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**ADAM MUEMA  
GAVIN ESCOBAR  
ADAM DINGWELL  
JAKE FELY**

**On the win and becoming bowl eligible:**

GAVIN ESCOBAR: Yeah, it's really exciting to be bowl eligible now. We're just focused on the next game and we have a lot more football to play.

**On what he liked about this game:**

GAVIN ESCOBAR: It was a tough game. All the credit to UNLV, they played really good, but we're just happy that we won.

**On what he liked about this game:**

ADAM MUEMA: I had a little adversity, two fumbles from me. Not too well, but appreciate my linemen staying calm and working with me. We came out with the win, and that's what's important.

**On the program being established:**

GAVIN ESCOBAR: It's really exciting. When we first came in here, we weren't an established team yet. But now I feel like we're an established team. Going to three bowl games really proves that.

**On how the team played in the game:**

GAVIN ESCOBAR: I feel you can always play better and obviously eliminating turnovers is the key to winning the game. But we handled adversity and came out with the win.

**On what happened on the two fumbles:**

ADAM MUEMA: Honestly, I don't know. The ball popped out on one of them. The second one, (during) the pitch I took my eye off the ball, was looking at the defender and lost the ball.

**On whether it took a while to establish the run game:**

ADAM MUEMA: Not really. But as far as me fumbling, I guess you could say so.

I just appreciate what the line did and the team. They kept working, played hard and never gave up.

**On the last couple games for him:**

GAVIN ESCOBAR: I'm just doing whatever I can to help the team win. That's basically all it is. If it's blocking or making plays, I'm just trying to do what I can.

**On the chemistry with Adam Dingwell:**

GAVIN ESCOBAR: It's good. I've been with him since he came in. He's been the second string. So him coming in is an easy transition.

**On whether Dingwell looked his way a lot tonight:**

GAVIN ESCOBAR: You'd probably have to ask him that. I don't know what he's really looking at all the time.

But we connected a few times. He connected with Colin, too. So it was good.

**On Dingwell's first start:**

GAVIN ESCOBAR: It's exciting for him. Bummer that (Ryan) Katz goes down. We're all just praying that he gets better soon.

But it's big for Dingwell. He's a pretty confident guy in his abilities. We're all confident in what we can do.

**On whether he did anything after the two fumbles:**

ADAM MUEMA: No. I had to stay focused, get my mind off of it. Keep playing because the game was obviously not over. Early in the game, keep fighting and help the team win.

**On Dingwell:**

ADAM MUEMA: Confidence. Actually, I

have chemistry with Dingwell. He was my first roommate. So I'm proud of him.

**On whether that was his freshman year:**

ADAM MUEMA: Correct.

**On his first start tonight:**

ADAM DINGWELL: Yeah, it was a lot of fun. I enjoyed it tremendously, but I think I was more nervous throughout the week just getting prepared.

It's still football, it's still the game I played my whole life. Once you get out there, in between the lines, you just got to go out there and execute.

**On whether he felt it took a while to get an offensive rhythm going:**

ADAM DINGWELL: Yeah, in a way. We had a pretty good offensive night and then the turnovers killed us every time. We just shot ourselves in the foot tonight.

Give credit to the defense. They played a heck of a game and they kept us in this one. The defense played a great game. The O-line, towards the end, did a great job and just let us run out the clock.

**On the chemistry with Gavin Escobar:**

ADAM DINGWELL: Yeah, I feel like we have good chemistry. It just starts in practice. I've been throwing to him since I've been here. I feel like he trusts me and I trust him tremendously. He's a great guy. He makes a lot of matchup (problems for) defenses. So he's a big target for us.

**On why he was successful tonight in getting to the quarterback:**

JAKE FELY: I was just trying to come off the edge fast. We preach being physical every day at practice. (When) we're getting the opportunity to blitz like that, you got to try to show something. That's what I was trying to do for the defense.

**On what sticks out from his first start:**

ADAM DINGWELL: I can't point out one thing. A win is a win. May not have been pretty, but a win is a win. We're happy about this one.

The one thing I'm pleased with is how the O-line played. They kept me upright all game. They let the running backs run for over 100 (yards) apiece. Chad Young had a heck of a game also.

He was throwing his head around in there, making big hits all over the place.

I can be pleased with how we ran the ball. It kind of took some of the pressure off of me. All the other guys around me played a heck of a game.

**On whether he feels the defense has made strides in the pass rush:**

JAKE FELY: Yeah, like I said, every practice, we preach being physical. Our defense, every time we hit the field, it's always get off the field so the offense can get the ball into the end zone. Being physical is what we're trying to do and get a W every game.

**On if his first start was what he expected:**

ADAM DINGWELL: I don't think you could really expect anything out of a first start. Like I said, it's still football. I'm just happy we came away with a victory and we'll celebrate this one tonight and get ready to go tomorrow.

**On the scoring play to Colin Lockett:**

ADAM DINGWELL: Yeah, that was a great snap by Alec (Johnson). I got a little anxious, saw a coverage that we liked and took my eyes off the ball. Sometimes a ball bounces your way. It did in this case, it came right back to me. Colin Lockett got open, scored a touchdown. So, really had nothing to do with me. I kind of messed that play up, but Colin helped me out there at the end.

**On whether he told Adam Muema anything after his two fumbles:**

ADAM DINGWELL: I just told him to let it go, move on to the next play, nobody's perfect. I had a fumble myself, which can't happen.

Adam is a great player. He knows when something isn't right. So you tell him to move on, keep encouraging him and let him know that he's still a running back for this team and we're going to help him out as much as we can. Just keep two hands on the ball. That's it.

**On being bowl eligible:**

ADAM DINGWELL: Yeah, it's exciting to be bowl eligible, but we still got a lot of football left. We're just going to enjoy this one tonight and come back tomorrow ready to work.

