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## **Brandin Cooks**

**Press Conference** 

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Q. Brandin, what was it like to win this game and beat your old team?

BRANDIN COOKS: It was just good to get a W. I don't go in the game saying I'm playing my old team and start to do things out of the ordinary. In reality it's just good to get a win at home.

Q. For you guys in the passing game, what did you see from Deshaun, just the way he was throwing, the confidence he had, the way he was delivering the ball?

BRANDIN COOKS: Yeah, you talk about the way that he delivered today, he was able to stand in the pocket and make throws. I mean, that's who he is. The guy is special, so there's no surprise there from us.

Q. Brandin, Jordan called that touchdown run by Deshaun a "big boy play." How would you describe what that play --

BRANDIN COOKS: No, the same. He's built different. To be able to do that as a quarterback and give that energy to your offense like the way that he did and the energy to the team, I mean, that's what you expect from a guy like him.

Q. When he does something like that, how does that affect the whole team?

BRANDIN COOKS: It gives us all energy.

Q. What did you think of his accuracy today?

BRANDIN COOKS: He was spot on.

Q. What's it like when your defense responds? I know they haven't been playing as poorly as maybe what's been portrayed, but they've had their struggles, so what you think when they responded?

BRANDIN COOKS: I mean, it's what you expect from our



- D. The type of practice that we had this week, you know they felt like they had a lot to prove, and guys came out and that's exactly what they did against a great offense, a great coaching staff. To be able to step up like that, I believe gives us confidence moving and going on in the future, and that's how they'll continue to play.
- Q. Brandin, your play early really kind of sparked a whole lot, I thought. What were you guys looking for, and how much of a difference does that make with what you could do offensively when you hit a deep strike like that to start things?

BRANDIN COOKS: You're going to have to ask Tim Kelly what he was looking for or else I'll be giving you the scheme that we had. At the end of the day it was just about making plays. When your number is called you've got to take advantage of the opportunity. Deshaun threw a great pass and it was right there for me to make a play.

Q. Jordan said it was about winning one-on-ones today. Can you explain how that plays out and the mentality you brought into the game?

BRANDIN COOKS: Absolutely. That's what this game is about, winning your one-on-one match-ups, everybody, offensive line, DB, corner, tight end, safety, whatever the case may be. That's the type of day it was. They play such a great man-to-man defense, you've got to give hats off to those guys on the other side of the ball because they played well, too.

Q. It's been a tough year for you guys record-wise, but Watson throughout has played well. Just your thoughts on the kind of performance he's had throughout the season, not just today but the way he's played?

BRANDIN COOKS: I think that goes to show his consistency and the type of guy that he is. He's going to show up every single day, practice hard, play hard. He does not look at the record because at the end of the day as you know in this game you're never out of it until you're out of it. You expect that from your quarterback and he brings us along with him.

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