

NFL EXTRA

Week 22

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Michael Robinson	6:09
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02:12:15 - MICHAEL ROBINSON

TO KIND OF SHOW YOU HOW HIS TEAMMATES FEEL ABOUT MICHAEL ROBINSON, LAST YEAR THEY GAVE HIM A LEATHER TOOL BELT BECAUSE HE'S THE HANDYMAN AND HE CAN FIX...IF SOMETHING'S BROKEN CALL THIS GUY CAUSE HE'LL FIX IT FOR YOU, AND IT'S STILL HANGING IN HIS LOCKER. MICHAEL BRINGS HIS LEATHER TOOL BELT AND GIVES YOU THE GOOD DAY OF WORK.

I HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GAME FROM ALL DIFFERENT POSITIONS. PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE EVEN AS A YOUNG KID I PLAYED OFF. LINE FOR A LITLTE BIT . I'VE LITERALLY PLAYED EVERY POSITION ON THE FIELD. IT'S KEPT ME IN THE LEAGUE TO THIS DAY.

RADIO – TOUCHDOWN TO MICHAEL ROBINSON!

IN HIGH SCHOOL MICHAEL ROBINSON WAS A STAR QUARTERBACK, BUT AT PENN STATE HE PLAYED SEVERAL POSITIONS BEFORE FINALLY BECOMING THE STARTING QUARTERBACK HIS SENIOR YEAR.

RADIO - THIS IS THE HAPPIEST GUY IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW TO JUST BE PLAYING AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, PRACTICING AT JUST ONE POSITION. I THINK MY FAVORITE MOMENT WAS ACTUALLY AFTER WE WON THE ORANGE BOWL. STANDING THERE ON THAT STAGE LOOKING OVER AT JOE. YOU CAN SEE JUST HOW PROUD HE WAS OF THIS GROUP OF MEN. I REALLY STARTED TO APPRECIATE WHAT I WENT THROUGH AT PENN STATE.

IN 2005 ROBINSON WAS NAMED THE BIG 10 PLAYER OF THE YEAR, BUT AS THE HANDYMAN PREPARED TO ENTER THE NFL, HE WONDERED WHAT POSITION HE'D PLAY.

EVEN AT MY PRO DAY I WORKED OUT AS A QB. I WORKED OUT AS A R.B. I WORKED OUT AS A WIDE RECEIVER. I BACKPEDALLED FOR TEAMS. IT WAS VERY EXHAUSTING DAY FOR ME AT MY PRO DAY.

ROBINSON WAS DRAFTED AS A RUNNING BACK IN THE 4TH ROUND BY THE FORTY NINERS.

I WAS STILL YOUNG. I STILL DID NOT UNDERSTAND ALL THE NUANCES OF BEING A RUNNER. I WASN'T MAKING IT HAPPEN. YOU LOOK AT A GUY LIKE FRANK GORE. HOW CAN YOU PULL THIS GUY OFF THE FIELD? I STARTED SAYING, "WELL, IF I CAN PASS PROTECT BETTER THAN OTHER GUYS AROUND ME AND I CAN PICKUP BLITZESM, AND I CAN UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE TO PUT ME IN THE GAME."

ROBINSON MADE SURE THAT IF HE DIDN'T MAKE IT IN THE LEAGUE AS A RUNNING BACK, IT DIDN'T MEAN HE WOULDN'T MAKE IT IN THE NFL. RADIO – NOW IT'S A FAKE. ROBINSON UP THE RIGHT SIDELINE! HE'S TO THE 30! HE'S INSIDE THE 25!

ROBINSON MADE THE SWITCH TO FULLBACK AND WAS ALSO A SPECIAL TEAMS CAPTAIN. YET AT THE START OF THE 2010 SEASON HE WAS BEING PHASED OUT OF THE FORTY NINERS PLANS.

THEY HELD ONTO ME TO THE LAST CUTS AND I WAS CUT. I TOLD THEM, "I APPRECIATE YOU BUT I'LL GO TO A TEAM THAT'LL PLAY YOU AND WE'LL WIN." MICHAEL'S NAME CAME UP BECAUSE ONE OF OUR COACHES HAD PLAYED WITH HIM AT THE NINERS, AND HE WAS RIGHT ON TO MARCUS, WHAT HE WAS ALL ABOUT. THEN AS WE RESEARCHED HIM AND DID THE HOMEWORK ABOUT WHERE HE CAME FROM AND WHAT HE WAS OVERCOMING FROM HIS POSITION TRANSITIONS, IT GOT EXCITING.

ALL DAY, I'M GONNA RIDE WITH YOU, ALL DAY.

SINCE JOINING FORCES, ROBINSON AND MARSHAWN LYNCH HAVE HELPED REVITALIZE EACH OTHER'S CAREERS.

RADIO – DOWN TO THE 5! TOUCHDOWN SEAHAWKS!

IN 2011 ROBINSON LED LYNCH TO HIS BEST SEASON YET WHILE DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF SOME OF THE LEAGUE'S BEST DEFENDERS, INCLUDING ...RAY LEWIS.

I OWE 26. I'M GONNA GET 26 THOUGH. 26 GOT ME.

LEWIS WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO NOTICED, AS ROBINSON EARNED HIS FIRST TRIP TO THE PRO BOWL.

CONGRATULATIONS, BOY. APPRECIATE IT. CONGRATULATIONS BOY. YES SIR.

FORMER PENN STATE COACH JOE PATERNO PREDICTED THIS TRIP TO THE PRO BOWL MORE THAN A DECADE AGO.

I WAS MOPING AROUND THE LOCKER ROOM BECAUSE I WASN'T PLAYING. I WAS JUST MAD AT THE WORLD. YOUNG 18 YR. OLD AND HE SAID, "ROBINSON, I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET BUT ONE DAY, ONE DAY YOUR NAME IS GONNA BE GREAT AROUND PENN STATE! PEOPLE ARE GONNA KNOW YOUR NAME FOR DECADES! YOU'RE PROBABLY GONNA GO TO THE PRO BOWL AS A RUNNING BACK OR A FULLBACK BUT YOU'RE GONNA BE KNOWN FOR YEARS AROUND HERE!" THAT'S WHAT I STARTED HEARING IN MY HEAD WHEN HE TOLD ME THAT.

PATERNO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 22, 2012...ONE WEEK BEFORE THE PRO BOWL. ROBINSON WAS ASKED TO GIVE THE EULOGY AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

SO I ARRIVED ON A TUESDAY, TO THE PRO BOWL. WEDNESDAY WE HAD PRACTICE. RIGHT AFTER PRACTICE I GO TO THE AIRPORT. I LAND IN PENNSYLVANIA THURSDAY MORNING; SPEAK AT HIS MEMORIAL SERVICE. IT'S BEEN WELL NOTED THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS I HAD TO PLAY DURING MY CAREER HERE. IT WAS A GIFT AND A CURSE. THE GIFT WAS THE AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE I GAINED THAT WOULD HELP ME IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TODAY. THE CURSE WAS THE ATTITUDE JOE HAD TO PUT UP WITH BECAUSE I WASN'T THE STARTING QUARTERBACK!

FRIDAY MORNING I'M BACK ON A PLANE TO THE PRO BOWL AND I'M AT PRACTICE.

I'M NOT SURPRISED AT ALL THAT HE TOOK THE FLIGHT TO PENN STATE, DID THE EULOGY, CAME BACK, PLAYED IN THE PRO BOWL. THAT'S MY MIKE ROB.

THE HANDYMAN DOES IT ALL ON THE FIELD AND IN LIFE. AND ROBINSON HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER FOOTBALL.

AFTER MY CAREER'S OVER, I WANT TO GO INTO BROADCASTING. I HAVE A SHOW NOW, "REAL ROB REPORT".

THIS YOUR BOY MARSHAWN LYNCH, AND YOU'RE ROCKIN WITH THE REAL ROBINSON, ROBINSON REPORT. REAL ROB REPORT.

YOU GUYS ARE LIKE 7-11. YOU'RE ALWAYS OPEN!

THAT'S PETE. APPRECIATE IT. I CAN'T BELIEVE HE SAID THAT. BUT, FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO WIN A SUPER BOWL. THAT'S NUMBER 1 ON MY LIST. I MEAN I'VE MADE IT TO THE PRO BOWL. I'VE BEEN TO THE PLAYOFFS. NOW IT'S ALL ABOUT SUPER BOWL.

02:18:35 – SHOTS OF THE YEAR

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