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Q. What did you see in the run game from them?

CHRISTIAN KIRKSEY: Just us being undisciplined at times, and knowing we had a responsibility and we just didn't do it all game. Wish we could get some of those plays back, but we have to play better football.

Q. How troubling is it seeing Kamu being carted off?

CHRISTIAN KIRKSEY: Anytime you have one of your teammates not being able to get up on their own, having to be assisted and carted off, you never want to see that. And Kamu is a close teammate and close friend to me.

And it's definitely devastating to watch when a player go down and a friend as well. But that's a part of the game, sadly. But all we can do is just continue to put our prayers out there and keep encouraging him.

Q. Did you have a chance to say anything to him on the field or in the locker room after the game?

CHRISTIAN KIRKSEY: Yeah, just told him that we're pulling for him and praying for him. And we're going to keep balling for him and do everything we can to keep going for him. I got a chance to talk to him. I'm sure I'll talk to him later on today.

Q. What have you thought about the contributions that he's made, especially like during (inaudible) and the record for most tackles in the season?

CHRISTIAN KIRKSEY: He's a great player. He's a guy that can play the run and play the pass well. And he got right in and he did everything that he could possibly do and he did it very well. And obviously, like, when he's not on the field his presence is missed. And we've just got to just keep going. Like I said, just keep encouraging the guys and keep playing football.

Q. You guys knew they throw it deep to Lockett. How

much did that long touchdown pass hurt you?

CHRISTIAN KIRKSEY: It hurt. I mean any touchdown, whether it's short or long, it hurts. But our coach always preach don't let the explosive happen. Offense is going to get plays here and there but the explosive is what kills you. And today we gave up some explosive plays. You can't win football doing that.

Q. The long touchdown, first play right before the half, did that catch you all off guard?

CHRISTIAN KIRKSEY: I wouldn't say it caught us off guard, they just had a better play and we didn't execute our call very well. And they took advantage of that.

Q. When you say that at times in the running game that you guys have been, were maybe undisciplined, what sort of reason for that, is it trying too hard to make a play, lack of judgment? What's going on?

CHRISTIAN KIRKSEY: Our defense is built on everybody individually doing their job. And a defense is supposed to move as a unit. And when we don't all do be on the same page, things can happen. Negative plays can happen for us. So I would just say that we all need to be responsible for what we're supposed to do, all 11 guys. And make sure we play complementary defense. And at times we did and at times we didn't. And when we didn't it cost us.

Q. Guys also like to play with your instincts, how do you balance that with what you just said having to kind of stick to your assignment but also wanting to jump out do something special?

CHRISTIAN KIRKSEY: You can play with your instincts and you can still go out there and make plays, but you've got to make the plays that come to you. Because when you start getting outside of yourself and outside of the scheme, then that's when big plays happen on us.

I always say do your job and finesse your job and find ways to do your job and win. There's nothing wrong with beating a man across you. And playing with instincts, but just do it within the scheme and do it within your job, and I



think when all 11 guys do that we can be a dominant defense.

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