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Andy Dalton

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Q. Andy, you guys, the injuries, everything that seems to be going south, but on the offensive side what was it like to get along with the guys you normally count on?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, it's tough. Unfortunately injuries happen in this game. You'd love to have your guys out there the whole year and throughout every game. But that's not how this thing goes sometimes. For us, we've got to find the depth, we've got to find the guys that are going to be helping us out for the future.

Q. The last couple weeks you've been really good at getting the deep threat down there, deep ball down there. Didn't seem like there were many times. Were they taking it away?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, I think there was a couple things. I think early on in the game we weren't taking any shots down the field, and some of it they were limiting some of the stuff where I had to check it down and they were making good plays, making tackles on the check-downs. That kind of hurt early on, and then we felt like we were never able to get into a rhythm. We got in a lot of 3rd and long situations, didn't convert well on 3rd down today, and I think at the end of the day that's what hurt us.

Q. Dave talked about converting on 3rd down. Is there any common theme you saw when you were struggling?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, we put ourselves in too many long situations and made it tough on ourselves. Sometimes when you get in those, you have to check it down. You've got to find a way when you do throw the ball in front of the sticks, you've got to find ways to convert and different things.

But we didn't do a good enough job today of that.

Q. Is that where injuries show up there? You have

guys coming in and out, maybe combinations that aren't used to play with each other normally? Does that play a role?

ANDY DALTON: I'm not going to say the injuries were the reason for that, but for us, we've just got to find a way to make it happen.

Q. Andy, with those injuries up front, because it's the guy snapping you the ball, because it's Taylor Moton who hasn't missed a snap in six years, is it that much more difficult to process that in real time?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, I think when you get in the huddle, it's just making sure you're communicating well with everybody. I think it's obviously tough when two guys that are big pieces of this offense, big pieces of our front, and you never want any of that stuff to happen. It is tough, but that's the way this business goes.

Q. I know it was a brief moment, but Bryce coming in for the one series towards the end of the game, what did you see out of him after sitting for so long?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, I thought he played on time. He did some good things. He put a good drive together. Unfortunately we weren't able to get points on it. But he looked comfortable back there.

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