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Q. Do you feel like that's becoming an issue at all?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: I think every game is its own entity, and we've got to go out there and finishing off the drive, whatever it is. We can't sit there and go, Hey, next time we get the ball, let's make sure we score the touchdown in the red zone. Well, you have to get there first. Every play, we're trained as players to just play the next play no matter where the ball is put. We just have to do a little bit better job of that. Today it was down there a little bit where we didn't execute as well as we can.

Q. You passed Eli Manning for tenth all-time passing yards. Does that mean anything to you?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: Tough to think about it at the moment, obviously after a loss. It's, again, humbling to be mentioned with a great player like Eli who had an outstanding career, and I'm sure at the end of the season or what not, I will spend more time thinking about that kind of stuff, but I was a fan of this game long before I became a player of it in the NFL, and to be mentioned with some of those guys is a really cool, humbling thing for me.

Q. You looked frustrated by the nature of the hit on the last play there. Did you get an explanation on that?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: No. Football is football. Those guys are doing the best job they can. I totally understand. They did a nice job in the second half of creating a little bit of pressure and getting to us a little bit, but there were a couple there that -- I got to go look. I'm in the heat of the moment. I don't really know. I'm just back there trying to stand in there as best I can and throw it around.

So obviously one I wish I had back and could step through it a little bit more, something to even sail it out of bounds to keep us alive, but I have to go look at it.

Q. Brought up the sack fumble in terms of the missed protection. What did you see? I guess if you could

explain kind of what happened on that play?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: They have good players too. Did a nice job. I thought -- I believe it was Sweat, correct, on the right side. Could probably be a little bit better with some of our help technique or something.

I don't know. I got to go look at it, again. I didn't see much. I wasn't loose at the rush. D-Rob was curling around a hook defender, and I wish I would have just cut it loose with some air a little bit inside. I was trying to let him clear that player, and he ended up doing it just -- they've got good players too.

He's a really talented player off the edge. Those things happen. I wish I could have held on to the ball.

Q. What do you mean you guys need to do to kind of avoid the 1-4 start going into the bye?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: Just finish drives off a little bit better in some instances. That's what it was today. I got to capitalize on opportunities to make big plays. Thought we had some nice chunks in the pass game. Did a nice job in the run game pretty much the whole day. That was promising to see against a good -- a really good defense.

I think figure out where we can be better. Go back to work and are enjoy the opportunity to go play another one at home.

They sting when you lose. They're frustrating. Don't really want to sit here and talk to you guys. I mean, there's a lot of things that are frustrating about losses. They eat at us, but come Monday time to move on and find a way to get a win next week.

Q. The red zone issues come up in a game such as this. I know everyone is going to play you guys differently, but do you revisit some of the strategy, some of the overall playbook?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: No, I think it's just execution. I think field gets smaller, windows get tighter, blocking assignments. Just everything kind of condenses down. You have to be that much better.

The touchdown we scored today was an unbelievable job



of our guys up front dominating the line of scrimmage.
That was an awesome one. We just have to do a better
job with some of the details in other areas.

Q. What did you think of Williams?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: I thought he played well. I'll go
back and look at it, but I thought did he a nice job.

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