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Matt Paras: We'll get started with Coach Kelly coach. Do you have an opening statement, or do you want to go straight to questions.

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Notre Dame Football: No, I'll make an opening statement.

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Notre Dame Football: Really, really great win on the road against an outstanding opponent, North Carolina, you know, prolific offense. Our defense was outstanding. Especially in the second half. But, you know, one of those road wins that

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Notre Dame Football: Really shows the Medal of your football team.

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Notre Dame Football: Offense defense.

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Notre Dame Football: You know, was outstanding.

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Notre Dame Football: You know, I thought that

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Notre Dame Football: You know, in all phases, especially in the second half the way our defense played and then our offense, you know, running the ball throwing the ball in Book was outstanding cairaon Javan and then defensively.

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Notre Dame Football: You know, Drew White was outstanding. I day was relentless in the pressure and then you know we're playing without our arguably our

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Notre Dame Football: Our bellwether player in the back end and Kyle ham within our safety PLAY WAS OUTSTANDING brown and and Griffith Houston Griffin was outstanding. And certainly, Shawn Crawford so great victory on the road gets us to our ninth win and puts us in a in a great position to

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Notre Dame Football: To to Clinton an ACC birth in the championship game.

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Notre Dame Football: With one more win. And so our guys are looking forward to playing a home for for next week so good when

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Matt Paras: Your first question will be from Eric Hansen.

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Eric Hansen: Brian, a couple things. One, what did Clark Lee dial up there after

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Eric Hansen: Kyle Hamilton one out. I mean, that

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Eric Hansen: That was an amazing turn of about situation. The other is Josh login Z corral after they settled in. How do you feel like they played

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Notre Dame Football: Well, a couple of things. You know, I thought we our game plan was outstanding. You know, we

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Notre Dame Football: Look, you know, having a little bit of the time off and then playing a prolific offense like North Carolina. It was a little bit like I gave the analogy.

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Notre Dame Football: To our staff like coming out against the triple option. It was fast. We needed to acclimate a little bit. And once we did. We really liked our game plan, we thought that we had some things that they hadn't seen before, we're able to take away some of their glance reads off of the IPO.

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Notre Dame Football: Which made it difficult for them in certain situations.

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Notre Dame Football: And and we were able to do it with moving our safeties around. So I thought, I thought the plan was outstanding. And the players executed it

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Notre Dame Football: Extremely well this was, as well as our group played in the back end, even when Kyle went down.

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Notre Dame Football: You know, Houston and DJ and Sean played extremely well and assignment correct great communication. It wasn't like

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Notre Dame Football: One of the huge things that we we felt like we needed to get better at was the communication back there. And they did a great job. I thought that

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Notre Dame Football: Zeke did a great job stepping in. You know, I think, you know, as a first time starter, you know, to get

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Notre Dame Football: The kind of ball control that we had, especially in the second half, you know, your centers. Got to be doing a great job with protections. They threw a lot of stuff at us, that we hadn't seen before is recognition was really good, and Josh lug

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Notre Dame Football: You know, really stepped in. There is a big

fella, he can get you can get, you know, people moved off the line of scrimmage. And, you know, again, we knew that these both these guys were going to step in and play well for

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Matt Paras: Your next question from Pete Samson.

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Pete Sampson: Brian. It was curious if this was a good example of sort of the complimentary play between Tommy racing Clark Lee two coordinators working together and then also a specific play the

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Pete Sampson: Sort of end around us Quranic for a touchdown, the beginning of the third quarter. What you guys liked about that, look, I mean, you've run concepts like that, but never with skurnik

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Notre Dame Football: Then we'll take offense to that Pete

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Notre Dame Football: He we had been kind of kicking him during the week, you know, listen, you know if if we do this, you have to score on this or we're going to take a ton of crap from guys like Pete Sampson so

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Notre Dame Football: He just listened. He's physical and we felt like we were going to get the edge on this particular formation based upon what we had seen the red zone.

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Notre Dame Football: And we just looking, you can do that or you can just throw you know a quick spot route out to a big guy like that and he can bully himself into the end zone.

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Notre Dame Football: So this was a lead hat that he was going to get. And you know he's a big long Strider and a guy that we felt pretty confident that

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Notre Dame Football: You know he's, he can he can pick them up and put them down. And so it was it was a play that we really like as it relates to the coordinators.

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Notre Dame Football: Yeah, I mean, we're constantly you know that's that's my job to be communicating with both coordinators and to

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Notre Dame Football: You know, set this up, like we had five, you know, three and four and outs and

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Notre Dame Football: You know we huddled quite a bit, you know, we're taking some time off the clock, but we still wanted to stay aggressive, as you know,

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Notre Dame Football: You know, in the third quarter, you know, we were backed up. We didn't try to milk the clock. We through what we call piston, which was the deep post

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Notre Dame Football: To McKinley to open it up and and I said, Tommy. You want to be aggressive stay aggressive. Let's not let's not go back in, you know, sit on this thing we've been really good being aggressive let's let's keep doing it. And so

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Notre Dame Football: It's that constant communication of Tommy Rees knowing when to be aggressive and then same thing with Clark, Clark knew when to be aggressive and dial it up and we're just really fortunate we get to really good coordinators that work well together.

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Matt Paras: I next question will be from Austin off.

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Austin Hough: Brian, how would you describe in books shovel pass to Michael Mayer there, the third quarter.

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Notre Dame Football: playmaker playmakers make place you know he was confident in his ability to make a play in that situation, and he wouldn't tell you it's something that

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Notre Dame Football: You know he's you know expects to do at any one time. But look, you let guys play and you know he's a

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Notre Dame Football: He's a playmaker he was he was the quarterback. I mean, I read an article and USA Today from some guy that really shouldn't be writing articles about football. He's, you're probably

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Notre Dame Football: Doing something else, but they listened to the top 10 quarterbacks, I think in college football and they didn't even this then so

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Notre Dame Football: He's got a little fuel. He's got a little chip on his shoulder as well and

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Notre Dame Football: He

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Notre Dame Football: He won, he won the match up tonight so

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Notre Dame Football: He's a, he's a guy that makes place and again they made a great play in that that situation.

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Matt Paras: Next question will be from john filtering.

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johnfineran: By Brian, I was wondering

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johnfineran: How important was it for you tonight to have the time of position that you did and and how that relates to the play that you got from your OFFENSIVE LINE WITH TWO GUYS stepping in this week.

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Notre Dame Football: John it's all important. I mean, I think the most important thing tonight was you know the the

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Notre Dame Football: The belief that we have been the guys that step in, like, we believe in Zeke, you know,

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Notre Dame Football: Here's a kid that there's just been waiting for his opportunity highly recruited player. We've got great trust in them. And same thing with Josh log

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Notre Dame Football: Same thing with Houston Griffin when he stepped in with Kyle hamels we believe in these guys and we love these guys and trust them. And so they went out and they played at a high level.

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Notre Dame Football: All of these things are important, but I think at the end of the day is that when we went into the locker room at halftime and 17 seven I looked at it. I said,

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Notre Dame Football: Now you got to understand we're going to take this one play at a time. And this is going be fighting for every blade of grass, but

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Notre Dame Football: You guys are capable of doing this. Let's go out and do it and they they did it. This is on them that

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Notre Dame Football: The players made the plays necessary for this game to turn out the way it did and we missed a chippy I mean john doors sick about it. I mean john makes those in asleep or this is a 3417 games so

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Notre Dame Football: Again, a dominating performance in the second half, because our players were locked into all of those things.

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Matt Paras: Your next question will be from Patrick angle.

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Patrick Engel: It Brian going back to what you said about the triple option kind of analogy because of the layoff. How much in game adjusting was there. You guys did, or was it kind of just a thing where it was wait it out and let it come to us because of that layoff.

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Notre Dame Football: Our we made a couple adjustments there. There are a couple things that we had to do on the counter. We had to

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Notre Dame Football: We made a couple of adjustments we squeezed it a little bit. We chased it from the backside we you know we did some things a little bit to shrink. Some of those lanes that helped us

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Notre Dame Football: In the past game.

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Notre Dame Football: You know, we were dropping an end to get underneath you know some of their glands throws. So there was some adjustments that were made, but by and large the game plan was in it was executed flawlessly.

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Notre Dame Football: It was well developed well planned and and but at the end of the day was extremely well executed.

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Matt Paras: Next question will be from

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Tim Priester

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Tim Priester: I normally bring Leah file in and share the spot with Simon, but you stuck with them. I wonder if that's just his speed and quickness, and the momentum that he gained playing

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Tim Priester: And then secondly, North Carolina came into this game. Haven't scored 103 points in the fourth quarter. You guys pitch a shutout. You must be really proud of your defense game on the line.

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Notre Dame Football: Yeah, I really am. Tim, I mean, I think, you know, there's a lot to be said about holding this offense to under 300 yards. That's a

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Notre Dame Football: That's a pretty big accomplishment in terms of what they were able to do boy that two backs and those backs of legit. Now they are legit backs.

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Notre Dame Football: Well, then we're averaging over 100 yards. I think they had combined at seven yards rushing today. That's an outstanding defensive

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Notre Dame Football: Effort today and then an offense that, you know, was very opportunistic and balanced, you know, 280 yards passing yards rushing but the point of the of this is Maris media file.

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Notre Dame Football: You know what we've got great players and great depth there, you know, Shane started us off. But we wanted to do some things and tracking

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Notre Dame Football: Again, the arpeggios with somebody that has some real good length and quickness and Maris gotten the passing lane, a couple of times the flood that a ball.

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Notre Dame Football: was difficult to read, didn't know exactly what he was doing and cause some hesitation on whether there was going to be a pole or throw and and Maris can do that with his length and quickness. And so he was he was very important in this game plan and developing the game plan for us.

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Matt Paras: Your final question will be from Tim O'Malley.

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timothyomalley: Coach McKinley search continues along with the book. It seemed every time book needed something, second and third down downfield. He was the guy to take a shot with again tonight.

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Notre Dame Football: Yeah, he was. I mean, we'd like the matchups. I mean, the kids going to go up and get the football. But let's not underestimate the precision on the sideline, you know, we had, we had two really key plays that he made tight rope and sideline. And then if you add a third

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Notre Dame Football: Where, where he just makes a play.

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Notre Dame Football: You know out of, out of nothing. I mean, he's just he can do a little bit of everything for us, whether it's a Dr. Rob coming across the field, whether it's down the field or timing routes on the sideline.

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Notre Dame Football: We've got a guy that

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Notre Dame Football: Can do a lot force. And so, as that continues to grow.

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Notre Dame Football: And book is looking for a guy like that.

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Notre Dame Football: You know it's it's it's great to see Joe come in and catch a really

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Notre Dame Football: Big, big throw for us on the sideline as well.

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Notre Dame Football: So everybody's contributing everybody's got a piece of this, everybody is excited about where we are.

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Notre Dame Football: But the most important thing for us right now is to send our seniors off.

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Notre Dame Football: Winners at home. And our last home game against Syracuse. So great victory against North Carolina really good offense Mac browns done a great job in a very short period of time.

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Notre Dame Football: A bringing this program along. They've got a lot of weapons. It was a really good win for us. We're going to enjoy for 24 hours, but we'll be back at it and getting prepared to play Syracuse in in our last home game.

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Matt Paras: Thank you very much. Coach