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## **QB Marcus Mariota**

### **On Head Coach Dan Quinn's postgame speech after the game against Denver:**

"Well, I think it started last week in practice. We played with a sense of urgency. I felt like we played like ourselves and I think that was just a combination of what we did in practice and Q [Quinn] just kind of hit it on the head after the game."

### **On if the team can carry over confidence from last week to this week:**

"Yeah, absolutely. Well, at the end of the day, I think the confidence has always been there. It's just putting it all together and I felt throughout the game, three phases, we were able to just kind of complement each other. I look back on it, the turnover was tough, but [LB] Bobby [Wagner] was able to get one later in the game. And the more that we can play that way, we'll find ourselves in those situations and we'll find ourselves winning in those moments."

### **On what he's learned about the team during the losing streak:**

"Well, first and foremost, just how much everybody cares. I've been on teams that you hit these stretches and guys, in and out of the building as fast as they can, they don't care. We have a bunch of guys in here that love ball, love being around each other. And sometimes it doesn't lead to wins, but I think when you're able to come into work and you enjoy it, there'll be ways to find success. And I think we're getting there."

### **On what he can take from Quinn's postgame message and on how it can carry over to this week:**

"Yeah, again, I think it just was a combination of how practice went last week, guys playing and with a sense of urgency and again, continuing to stack. I think the message last week, we talked about there's 40 days. And it wasn't just trying to get better in 40 days, it was playing our best football every single day. And the more that we can do that, we'll find ourselves in those situations and come out on top."

### **On if he believes the team will win this week:**

"I think you believe it every week. And at the end of the day you have to put in the work and we just take it one day at a time, stack these good days and hopefully that'll lead to a win on Sunday."

### **On what a win would do for the team:**

"Well, I think at the end of the day it's just continuing to build off of what we've built over the last week or so and coming off the bye, everyone was talking about being the best versions of ourselves every day, and it shows. And I thought last week in practice it's guys are flying around and even today out there, just making plays and the more that we can do that, the more guys get settled in, the more that we can be a better football team and hopefully that'll lead to them."

**On the team still being committed to each other:**

“Well, I think it just talks to the culture and the brotherhood and guys at the end of the day, we get paid to play a kid's game. I thought [Cincinnati Bengals QB] Joe [Burrow] said it the other night on Thanksgiving, just we're very blessed and I think all of us are very grateful to be in this position. So, regardless of what the record is, being able to come out here and play, we are humbled and privileged by that opportunity and we'll go out there and do it to the best of our ability.”

**On what the right pronunciation of his name is:**

“Mariota. I think it's been said over the years, like Mariota, which is incorrect and it's pronounced Mario.”

**On if he watched WR Treyton Burks' catch again:**

“So, amazing. I mean seeing it, seeing the replays of it, knowing kind of the injury and what he's had to deal with, unbelievable play in that moment. And I thought it was just a huge momentum shift play.”

**On if that was the best touchdown he's ever thrown:**

“I would say so, yes. I've had a couple but that one was unbelievable.”

**On Former Quarterbacks Coach Tavita Pritchard becoming the Head Coach at Stanford:**

“Oh man, unbelievable. It was honestly like even hard to put into words. I watched the presser yesterday of him and the amount of work that he put in here but always remaining to be himself I think was one of the biggest takeaways for me that I learned from him. He's such a great father but also puts in the work to be the best version of himself here. And I don't think that you have to sacrifice one or the other. You can find a happy balance, and he was such a great example of that. And then to see the presser and how excited he is and how loved he is there at Stanford. I'm really, really looking forward to seeing all that come together and very fortunate that our paths crossed here.”