practice, whether it be weights, whatever. We want to win everything we do. I think that's what builds up to this streak that you're talking about. When you do the little things right, when you do your job, everything else takes care of itself. It is the little things that build into big things.

Q. That's something I'm learning today because anytime somebody talks about Central Florida, it is 25 in a row. But all of your players and coaches are saying the 1-0.

WYATT MILLER: Yes, sir. Mantra of the week. I think you have to have that focus on the small things or you're not in the position that we're in right now. When you look at the big scheme of things, it is easy to look past people. It is easy to look past teams and easy to look past like a weightlifting session. "Oh, it's not that big of a deal," when in reality, it is. If you don't win that, then you're not going to be whatever it is.

Q. Talking to your coaches, they say no matter who LSU's going to put out there, those guys are going to be good. So even with some of the guys going pro and getting hurt and whatever, you expect a tough defense?

WYATT MILLER: No doubt. You've seen some of the guys that are going to play on film and they've got guys all over the field that can play the game, and guys that are going to step in and not going to be much of any difference than what was in there before. I think that's a good challenge for us. We're excited about that.

Anytime you get to go and play against good players, guys that will make you better, it is a good opportunity. You never want to be complacent as far as "I don't want to play a good team." this team has a really good defense, and I think it is a good chance for our offense to showcase who we are.

Q. One of your teammates said you don't realize how out of shape you are until you run a tempo offense. So as an offensive lineman, you're a tackle. You look kind of lean still.

WYATT MILLER: I got the beach body going on, ya know?

No. It is different. You run all summer. All kinds of training and stuff. Then you get out there for the first day of pads or practice and you're like, Whoa!

Football shape is a completely different kind of shape than anything else. I can run all day. You get out there and put pads on and do it, it is a game changer.



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But no, it is fun, though. I think that's the only thing that makes me get through it, is when you're gaining that many yards and going that fast, I can be out of breath, but as long as we're putting points on the board, I'm fine with that. It is a true test, for sure.

Q. You've kicked it up even more this year than last year.

WYATT MILLER: Yes. Our offense this year is a lot faster than it was last year. Last year, we would get down and kind of see where the defense was going. This year, we're just going just as fast as we can. I think that's what makes our offense the attack that it is, that we're going to run what we're going to run no matter what you're in, and it's worked pretty well so far.

Q. What's it like to be part of this program? There's a lot of positivity. There's some people that, you know, don't like you guys, I guess. So how is that --

WYATT MILLER: Five years ago I couldn't have chosen a better place to be, through the ups and the downs. I've been here for awhile. And, you know, you see the growth of things, and I think that makes you appreciate something even more is when you see a place where it came from to what it is now. And, you know, obviously you're always going to have people that necessarily don't like you but aren't fond of what you're doing. That's all right with me.

I don't measure my success off of somebody else's opinion. So I think that's how this team is. We know that, like I said earlier, I think the Patriots -- their mantra is "do your job." I think that is the best way to explain anything in life. Any team aspect, you do your job and the guy beside you does his job, things are going to work out.

It doesn't always seem that simple but it is. In reality, you do your job. You do what you're supposed to do and things are going to be all right. And that's what this program prides itself on, is we don't worry about anybody else. We're going to do us. We're going to do what we're supposed to do and things are going to be all right.

Q. Your teammates say they have national championship hats that they wear and they believe in that.

WYATT MILLER: Yes, sir. I have one in my bag at the hotel right now.

Q. Fiesta Bowl people are good for you guys?

MICHAEL COLUBIALE: This is at the top of the list. They treat us really good. There's so many good things to do around the city, and really have enjoyed our experience so far.

Q. How you have enjoyed the play of Darriel Mack? He's had to step into a big stage. To you, how has he done?

MICHAEL COLUBIALE: He's done lights out so far to me. I have all trust in him and he's grown so much



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even since the conference championship game. He really came to work every single day during practice. All of the guys on the team gather around him and have even more trust in him now than we did back then. It is kind of crazy to see how much he's grown and how much of a leader he's been around the team so far.

Q. Do you pay much attention to the -- all of the outside stuff like, okay, UCF, they're saying the national champs but they're not. All of that kind of stuff. Does that bug you guys?

MICHAEL COLUBIALE: I mean, we try to stay away from the outside distraction, outside noise. We control what we can control. It has been the hot topic in the off-season. And, I mean, it is kind of hard not to listen to it and read the articles and read the tweets that everybody's posting. At the same time, it is kind of we handle what we handle. And it's nothing that we can control.

Q. So when you step away from the game -- you get away from practice, what do you do? Are you a video game guy? Are you a golfer?

MICHAEL COLUBIALE: I enjoy golfing. A lot of the guys on the team, we usually go out and play golf whenever we can. We wanted to play here but I don't know if we have time.

Q. What are your concerns with LSU from a defensive standpoint, offensively?

GABRIEL DAVIS: They're a great defense. I'm just ready to compete. Ready to compete against the best. I feel like they're the best.

Q. How do you guys knock out all of the outside noise around the program, the streak, people talking national championship, all of that kind of stuff? How do you do that?

GABRIEL DAVIS: I'm too busy during the week to be looking at all of them. I let them do. They want to take that and have fun with it and run with it, that doesn't matter. I'm ready to compete against the guys when it comes to game day.

Q. You've had a major switch at quarterback the past month. How's he done?

GABRIEL DAVIS: He's done good. D.J. [Mack] is a positive guy. D.J.'s confident in his play. He's ready to make plays.

Q. What does LSU have to worry about with you?

GABRIEL DAVIS: I'm a competitive guy. I love to play against the best. I love being in different situations. I feel like that's one thing. But, again, I know those guys love to compete as well. I know it will be a great competition when it comes January 1st.

Q. You guys feel like the underdog? Or you just take that mentality?



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GABRIEL DAVIS: Take that mentality. I feel like we're an evenly-matched team. We'll see what happens on the 1st.

Q. So every player, hopefully, during their career, has one play that stands out for them. What's your one play, that you're like, "That's my play. I did that"?

GABRIEL DAVIS: Whenever the ball is thrown in the air. I feel like you'll have that type of mindset that you're going to be the one to get to it. Be confident in your play, how you train.

Q. Who was your role model growing up in terms of a professional?

GABRIEL DAVIS: Larry Fitzgerald. Bigger receiver guy. Not the fastest. Real physical. Team player. I feel like Larry, definitely. Inspiration in my life. Because I remember watching him when I was 9 years old in the Super Bowl against the Steelers, when he took that post all the way to the house. I was number 11 at the time, too, so I followed him ever since then.

Q. Larry catches everything. So you pretty much catch everything?

GABRIEL DAVIS: You don't see Larry drop a ball.

Q. So coming out here to Fiesta Bowl, what's been the best thing about being out here? As far as how they're treating you and the things you guys are doing?

GABRIEL DAVIS: I love it. I love it. The Fiesta Bowl is definitely special. I love being in Arizona. It is definitely different for me, being from Florida. I feel like Fiesta Bowl, obviously we get free PlayStation, which is awesome. I find they treat us really well.

Q. What's the one thing outside of football when you step away from practice and you don't have that much study to do, what do you do? Video game guy? You play golf?

GABRIEL DAVIS: I like playing Fortnite and stuff. I like riding dirt bikes, too. I like riding dirt bikes and four-wheelers and stuff.

Q. What have you done to go 1-0 today?

GREG McCRAE: Woke up. Brushed my teeth. I'm here. 1-0.

Q. 1-0 is not just about football, is it?

GREG McCRAE: No, sir. It is an everyday life thing that we go through. Taking the little battles, trying to win them every time.



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Q. Coach Heupel, is he the guy that brought 1-0 into the forefront?

GREG McCRAE: It was either Coach Heupel or Nick Toth, special teams coach. When Nick said it -- first time it went over my head; the second time it resonated in my mind. 1-0. Then they were saying, Let's go 1-0 today. Let's go 1-0 in this battle. Let's go 1-0 right here. That's what has really -- that's really what it's been about. Taking things step by step. Little by little. And trying to win.

Q. Do you find yourself talking about 1-0 even when you're not talking to your football friends, like maybe you're talking --

GREG McCRAE: Sometimes I go home, I talk to my mom, and I say something like, "Let's go 1-0." She's like, "What are you talking about?" I'm sorry. Coach Heup, he's got me saying this to everybody.

Q. I was going to ask -- I'm doing a piece on D.J. [Mack] and his love of Cam Newton. Everyone said he's crazy about Cam. Does he talk about Cam all the time? It ain't so much talking about Cam but it's about the way he carries himself. You see him do things similar to Cam. Got a hand shake for almost everybody. That's the type of thing that you like. You see that, the way he carries himself. He loves all of his athletes -- all of the teammates. So being able to play with D.J. is amazing. I was on Twitter the other day and I was just scrolling and I seen a tweet about Cam Newton and, lo and behold, D.J. was the one that retweeted it. So that's how that goes.

Q. Wyatt [Miller] says he puts out a Cam Newton tweet before every game.

GREG McCRAE: I don't get on Twitter like that. It just so happened I got on Twitter and first thing that popped up was Cam Newton, and it was him retweeting.

Q. He likes to watch video of Cam when he comes into the locker room and stuff like that. Every so often before games, he likes to watch Cam Newton videos.

GREG McCRAE: I don't know.

Q. How do you like being in Arizona?

GREG McCRAE: Arizona's really cool. It is colder than I thought it would be. I thought it was going to be hot in the desert. Being able to see mountains, things like that, that's pretty cool. I've never seen a mountain before a day in my life. So seeing a mountain, being able to take those pictures, great scenery around, sending those pictures off to my mom, has been really something. She likes to see me having fun. Sending her pictures, that was really something that she liked.

Q. What's it been like seeing you be the first of these guys to receive scholarships this year in unique ways? What's it been like seeing guys rewarded for their hard work?



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GREG McCRAE: It means a lot to me because I used to talk to them every day and let them know that we're going to get through this together. I got my scholarship, and then the next thing you know, you got Jake Harris and Jon Powell. They work hard every day. We used to work out together. We used to compete with each other, things like that. We used to talk and, "You're going to get a scholarship." "You're going to get it."

We used to just pass it off, making jokes all the time, have fun. And to be able to see them be rewarded a scholarship has been a blessing in my eyes because they worked for it. They work hard every day. They come to practice and they don't complain. Being able to -- for them to be able to get that is just amazing.

Q. Do you think this is the most versatile running back group in the country?

GREG McCRAE: Yes, sir. We've got a running back that can do it all. Taj McGowan. Big guy is a senior. Taj is a big guy. Run downhill. Very strong guy in the weight room. He's strong. He lifts his O linemen. That's how strong he is. Adrian Killins is able to make people miss in a phone booth. He gets lost behind there. Shifty guy. Fast.

And Bentavious Thompson, he's a very versatile back, and he's going to be a really good back for this school one day. Honestly, I think he'll probably be one of the best running backs to come through UCF. Bentavious [Thompson].

Just the running back group, we do it all, in my opinion.