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Deshaun Watson

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Q. Deshaun, you missed one play; Romeo said you got your funny bone hit, your elbow. If you could take us through your thoughts on that and your thoughts on staying in the game, and how are you feeling now?

DESHAUN WATSON: I'm good. Yeah, I just had to come out for a play because I stayed on the ground, and yeah, that was pretty much it. I just wanted to finish out the game. There was nothing else to that, towards that, so that was really my decision.

Q. A rough game as far as overall. Just your reaction to kind of what happened out there and having to play without Brandin Cooks. Last week you don't have Will Fuller and you also had some protection issues.

DESHAUN WATSON: Just trying to make something happen. That's the only thing I can do, control what I can control, be the quarterback, try to get positive things going and try to flip it around, and it just didn't go our way. Learn from it, watch the film tomorrow, and then get ready for Indianapolis.

Q. You said staying in the game was your decision; did they ask you if you wanted to? Was there a discussion about that?

DESHAUN WATSON: No, there wasn't. Just kept the flow going.

Q. Have you ever come out of a game in a situation like that before, just in a blowout?

DESHAUN WATSON: I haven't had too many blowouts, so no, not that I recall, no.

Q. You just mentioned you haven't had too many blowouts. You guys haven't really been involved in many games like that, if any, since you've been the quarterback leading this team. What's that like when you're down almost 30 points at halftime and it's just in

no way going your team's way on an NFL Sunday?

DESHAUN WATSON: Honestly, I can't even tell you because I don't even be thinking about it. Once the game is over, the s--- is over. I push it to the back. We had two last year against Denver and Baltimore and the KC game, but no, that's out the window. I don't even remember that game. I just let that slide. I'm not trying to even reminisce or think about that feeling. I'm trying to have success and win championships. That's my mentality.

Q. J.J. said "I think our performance was embarrassing." How do you feel about that thought, and do you feel the same way?

DESHAUN WATSON: I agree. I agree for sure, yes, sir.

Q. During the game, CBS said that Cal McNair came to you to get your thoughts about who he should hire as they start the process, and you told CBS that you were doing your research but right now you were focusing on the season and the here and now. What did that mean to you that Cal came to you in that situation?

DESHAUN WATSON: I mean, they just put a lot of trust in me and what things he wants and what I want, and just as a whole, as an organization where we want to go forward from here. We've got to make decisions and go from there. But yeah, that was pretty much it. A lot of respect between me and Mr. McNair.

Q. There's been a lot of changes with your wideouts for a number of different reasons, but then the O-line has also been shuffling in and out a lot of guys on the interior, especially at the guard spot. How has that affected things in your mind these last two games offensively?

DESHAUN WATSON: I mean, it's hard for guys to get rhythm, especially on the O-line. They've got to learn how to -- this guy is going to sit and this guy is going to pass off games and different things like that. I'm assuming that it's tough for those guys up there to try to figure things out.

And then at the receiver, just things happen. You know, second game with some new receivers, and we tried to make some things happen, and it just didn't go our way.

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Q. I had kind of a similar question with the receivers. You started the year with five guys. None of those five guys were out there today. How tough is it to build chemistry with almost a fully new group over a short period of time?

DESHAUN WATSON: I mean, it's tough, but I can't sit here and make any excuses. I've just got to continue to control what I can control, go through my reads, try to bring those guys along with me and build that chemistry as fast as we can because that's just how the NFL works. Yeah, those guys are out there, they're professionals, and just try to, like I say, get that rhythm and chemistry as fast as we can in live action.

Q. With you guys eliminated and you taking all the hits that you've taken, is there a bigger picture conversation to have about you playing and how much you should be out there taking hits?

DESHAUN WATSON: No. I'm going to play. That's my job. I've got to be out there every game. I'm not looking forward to throwing the book of vacation right now. We've got three more games. I've got too much pride and respect for myself and this organization and this team to go out there and just get embarrassed again or lose. My job is to go out there and play to the fullest and try to get these Ws.

Q. The entire season, all the different circumstances you've had to deal with, what's your mentality right now. Obviously you want to finish the season in some manner of strength, but how much has this year worn at you emotionally, just all the things that have gone wrong?

DESHAUN WATSON: Just charge it to the game, honestly, and learn from it. Learn, take 2020 and take every stop that I've been through this season, me as an individual but us as an organization, also, and just learn from it and grow from it. That's all we can do. It's going to be -- the last three weeks is going to be fun, of course, and try to make it as fun as possible and get these Ws and compete, and once the off-season hits, there's things that have got to happen.

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