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Coach Thomas Brown Postgame Press Conference



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THOMAS BROWN: I'll tell you guys what I told the team a minute ago. This morning the team meeting I asked that all three phases play their best together at one time. And I thought special teams played extremely well. I thought defense played their butts off the entire night. And the offense was not good enough, which it starts with me as far as the game plan that I had coming into this game, having those guys ready to go.

We had plenty of opportunities to win it. Had an unfortunate call early on that took away one of the touchdowns, but still had plenty of chances to take at-bats, and that's extremely frustrating and disappointing, which is 100 percent on me. We'll have a couple of days off, have a chance to regroup and have one more crack at it.

Q. What were your kick lines on that last drive?

THOMAS BROWN: 34-, 37-yard line, so somewhat close to it.

Q. When you get first-and-10 at the 40, what would you like to see would happen in those next four plays and did you have anything for that potential run?

THOMAS BROWN: Just to be able to execute. Obviously they were zeroing us out, so there's not many -- other than running the quarterback, like designed quarterback runs is a great answer versus zero coverage. Just make sure we got in a spot where it felt like it was a legitimate chance to go make a field goal at that point.

Obviously towards the end of the game had a chance to try to go protect it, buy some time and have a shot down the middle of the field to DJ, ball kind of got tipped I believe when Caleb got hit, arm got hit releasing it. So that didn't work out.

Like I said, overall it wasn't good enough as far as the game plan that I had and didn't have the offense ready to go.

Q. What happened with the operation with the two timeouts on that drive?

THOMAS BROWN: Which one are you referring to? On the last drive? Just being able to have cleaner communication, get out of the huddle, snap the ball faster. Didn't want to waste plays and then you have a timeout from a delay-of-game standpoint. That was the reason for burning the timeout.

Q. What was the confusion on the first timeout of not knowing whether you were going to go for it or punt?

THOMAS BROWN: It wasn't confusion at all. I just changed my mind. I think being able to have -- use Tory as a weapon, and we still had I think it was 2:16 on the clock, still had our three timeouts, plus the two-minute warning.

The way our defense had been playing all day, possibly have a chance to go flip the field and force the three-and-out, get a shorter field and have, like, a last end-of-the-game drive. That was my thought process. Over the course of that, I changed my mind and said, let's go for it now, send the offense back on the grass.

Q. What changed your mind?

THOMAS BROWN: Wanted to be more aggressive.

Q. After Caleb hit Rome, he was on the ground about a minute to go, the clock came all the way down. What was the decision not to call the timeout there as opposed to --

THOMAS BROWN: Same as before scenario, that was the reason; save it for later.

Q. The final two throws, obviously they're bringing the house. Were there any other options for Caleb on that situation, or try to get it into field goal range? Or is it limited?

THOMAS BROWN: They're playing zero coverage a little bit tighter, there's not many great options for the ball to be out. There's a couple of spreads you can end up getting into, but they'll still be able to arrive to the football a little bit



quicker.

So I just make sure we guarantee into a true field goal opportunity that was, like, legitimate, that we felt good about. That was the thought process behind it.

Q. When you got made the OC, you guys had an offensive surge. Since then you guys have scored 20 points. Was there a correlation there, or was it just a matter of not executing in the end of the game?

THOMAS BROWN: Not executing.

Q. What's your sense of why the offense struggled the way it did tonight outside of (indiscernible)?

THOMAS BROWN: I wasn't good enough. Put it on me.

Q. At the end, at the Seattle 40, you said the kick line was 34 to 37 at the longest?

THOMAS BROWN: Somewhere in that range.

Q. So what thought process was there as far as possibly running on second and third down to get into that range versus trying to go for the win?

THOMAS BROWN: Couple of things, felt good about the runs. Obviously still wanted to go for the win. But like I talked about before, thought of a ton of great options of running the football versus zero coverage. So felt better about throwing the football.

Q. Seemed like there was a few times when Caleb held onto the ball quite a bit. Have you ever had conversations with him recently about the tendency to either get the ball out quicker or take the yards in front of him?

THOMAS BROWN: Yeah, we talked about it a couple of times. But, again, I put it upon myself to call plays where the ball can come out faster, so ...

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