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Q. Was the plan going in to throw to the tight ends as much or was it because of the injuries at wide receiver?

JORDAN AKINS: That's just Deshaun extending in the pocket and making great throws, trusting the O-line and everyone winning their route. It's a man-to-man game, so we won our match-ups.

Q. Was this the best you've felt personally since you've had the two injuries? Are you starting to feel like yourself again?

JORDAN AKINS: Definitely. Last week I felt good, as well. Like today we just was in a rhythm. Offense got into a rhythm, Deshaun got into a rhythm, and the offensive line had an outstanding game, and we just won our match-ups, like I say. Everyone made plays when the plays presented themselves to them.

Q. Logistically speaking with the bright sun coming, with the roof open, that's something that hasn't happened in years here, did you have trouble spotting the ball on pass plays?

JORDAN AKINS: A little bit. I would say my first catch, yes. But honestly with my training with baseball, I kind of know how to block it out, catch it at the end, and I just -- I saw the ball, the way he released the ball, I saw the ball midpoint and I seen the tip of the ball, so I just placed my hands on it and I held on to it, made a play.

Q. As players, do you hope that the roof is open for every home game going forward?

JORDAN AKINS: Well, it is good to get some fresh air in there. You know we had a good breeze in there, it wasn't too hot and it wasn't too cold, so I enjoyed it. I'm pretty sure everyone else did, as well.

Q. What was the energy like on the sideline after



Deshaun Watson hit the truck stick on the defensive back for that rushing touchdown earlier in the game?

JORDAN AKINS: I don't know how it was on the sideline, but I was in the game. I know we was turned on the field.

Q. I mean after the play.

JORDAN AKINS: Oh, man, we was lit. That was a big boy play. That's something I try to do. It was amazing, man. He's stronger than what he looks, I'll tell you that.

Q. We didn't get a great replay on the 3rd down play where you ended up on the ground. What happened on that play?

JORDAN AKINS: I sprayed release and I stuck my foot in the ground and went vertical. I captured his edge, so right when he flipped his hips he started to fall, so he knew I had free bait, and he reached his hand down and tripped my right foot, but it didn't get called. Part of the game.

Q. What does it do for the team when you see Deshaun Watson make that big boy play?

JORDAN AKINS: It gives us energy. It just fuels us, man. It shows us his will and his want and his drive to get in that end zone. You know, everyone comes with that fire. It's contagious, and everyone catches on and we get into a rhythm.

Q. What was it like playing with him today? It seemed like he was throwing darts out there. He was very accurate. What was that like as the game progressed?

JORDAN AKINS: Man, it's wonderful. You know, I mean, it's amazing because honestly you know you have to win regardless of what play it is, if it's a block, if it's a pass play, and it's just rewarding when you win that route that the ball is in the air, so when you come off that cut. D4 had an amazing game, and he was accurate. He used his legs when he needed to and he let us make plays for him, and the offense got into a rhythm and he just was moving the ball. We had a really good day.

Q. When the running game is struggling and Watson starts scrambling for yards like he did in the second quarter, what does that mean to the offense?



JORDAN AKINS: Well, I know for the wide receivers and tight ends and running backs, that means a lot. The play is never dead when D4 is in the game. He can absolutely come out of any kind of tackle, and he keeps his eyes downfield. You know he's just got to be on the move and move with him and be ready to make a play.

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