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Tony McGriff congratulates Drake London after his epic Week 9 performance

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Rudy Fabian celebrates The Travelers win over Avengers Team

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Daniel Hernandez and Jordan Love address the media after the win

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