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An Interview With:

**DETRON LEWIS  
TAYLOR POTTS  
MARLON WILLIAMS**

**Q. Overall, how do you feel you did tonight against this team?**

DETRON LEWIS: I felt we did pretty good. We came out pretty excited. I think, you know, the excitement kind of dwindled down in the second quarter, and we got kind of lacks because we got 21 and up, up 21. But overall, we did pretty good. We've got to work out some kinks, but we'll start tomorrow for the next game.

TAYLOR POTTS: I think Detron is right. I think we got lackadaisical there in the second quarter. We got kind of happy with ourselves, and we've got to stay excited. We've got a full season and we have to stay excited throughout the whole thing. We can't slow up; we can't let up. We let up against anybody else, it's going to come back to bite us in it the butt. I thought we did some good things, but we have to stay consistent. We can't have good plays, bad plays good, plays.

We have to stay on the same level and stay consistent to start this rest of the season.

MARLON WILLIAMS: Yeah, I think it's one of the things where you get up and you see the victory before you actually get it. And I think we've just got learn to keep attacking, keep playing all 60 minutes, but I think it's just, you know, mentally going through a full game which we haven't done.

So mentally you kind of start to break down a little bit, and just the intensity of an actual, live game, the intensity of playing somebody else changes and I think once people start settling down and really getting into what we do on offense and defense and special teams, we'll be able to push all the way through 60 minutes and really just put people away.

**Q. What was it like getting your first start today?**

TAYLOR POTTS: It was a lot of fun. I had a blast out there. I had not played a full game since, you know, several years. You know, it's been since high school that I've played a full game.

You know honestly I felt like I held this offense back. I think I was responsible for holding us back on offense. I did a lot of things -- I did a lot of things I know I shouldn't do and a lot of things I know that kind of aren't my style or my technique.

For one, I was kind of throwing off my back foot several times, which I never do, and I don't do and that's not kind of how I played and how I throw the ball. I definitely will fix that and have the commitment to the team to fix something like that, if there's a problem. You know, it was a blast playing. I had a great time playing. And I'm really glad we got the win, but you know, personally, I've got a few things to work on and I'll start tomorrow.

**Q. Interceptions, do you feel there was some bad decisions right there or really just kind of throws?**

TAYLOR POTTS: Yeah, you know, I think it was a combination of both. You know, a couple of them, I thought I could, you know, kind of out-throw the coverage and use my arm and once again, threw off my back foot and threw in a style I'm not familiar with and it didn't work out good.

You know, the interceptions were drive killers and killed this offense and that's why I feel like, you know, I held this offense back. But I thought the defense was good. The interceptions, wasn't anybody else, but me and like I said, I have a commitment to fix it.

**Q. Why the difference, you've played in other games, and you've talked about your form was a little different today; was it jitters, nerves?**

TAYLOR POTTS: I don't know. I couldn't really put a finger on it. I don't know why I was doing it. I mean, it won't happen again. I will, you

know, I was telling the receivers and I was telling the offensive line, it won't happen again.

You know, I can't really put a finger on what it really was.

**Q. How much did this team remind you of Eastern Washington last year, wouldn't beat themselves, all in the right spot and just brought it all game long?**

DETRON LEWIS: This year I wouldn't consider the same as last year because we came out pretty excited and we respected them because you know, we didn't respect the team last year but we came out and respect them this year. We came out pretty excited. So I don't think it was the same at all. It was on ourselves. Like Potts said we got lackadaisical and this is just how they play.

**Q. Can you guys talk about defense, did it feel good to get out there and hit someone else, what did you take away from it defensively?**

MARLON WILLIAMS: Just you know when you play somebody, defense is all about fundamentals, it's not about big plays or the interceptions, per se. It's just about the fundamentals, playing play-in, play-out, being consistent. First drive, we come out and get a three-and-out, and we just couldn't get that next three-and-out.

I think it's just partly coaches making the call, just the first game, you're jittery, you're a little nervous and you don't quite execute the call like you're supposed to. Instead of being in B gap, you're in A gap. And I think for them, this was a big game for them, so they wanted to come into the game making sure we got everything right. So they just capitalized on our mistakes.

And I think defensively when we get all our fundamentals together, when you're second team can play just as goods as the first team, when everybody is on the same page swirling to the ball humming, this is just a small scratch on the surface of what we can be as a defense, because we are going to run to the ball, we are going to make plays when plays come our way and we are just relentless. We have a mind-set of just never stopping, just never, ever stopping. And I don't care how many points we are up or how many points we are down, we are coming after you.

**Q. Marlon, there was some questions, you know, about the defense, defensive line losing a bunch of guy and the secondary being**

**all young, can you tell us how they played today?**

MARLON WILLIAMS: Yeah, man, I think -- well, starting with the D-Line, I think D-Line played very well. You know, I didn't get touched by a lineman hardly the whole game. I was able to run around, make a lot of plays, you know, and a lot of third down situations, the starting quarterback couldn't even stay in the pocket, he was trying to break out of the pocket and make something happen. So D-Line held up their part of attacking and never stopped attacking all the way through the end, d-tackles.

Linebacker-wise, I think, you know, we had a couple mistakes, but I think we played hard. We fit in our gaps when they ran the ball and we did well in pass coverage. It wasn't a perfect game but we were there, and I think secondary really stepped up man. I really think that Franklin and Cody, not playing a lot, LaRon not playing a lot, I think they really took heed to what we were doing as defense and I think they really stepped up more than what I thought they were and I think they held their own.

**Q. Can you talk about the last drive, do you feel like you end the game the way you wanted to with the touchdown to Adam?**

TAYLOR POTTS: Yeah, I think so. I think we ended the game the way we wanted to. We had an opportunity to score and we did. You know, a lot of times throughout the game, we didn't take advantage of those opportunities that they gave us, and yeah, we finished on a good note. Obviously scoring touchdowns is always what you want to do, and I felt like we finished good.

You know, overall, I think we had a good game. There's just a few things that kind of killed us every now and then and a few penalties and stuff here and there that kind of hurt us. But kind of first game, a year or two ago, I think the first game we had 13- or 18-something penalties. It's kind of a first-game deal and once you get back in the rhythm, we'll be all right. So this next week starting tomorrow, this next week of preparation, you know, we are going to iron out the kinks and we'll be good to go.

**Q. Can you talk about the game you had tonight, seemed like you were real comfortable moving around however you wanted to move around, can you talk about that**

**a little bit?**

DETRON LEWIS: Yeah, I felt pretty comfortable, a year experience last year, I felt pretty good against these guys. I studied on a lot of film going into the game and they done exactly what they showed on film so I felt pretty comfortable tonight.

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