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Head Coach Doug Pederson

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THE MODERATOR: Do you feel like this team right now hasn't figured out how to overcome adversity? It seemed like after the first drive, the dropped touchdown, it kind of snowballed.

DOUG PEDERSON: Those are things that we have -- yes, to your point. That's kind of the obvious, right? Right now those are things that are plaguing us. It's the mistakes and then being able to overcome the mistake. Those are things that we have to obviously take a look at and correct.

Q. How do you feel like Trevor did today given all the other circumstances?

DOUG PEDERSON: He played tough. I mean, he's just one man obviously, and we've got to play better all-around, everybody, and he included. He knows that.

There's ownership in that. Coaches, the same way. I take full responsibility obviously, but we all need to be better.

Q. In hindsight do you feel that the schedule change and maybe not even a flight, but more so how did that affect the practice last second, and did it affect your preparedness?

DOUG PEDERSON: I don't. I don't.

Q. (Off microphone).

DOUG PEDERSON: Defeated, obviously. I feel for the players and the coaches. We work extremely too hard to be in this position. I feel like the guys, they don't quit. They keep fighting.

We have to figure out how to just get out of our way and just play football. I say that, and it sounds easy, but it's tough. It's a tough game to play. We didn't expect to be here in this spot, and, hey, now we have to find a way to



get out of it.

Q. Do you think next week is maybe a must-win for you?

DOUG PEDERSON: I think so. I would say everything here on out, quite frankly. If we want to get back to playing the type of football we know we can play, you're going to have to win a lot of games moving forward. I would say that, yeah, these games moving forward are just that.

Q. Do you believe you still have the full backing of Shahid Khan?

DOUG PEDERSON: I do. I was just with him, and I do.

Q. The first point that you all were shooting to change this reality that we are facing -- that you are facing as a team?

DOUG PEDERSON: How do we change it?

Q. Yeah, your first point to react or change this losing streak.

DOUG PEDERSON: You're going to have to -- I apologize. I didn't --

Q. What do you think that would be the first point that you would change as a coach to change this losing...

DOUG PEDERSON: It's hard to put a thumb on it or a finger on it 30 minutes after a game. It's something I'll have to consider and really dive into I think these next couple of days before we get back on the field, but your point is taken.

Q. How important is it that you all are together here in London for a whole week to enable you to prepare for the next game?

DOUG PEDERSON: I think it's huge for us to be here as a football team, to be around each other, support each other, keep encouraging each other. There's nowhere for us to go, you know? We're at the hotel, and we see each other every day.

We have to support each other and keep picking each

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other up.

Q. The penalties today in crucial moments that were detrimental to the team today, what can you do as a team to ensure that that stops moving forward?

DOUG PEDERSON: Yeah, those are penalties that really hurt. Again, taking nothing away from the players. They're playing hard. They're putting everything out on the field.

We keep talking. We'll just keep showing them. We had the 12 men on the field, and there was a substitution change. I put that one us as coaches. That's on us.

So everybody has a piece of this. It's not just coaching, not just players. It's all of us, and that's where it has to start.

Q. What's the latest on the (indiscernible) --

DOUG PEDERSON: I haven't talked to our trainers yet, so I don't have any updates on medical yet.

Q. What positives can you take out of today?

DOUG PEDERSON: Great question. Yeah, I'll say this. You know, we've talked a lot as a team. I know it's a small thing, but we haven't really started football games well this year. We've given up points, and we've been off the field.

Obviously today was a positive, right? We got them off the field early, and then offense went down and put points on. I mean, we dropped a touchdown, but we still put points on the board. I think that's a step in the right direction.

Look, I could probably give you a better answer in a day or two when I look at this tape, but that's a start.

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