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Army Head Coach Jeff Monken

(Ref.: on the impact of the game and what it would mean to win)

"To win this game would be something that would be a great thing for us and mean a lot to our senior class. We have a big challenge ahead of us."

(Ref.: on Navy's win streak)

"This football team has never lost to Navy and that is the way we have to approach it. These guys are not responsible for the last how many years it has been, they responsible for this team and this year. We have to do our very best to try and win this year. I was on the other side of it and it is a great source of pride for each team and for each class, especially for our seniors and to win it this year would be great."

(Ref.: on being part of the rivalry)

"To be a part of it is a privilege. To be as disappointing as we have been throughout the year and to have come so close in so many ball games and to have a chance to win this game and what it would do for us and our senior class is a great motivation for the team. They have been practicing hard and have been preparing for next Saturday and we need to pay our very best. They have a great team."

(Ref.: on whipping the records clean on this game)

"I don't think the record has anything to do with any game. It's a battle every week and you have to prepare for your opponent every week. No one gives you any freebies for your record. If you don't have a great record, you still have to go play and we are going to prepare and I know Kenny will have his team ready and it ought to be a whale of game."

Army Senior FB Matt Giachinta

(Ref.: on what comes to mind when you think of this game)

"Obviously, this is one of the biggest games we'll ever play. We try not to look ahead at the beginning of the season, but Army-Navy is sitting there at the end of the season. It's a great atmosphere and it's exciting for everyone to see. We're excited for the opportunity this weekend."

(Ref.: on what stands out about Navy)

"They're very consistent. On offense, they do a very good job handling the ball, they don't turn it over too much. And on defense, they play their assignments very well. In practice this week, we have to do a good job of doing our jobs and making sure we block well."

(Ref.: on how Navy's defense challenges your offense)

"I think their biggest advantage is that they're familiar with playing the triple option. We play each other every year and they play Air Force every year. We have to make sure we do the little things right."

(Ref.: on the direction of the football program)

"I have no doubt this team is headed in the right direction. I think a lot of people might see the record and might not feel that way, but we have a lot of young players that have been making great plays and I have no doubt that the foundation is being set right now and the team is going to be doing great things moving forward."

(Ref.: on the positives gained throughout the season)

"I think the biggest thing is how we practice. We have practiced very hard the last two years and you can just see the maturity of the team the last couple of years. It is easy after a loss to come out and not practice well and have your spirit down, but that hasn't been the case. We have been practicing extremely well together, the best I have seen in the last four years, so that level of maturity and everyone playing their roles. To me, that is the biggest difference in our team this year."

Army Junior LB Jeremy Timpf

(Ref.: on what makes Keenan Reynolds so effective)

"He's a great player. We have a lot of respect for him and the rest of their team. They have a lot of good slot backs and good linemen. They have a lot of talent on their team and we've been practicing for everything they bring. But, we're going to play it just like any other game. I have confidence in our defense."

(Ref.: on defensive keys to the game)

"Each individual person needs to do their job. With the triple option, if one person doesn't do their job, it can get out of hand. We can learn from the mistakes of other teams Navy has played."

(Ref.: on the chance to end the season on a winning note)

"Yes, it's been 13 years and it's kind of getting out of hand. I think we owe it to a lot of people to win this game."

(Ref.: on how this game differs from other rivalry games)

"This is America's Game. Everyone is watching this game and it means so much to be out there."

(Ref.: on creating turnovers against Navy)

"They have done a very good job this year of keeping their hands on the ball, so I think in a game, especially this one, to get the momentum by a turnover. Especially like last year, when we blocked the punt and scored a touchdown. We need to have a fumble or an interception in order to get the momentum."

Army Senior TE Kelvin White

(Ref.: on emotions surrounding Army-Navy)

"Every emotion you can think of. I'm very excited to be here today and it's very exciting to have these next practices coming up. It's the last time the 2015 Army football team will walk onto the field and we're trying to go out on a high note."

(Ref.: on takeaways from last year's Army-Navy game)

"There are definitely takeaways. It's so exciting to be back here at Lincoln Financial Field and all of the excitement that comes with the game. They're going to make plays, they've made plays all year. We're going to have to stop them and make some plays on offense."

(Ref.: on how it would feel to beat Navy)

"It would definitely be a sense of accomplishment. It is something that we are looking forward to and I am excited for it. But, as a senior I won't play anymore after next Saturday so it is a little tough. A win next weekend would be great for our team and the whole Academy. It would give us a lot of momentum going into the off season and next season and it would keep everyone's arrows up."

(Ref.: What are your thoughts of playing Navy)

"The 2015 teams are both 0-0 against each other. We haven't faced this Navy team yet so we are going to focus on what we have to focus on and do what we need to do to come out next Saturday and give our best."

