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Q. David, thoughts on what happened as far as the second half and the loss of momentum and the loss of the game?

DAVID JOHNSON: I don't know. Just couldn't get anything going in the second half. A lot of, like you said, momentum, confidence in the first half. And the second half just didn't go our way.

Q. How are you absorbing this right now?

DAVID JOHNSON: We let one slide, man. We let one get away from us. Definitely had the win. Didn't do enough at the end. Everyone fought. Everyone competed. We battled the whole way throughout the whole game. And we ended up losing.

Q. (A question about Davis Mills' performance).

DAVID JOHNSON: Yeah, Davis did great, making the right Mike call. Changing the play if needed. He did a good job.

Q. What slowed you guys down defensively in the second half?

DAVID JOHNSON: I don't know. We'll have to watch film and have to go from there.

Q. (Indiscernible).

DAVID JOHNSON: It felt great. I got a little momentum going for myself. I was trying to do everything right to help Davis out, being open, doing everything. I let one go. Wasn't fast enough to get that deep ball. But it felt good having those receptions, doing everything I could. Just really help the offense. That's always what it's about for me is just trying to do everything I can to help out the offense.

Q. You guys were mixing things up in the first half. A

lot of unpredictability. How would you describe things were working for you guys offensively there and the play you had?

DAVID JOHNSON: That's what it was. They couldn't get a bead on what we were doing. They couldn't figure out if we were doing so much, like you said, coming out of the backfield doing different things, routes. And then just changing up the formation. So I think that's what was good for us in the first half, they couldn't really get a good sense of what we were doing.

Q. This one hurt a little bit more because you were so close to winning?

DAVID JOHNSON: Yes, this one hurts a lot more. We did so well in the first half. And then the second half, you could just feel the momentum swinging closer to their side. And man this one hurts a lot, especially with everything with the Patriots and the organization. Their legacy that they have. It definitely does hurt.

Q. What's the mood around the sideline? You mentioned you felt the momentum slipping in the second half. What's the mood on the sideline when that happens?

DAVID JOHNSON: Momentum was slipping but we still felt like we could win the game. We were up most of the game. We still had a chance, I felt like we always had a chance to come out and win and our defense was doing a hell of a job, getting turnovers, doing everything they can to keep us on the field. I mean, we had the ball, the time of possession was more on our side. And when the clock strikes zero, we were losing.

Q. You guys now on a four game losing streak. Where do you guys go from here, the trend at this point?

DAVID JOHNSON: The biggest thing is we stay together. Everyone outside of our organization is going to try to point fingers and blame. I think our biggest thing as players and coaches, me, myself is just staying together, continuing to watch film. See what we did. See what I did wrong. Correct all my mistakes, try to figure out a way to get the



win.

Q. On those fourth down conversions, one after another, did you start feeling the momentum in that? How did you feel in those decisions?

DAVID JOHNSON: Most definitely. That's a huge thing. When you get a fourth and you get a first down out of it, you'll get a huge momentum boost especially as an offense, to keep us on the field. And that's what we want to do, especially me being a running back, being a receiving back, I always want to be on the field as much as possible.

When we get those fourth down conversions, I think it gives Cully a sense of confidence to keep us out there on other fourth downs as well.

Q. You were up there a long time for the 56-yard attempt. Did you feel like you were going at that point?

DAVID JOHNSON: I wouldn't have minded to go for it or do what we can as an offense to try to, like I said, get our momentum to stay on our side, convert the fourth down or obviously help out the team as a whole.

Q. One thing Coach said was penalties was a big problem for you guys in the second half. What can you all do about that offensively?

DAVID JOHNSON: It's all technique. Especially offense. Mostly it's technique. You're outleveraged and you stepped the wrong way on blocking or for me do the wrong route, and Davis, didn't get open for him so he's having to pat the ball a little bit longer. Just really watch film and try to figure out how to correct it.

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