By Matt Cohen

When Indiana sophomore quarterback Michael Penix Jr. got up and left the field across the goal line against Maryland on Oct. 17, he knew it was over. Had he stayed up right, instead of falling on his knees after making the tackle, the Big Ten might have been able to pull off a historic winning streak.

“Mindset Monday” or “Take-Every-Day,” each day of practice included coaching staff’s mantras for players: “We’re here, we’re together and we’re going to win toge-ther.”

Players woke up around 7 a.m. every day for a self-administered nasal swab test of COVID-19. After that, they got breakfast, then headed to the football facility. Crider said he and others used the breaks to play Madden, Call of Duty and Fortnite.

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Play by Play: Important dates from IU football’s season


By Kaitlyn Radde

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