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## JJ Watt

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**Q. Can you talk about the run defense and what's going on there and what y'all can do to improve?**

JJ WATT: Yeah, I thought we did a pretty good job early on in the game with the run defense and we were doing some things that we wanted to do, and obviously in the fourth quarter we didn't. In the fourth quarter we didn't stop the run. We gave up some big runs. The fourth and one we gave up the touchdown, and then we gave up the long one there. That obviously isn't going to help the run defense or the stats or anything. So got to be able to finish the game, not just start it.

**Q. How difficult is it to continue to play from behind against these really good teams?**

JJ WATT: Yeah, I mean, it's very difficult. You want to get out to a fast start, you want to get out to a positive start and we didn't necessarily do that. So you're playing against these last two weeks playing against two very good teams, two very good quarterbacks, two very well coached (audio cut outs) you have to play extremely well if you do and obviously these last two weeks we haven't done enough to win the games. At some point you got to win these tough games against tough teams, good teams and so I'm sick of losing them, that's for sure.

**Q. How weird was it with no fans?**

JJ WATT: It was very weird. It was very weird. I mean even comparing just last week with whatever it was, 15,000 to this week with none I was surprised at how big of a difference even just 15,000 fans makes. So as an athlete, as a competitor did it make a difference in how you play? No. But you can definitely tell just the atmosphere, the excitement, the energy is definitely different.

**Q. On that fourth and one where they snapped it to Ingram. What was your takeaway from kind of what happened in terms of the confusion they create when they do a direct snap like that?**

JJ WATT: I got to go back and watch the film. I don't think that it was necessarily the snap that did anything, I think it's more just being in our gaps and making sure that we're in the places where we need to be and making the tackle. Like I said, I haven't seen it on film so I can't say, but when a guy goes that far on a fourth and one, you just assume there's something wrong with our gap scheme defense there and somebody either somebody wasn't in their gap or we didn't tackle if we were in our gap. So we got to go back and watch it.

**Q. What do you say to a Ross Blacklock? It was late in the game, but the ejection and getting a penalty like that.**

JJ WATT: It's stupid, it's selfish, it was a stupid play, it was selfish, it's something -- I mean, I've spoken to Ross before and so it pisses me off, it's a very selfish move. Late in the game, and it's dumb, very dumb to hurt your team in that type of setting for no reason.

**Q. You were able to get two sacks today, your thoughts on kind of getting back to your form and also not sure if you know this but you passed Warren Sapp for 41st on the NFL's all-time sack list. Your thoughts on just being in the same category as Sapp and getting back to your sacks again.**

JJ WATT: I mean it's good to get the sack, obviously, but I prefer wins. So it's, individual stuff doesn't matter a whole lot when you're not winning, so just trying to win.

**Q. Are you able to pinpoint exactly why you guys didn't finish the game the way you wanted to, especially after starting off well? Was it fatigue, scheme, mental errors, what would you, how would you nail it down?**

JJ WATT: No, I mean I got to go back and watch the film but I mean obviously in the fourth quarter they're running the ball heavy to try and run down the clock as well and we have to shut that down and we didn't. So I can't pinpoint it right now because I haven't seen the film and been able to watch it specifically. Obviously they're a potent offense and they have a lot of capabilities so you give them credit as well. They're a very good offense. When you have a quarterback that can run the way he can run, he's going to



make plays. So it's a matter of slowing him down, but I have to go back and watch the film to see exactly what it was, whether it was scheme, whether it was tackling, what it may be. But whatever it is, we got to get it corrected, obviously.

**Q. Anthony Weaver said before this game that turnovers, he's not so much worried about the yardage, but taking the ball away. What do you think it will take for you guys to start getting some of these turnovers and they say normally they come in bunches but through two games it's been tough to come up with?**

JJ WATT: Yeah, that's the last two games obviously that's something that we haven't been able to do and it's, in the NFL it's a massive, massive key to the game. You have to be able to take the ball away and you have to be able to protect the ball on offense. So as a defensive player it's our job to take the ball away, whether it's strip sacks, whether it's interceptions, whatever it is we have to figure those out and get them. And partially they do come down to a little bit of luck, whether it's a ball bouncing the right way or it's or whatever it may be, but then partially it's finding a way to make a play happen. So whatever it is, we have to get it done and that's, when we get back to the quarterback, making it even more of an emphasis than we already do on stripping it out or getting the picks, catching the ones that come to us or finding ways to create opportunities. But to play winning football in this league you have to be able to take the ball away.

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