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Gardner Minshew

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Q. It was hard to see from TV, but what they were doing specifically to take DJ away from you today?

GARDNER MINSHEW: I don't know. I don't know if it was necessarily more about what they did or more about what we didn't do. We got to have more of an effort to get him involved in the game early and keep him involved. So I think that's not as much a thing. Anytime you have something like this, you have to look more inward than outward.

Q. And then from the plays that Laviska and Collin made, pretty confident that these guys with their physical skills, is there a catch that they can't make? Keelan with the one in the leaping zone. Laviska went up high. Is it just fun to play with guys this talented?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Yeah, they're great and getting better. The only ones they don't catch are the ones I throw bad. So I'm going to keep throwing to them, give them chances, and I think they're going to keep making plays.

Q. Fourth loss in a row. You guys are in last place in the AFC South now. How do you guys get this thing turned around?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Yeah, I don't know. That's a great question. It's something we ask ourselves every week. We're going to have to go in, look at the film. I know it's a broken record, and trust me, we feel the same, but we just got to look in the mirror, re-evaluate and just find a way to win.

Q. How much of a hit to the momentum you guys had going early were those missed field goals? Did it just feel like, I mean, it took everything you guys had moving forward out of you at that point?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Well, the only reason we are kicking those field goals is because we didn't execute in the red zone. So that's more on us as an offense than

special teams. So anytime, we want to be one of the best in the league in the red zone and we got to earn that week-in, week-out, and we didn't do that today.

Q. I know all four losses have come in different fashions, but is there one thing that you see as a trend through those four losses that needs to be fixed?

GARDNER MINSHEW: I don't know. That's a good question. We were actually just talking about that in the locker room, trying to figure out what it is, what's missing because we have moments where we feel really good about it, moments that it just all goes to shit kind of, and we just got to figure out how to be more consistent and keep moving forward.

Q. I know you were also an advocate of trying to get James the ball more, more running game. At what point do you think you guys kind of got away from that in that he only had, I believe, it was 13 carries today?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Yeah, I don't know. That's going to be a thing we're going to have to look back at the film. I think he did a good job catching the ball today. And that's another way, just touches in general are good. But, yeah, we ran the ball well early and we just got to capitalize on that momentum.

Q. Can you just talk about the frustration when the offense isn't able to capitalize off of some of the turnovers today or Keelan's long kick return?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Yeah, we couldn't ask much more of what the defense did today. They gave us opportunities with a short field and we wasted it. So we got to do better in that sense. There's no pointing fingers anywhere else but ourselves.

Q. Is there a concern on your part that this young team, now that you're in this losing streak, that it's really going to struggle to learn how to win? It's one thing to come out of the gate, you get the win, first week. Now you've got four, and now you got some adversity hitting you. Any concerns about that this team will struggle to learn how to win in clutch moments during the game?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Yeah, I don't know. We definitely



have concerns all over the place, but I believe in the guys that we have. I believe that we're all on the same page. Everybody's fighting their tail off, like, effort's not an issue, like, we just got to pinpoint what exactly is going wrong, keep putting that same effort forward and adjust those issues.

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