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Claire Kramer: Thank you all for joining us today. We're going to go ahead and get started. In a few moments with Coach Kelly. As a reminder, please use the raise hand function when you have a question.

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Brian Kelly: Yes, a one time and

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Claire Kramer: Right coach and it looks like we are ready to begin. If you are

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Claire Kramer: Coach, I believe you're muted.

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Brian Kelly: How's that

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Claire Kramer: You're good to go.

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Brian Kelly: A lot of people would like to mute me

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Claire Kramer: Alright, we will go ahead and start it off with a question from Patrick angle.

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Patrick Engel: If Brian in the first quarter is in the last three games. Seems like you guys have really been able to

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Patrick Engel: Create a long drive and score and and really put

yourself in a position to avoid any kind of early whole how big of an emphasis is that Ben is just wanting to establish that and and just avoid any potential for early holes, basically.

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Brian Kelly: Well,

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Brian Kelly: I'd rather that we score quicker, quite frankly, we put ourselves in a difficult situation with a you know a penalty that

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Brian Kelly: You know, put us behind the chains and, you know, we had to. We had to overcome, you know, a couple of mistakes during that drive but you know the nature of of what we were going up against with

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Brian Kelly: You know, two high safeties and you know deep coverage. You know, we couldn't push the ball down the field as quickly as we'd like. But we were extremely methodical and you know excellent on third down and

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Brian Kelly: You know, obviously a very, very good drive. I mean, I don't want to take anything around. I'll think it was a 1515 play drive

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Brian Kelly: So yeah, anytime you open up the game with a score and overcome some third down situations, but we don't script it for 15 plays. I mean, we had to overcome some mistakes along the way. So we need to clean that up.

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Claire Kramer: We'll go next to a question from Eric Hansen.

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Eric Hansen: Brian, I know you like to talk about playing to the standard. How do you feel like your defense did that today. And do you think this has the potential to be your best defense.

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Brian Kelly: Yeah, I mean, we made some critical errors in the second half that we really don't make too many 15 yard penalties.

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Brian Kelly: You know I you know I look we had, we had one pressure, where we were supposed to appeal. We didn't just some attention to detail things that we need to clean up some Miss tackles

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Brian Kelly: You know, we didn't play a lot of snaps in the first half. We had a good stop in the first drive after a big play and we come back you know offensively and score and, you know, make it 24 seven. I thought that was a good

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Brian Kelly: You know, a good transition there but

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Brian Kelly: You know, I, it's a really good defense. There's no doubt. I mean that's that's a good offense. They've got some skill players, they've put up a lot of points this year against a number of different opponents.

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Brian Kelly: I think if you ask Clark and I and you know how we played

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Brian Kelly: There are some things that we've got to clean up going into next week against a better opponent. And that's how we feel about our defense.

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Claire Kramer: Well, right next to Pete Samson.

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Pete Sampson: Brian I think after all these games we talked to you about, you know, upping the standard or maybe BOOK, MAKING US row or picking up a blitz or not fumbling but

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Pete Sampson: I guess it's some of the things you didn't do well. But when you have somebody like Kyle Hamilton at the back. Does that erase some of that.

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Pete Sampson: Does that is that sort of one of the big points of optimism moving next week that you have a player who can really erase a lot of things on his own.

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Pete Sampson: Well, I mean, I

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Brian Kelly: There's more than that, Pete. I mean, Kyle Hamilton is no doubt a, you know,

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Brian Kelly: For us.

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Brian Kelly: For me,

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Brian Kelly: You don't get many players of that caliber and you know he sniffs out the two point plays. He's all over the field.

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Brian Kelly: But elevating the play of Dalian Hayes might be singularly as important as anything that happened today, he was

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Brian Kelly: He was at a different level of play if he can continue to play at that level, with a Kyle Hamilton.

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Brian Kelly: And and the other pieces to this defense.

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Brian Kelly: Then we're going to get to where we want to be, you know, and so we just need to, I guess, the long story of this answer to your

question is we need to continue to surround other playmakers with a known playmaker and Kyle Hamilton, that's when this defense starts to really become special

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Claire Kramer: Well the next to Pete burn.

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Pete Byrne: I coach. I know after the game, ESPN or ABC fill you in on the information on Trevor Lawrence, not being able to play next week. I'm curious if after this game just now you address Clemson at all with your team, and if so, what, what was your message to them.

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Brian Kelly: Well,

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Brian Kelly: I address them I address Kwanzaa in two weeks ago. So I would think you would think that I addressed him after the game.

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Brian Kelly: So yeah, we talked about cleansing. We've been waiting to play clumsy, but we wanted to play Clemson when we upped our, our performance level and

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Brian Kelly: I wouldn't say it was our best performance today. But, you know, we did some good things. And we've been preparing for this opportunity to play.

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Brian Kelly: The best team in the country and cleansing at home. So our guys are excited about it, they're ready to go back to work. They, you know, it's a short week we go right back tomorrow because of Tuesday, being an off day

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Brian Kelly: The guys were right back at it tomorrow. So they're excited

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Brian Kelly: They're going to be a little bit tired but no Clemson will be too. They got to go right back, get on a plane.

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Brian Kelly: I assume that. Well, I don't know if they were home or away, but we're gonna get on the plane and they'll get some rest and get right back at it. But yeah, they're they're excited about this opportunity to, you know, play

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Brian Kelly: You know, the gold standard and cleansing and so you know they're excited about it.

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Claire Kramer: For the next two Tim O'Malley.

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timothyomalley: Just wanted to follow up, but your comments on Dale and as I mean you've seen him play 50 games for you now.

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timothyomalley: Three times as many practices. Is it something you saw coming. Is it just that he has been continuing to work in it paid off today what where I guess where did this production come from. He's always played well but this just seems to stick out more than others.

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Brian Kelly: Yeah, Tim, it's, it's been coming in that his, his focus

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Brian Kelly: He's been single minded in his focus

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Brian Kelly: For the last month or so in terms of really his craft and I just seen a different player when it comes to wanting to be a dominant player in football Damon's always been a good player.

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Brian Kelly: But he's been good at a lot of things, you know, both on and off the field. He has made a choice, a conscious decision that he wants to be a great player and it is, it's just been

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Brian Kelly: fun to watch this kind of coming together on the practice field and now it's it's starting to show itself on the game field and it's it's his. It's his dedication to how he's been practicing and and we're seeing it come to fruition.

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Claire Kramer: Well the next to john centering

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johnfineran: Ryan, I wonder if you would a

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johnfineran: Critique the performance of Ian today and also talk a little bit about the play of the JV McKinley and and Joe welcome today.

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Brian Kelly: Yeah, Ian was

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Brian Kelly: was was was pretty darn good 18 for 26

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Brian Kelly: You know 200 yards, the ball came out quick

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Brian Kelly: And what, what if you saw but you know there are a couple times where he was late on some some reeds. He was not late this today. He was his timing was really good. He shortened up is dropped a little bit ease tighter on his drop really liked his efficiency today.

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Brian Kelly: You know, it's like anything else, you know, we'd like to see a couple more here and there, but it was a really good day for one that we can continue to build off of john McKinley was was also quite good.

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Brian Kelly: You know, we had been last week, make some big plays for us this week divine made some some big plays for us and and you know that's

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Brian Kelly: You know, that's the nature of what we'll probably see most of the year. You know, we've got two big receivers on the outside that are also very capable of

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Brian Kelly: Catching run and and both of them have now contributed in consecutive weeks with with the runs after catch and I've been saying for quite some time that I'd felt like they were both capable of being productive players and they have been and

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Brian Kelly: You know they've shown that and, you know, I think. Yeah. Yeah, they've read to the mix and and Avery. Avery has been really steady for us as well.

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Claire Kramer: Right next to George, for sure.

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George Bashura: Hey, Coach. Quick question about cairon Williams. You guys are driving there at the end of the first quarter.

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George Bashura: Cairo and gets the ball and fumbles the ball to 10. What was the coaching moment cuz I know you like to do that. West a coaching moment to end when it comes off the field after the fumble

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Brian Kelly: Yeah, I mean, you know, you're the first thing you're, you're just re emphasizing the things that he needs to do in that situation, you know, he's trying to get extra yardage. This is a defense that's trying to rip it the ball.

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Brian Kelly: But also that we we trust you. And you know, similar to, I think, might have been the Florida State game where where he fumbled we put them right back in the game and you saw what he did. He was



outstanding. And we put them back in the game and we trust them.

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Brian Kelly: You know, it's hard sometimes to overcome a 97 or 93 yard return for a touchdown, but we were able to

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Brian Kelly: But, you know, those, those things, you know, you can't you can't do that too many times and and hope to come out on the winning end of things. So you're just trying to be positive with them mistakes are made. We're not perfect.

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Brian Kelly: But next time in there. You got to do a great job holding on the football.

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Claire Kramer: We'll go next. Angela de Carlo.

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Angelo Di Carlo: Code show. I'm curious what your initial reaction was, when you first heard that your lines to test positive either, you know, Thursday night or Friday morning and

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Angelo Di Carlo: I knew you just found out that he was out for next week's game. Now that you've had a few minutes to think about it, your reaction to that as well.

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Brian Kelly: Yeah, when I heard he got the virus and I first thing if it goes you know hope he's okay hope he doesn't

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Brian Kelly: Have you know any lingering effects that that affects him. He's the best player in college football. Then after that, you're like a little the viruses indiscriminate it doesn't care. The virus is going to do with the virus does

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Brian Kelly: And and then, you know, you start to think. All right, is

he, is he going to play you know I'm sure he's going to play. And then I heard today that is not going to play, which is, you know, probably the safest thing. It's too bad. He's not playing

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Brian Kelly: You know you want you want the best players to play, but I'm look

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Brian Kelly: Kid to play today is, you know, five star recruit as well and

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Brian Kelly: He I know he's not Trevor Lawrence, but

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Brian Kelly: You know, they're not going to come to South Ben shorthanded

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Brian Kelly: It's a shame that Trevor's not playing

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Brian Kelly: We wish them, you know, good health and a speedy recovery.

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Brian Kelly: But there'll be well four to five with an outstanding quarterback, who played today against BC.

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Claire Kramer: We'll wrap it up today with Tyler James

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Tyler James, South Bend Tribune: O'Brien. I'm curious what you thought of how the offensive line pass protection is gone last two games. Certainly.

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Tyler James, South Bend Tribune: A BIG CHALLENGE AGAINST Pittsburgh

are the big defensive front and then today seemed like Georgia Tech was able to impact some of the passing game with with the pressure that were put on you.

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Brian Kelly: Yeah, you know, I thought I'd have to

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Brian Kelly: I'd have to go back and look at it. I mean, there were there were times that, you know, and had to escape, but

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Brian Kelly: You know 18 for 26 you know he had he had time on a number of third down when you're 10 or 15 on third down, you're not looking to chase anybody down saying the quarterback didn't have any time to convert third downs. Can we be better. Absolutely.

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Brian Kelly: But like on my list of things. It's probably not going to be the first thing that I'm chasing down is our, you know, our protection issues against Georgia Tech there's other things that we've got to get better at across the board.

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Brian Kelly: Yeah, I mean, they got they got some penetration and

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Brian Kelly: missed a couple of opportunities down there. But by and large really didn't jump out at me, as you know, when I take notes on the sideline that what the heck's going on with our protection today.

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Claire Kramer: And we will wrap it up with that, thank you very much. Coach

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Claire Kramer: Thank you.