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TYLER LOCKETT: What up, what up?

Q. How you doing?

TYLER LOCKETT: I'm doing good. It feels good to be able to get a win in. So just taking it one day at a time.

Q. (No microphone.)

TYLER LOCKETT: Who?

Q. Do you know who --

TYLER LOCKETT: Huh-uh.

Q. The sideline footwork, is that something you worked on when you got in the NFL, something you've always had, or something you guys practice a lot?

TYLER LOCKETT: No, I don't think I really practice it a lot, honestly. But I think it's something I do without even knowing that I do.

Like, there's times when I'm catching the ball, like, through walk-through or even at practice where I'm not even on the sidelines but I'm, like, practicing it without even thinking about it, you know?

But I think a lot of it is just kind of trying to have awareness of knowing where you are on the field, knowing how close you are to the sidelines and all that type of stuff, knowing if you need to go toe drag or just hurry up and chop your feet to be able to get in, but also being able to know where the defender is and how to take a hit.

I think it's just something that you do work on and hopefully pretty soon it's something that can become natural.

Q. What's it like throughout the week, you and Russell

being in sync like that?

TYLER LOCKETT: You know, a lot of it is just not really on the field, it's more so off the field. It's really how you think, understanding how he sees the game going into the week, where he thinks the open holes are going to be at.

When it does come to scrambling, sometimes that's stuff that does need to be seen in practice so that way he has an idea of what you're going to do or try to get open.

But a lot of it is just being able to understand the way he does things, the way that he operates, the way that he creates plays with his feet.

And then after that, it's just being able to get open the best way that you can. I think the best part about the scrambling drill is it's something that can be taught but it's something that comes naturally when you have people that, you know, can adjust.

And I think that at quarterback, Russ is really great at adjusting when things aren't going right, to be able to keep the play alive. And that way he's able to create us and find ways to be able to make us open.

Q. Tyler, you went over a thousand yards for the third straight year. Steve Largent is the only guy in team history to do that. What does that mean to you?

TYLER LOCKETT: Man, that's a blessing. I was just telling him, it's funny because we got the same birthday and we were born and raised in the same hometown; Tulsa, Oklahoma.

So it's just pretty funny that just something like that was to happen. But, ultimately, I just thank God, you know, for even putting me in this position.

Because there are sometimes, as individuals, we want to go out there and have these certain type of games or we want to have these moments where we can look back on our careers and be happy with it.

And the things that I've wanted to happen for myself is



nothing compared to what God's been doing in my life.

So it's just funny how things work out and how the journey looks and you just got to be able to keep pushing and know that everything is going to work together for the good.

And sometimes it's hard to see that because we want to see a work of art good, or we just want to see it in the way we envisioned it or seen it in our heads.

But the best stories come when God is able to create the story and tell the story rather than me as an individual trying to tell my own story.

Q. Can you take us through the touchdown right before the half?

TYLER LOCKETT: Oh, yeah. Man, it's -- we just kind of understood what type of defenses that they were going to be able to run.

You know, once we were able to kind of see it, that's when we took advantage of it. Russ did a great job of being able to throw the ball.

And, again, when he throws the ball up in the air, for me, I just got to be able to know how to track it and just being able to understand where I need to be and to track it, the DBs, them reading it, them trying to catch up to me, maybe some of them don't look up for the ball, maybe some of them do.

So, for me, it's how can I position myself to put myself in the best way to come down with it. But man that was a perfect throw.

Q. Was it weird when they opened the dome?

TYLER LOCKETT: Oh, yeah, it through me off when they opened up the dome. I thought it was going to be closed. But, I mean, it's nice out here, you know? I mean, I don't blame them. I really don't.

It was a little colder than I thought it was going to be. But I think for the most part it was good weather.

And just having that opportunity -- like I said, a lot of the things that we take for granted is being able to land here safely, being able to make it through another day. And so, when you look at the little things and you see those as victories, then it makes the game so much more easier.

You're able to celebrate, you know, being able to actually play. There's people that wish that they could suit up. There's people in practice squad that wish they could suit

up.

And when you start looking at a couple of these different things, I got to get 100 yards, a thousand yards, like, those are all things that we all want.

They might happen, they might not, but being able to see the good in every situation, like, that's something that me personally I want to work on and continue to be good at.

Q. The two-point play, could you take us through that?

TYLER LOCKETT: Oh, like I said, turn back in the scramble drill. Once Russ get out of that pocket, everyone get open. He made a great throw.

He was looking at me, he threw it, and I saw Diss coming on the other side. And I was a little nervous because I didn't know what to do and I just kind of moved out the way.

And I felt like he was throwing me the ball, so, you know, I tried to make an effort to catch the ball.

It was just one of those things we got the two-point conversion, everybody is happy. You know, that was a big play for us in the game. Because they could have gone down and scored.

And so, they could have went down and scored and it could have been whatever type of game. We have a lot of crazy games here, just being with the Seahawks. Man, it was a great day, it was a great day.

Q. How small was that window when he released it?

TYLER LOCKETT: You know, it's different when you're in it and seeing it. So I didn't really see the replay or anything like that. But I definitely knew that it was a small window that he had to throw it into.

And I knew there was a reaction that had to be, you know, there. Because, otherwise, if I didn't move out the way before, me and Diss would have ran into each other.

Q. What do you feel like after these last two wins?

TYLER LOCKETT: I think it's given us a lot of confidence, a boost. We were able to get ourselves a win at CenturyLink. And, you know, that was a crazy win in and of itself. Crazy game, like I said earlier.

And I think what that does is, you know, I think that's a defining moment for us as individuals, but also as a team of what is it that we want to do and how far do we want to

go.

We understand what it is that we want to do and accomplish. But, also, we got to be able to enjoy the journey to get there.

And so, being able to come here, you know, things hadn't always been going good for us, the fact that we were able to get things going on offense.

Penny did a fabulous job rushing the ball. I think it was almost 200 yards rushing. And so, just seeing us being able to get back to Seahawk football, being able to move the ball, I think we did a lot better on third downs.

And these were the things that we always talked about. Third downs was what was detrimental as a team. We weren't able to run the ball like we wanted to.

When those things start coming together, then everybody who has questions on the outside are finally able to see what we always see at practice.

You know, so for us, it's just making sure that we can bring that to the game and I think that these two games have given us the confidence and boost that we need to continue to do what needs to be done to finish out this season right.

Q. To see him have that kind of game, a couple tough injuries that he's had, what's that say?

TYLER LOCKETT: Oh, man just to being able to see Penny go out there and be able to ball, it was amazing, man. Because people don't understand the injuries part of the game and the mental and the physical. Just all of that type of stuff, man.

Like, a lot of people, they played sports. They might have stopped playing sports in college. But as you get older and older and older, that stuff takes a toll on you.

When a lot of guys get older, that's what determines when somebody stays or decides to play a couple more years. And so, just being able to see him come out there, seeing him play and break some really big plays, being able to score touchdowns, that was something that was real big for him.

Because people saw, you know, glimpses and flashes of what he could do last week. And that's something that we always knew that he could be able to do.

And, now, I think he's in his groove. I think he's found -- he's become the person he wants to be as an individual.

And the way that he ran that ball, he was making a statement.

Q. Being compared to some Hall of Famers, is that what you envisioned when you grew up playing the game?

TYLER LOCKETT: Oh, no. Honestly, man, like, I just -- it's funny. Because growing up, all I really wanted to do was prove to the world God was real. And I didn't know how I was going to do that. And that's really all I try to do.

And I know you can't make people believe. But you just try to live a life to where people never see Jesus that maybe they can see him through you, you know?

As far as being a part of the Hall of Fame or anything like that, like, I'm not going to stress about that. You know, there's a lot of great players, a lot of great people who can possibly be in the Hall of Fame.

But for me, that's not why I play. You know, that's something that I will enjoy if it happens. But that's not why I play. Life is way, way bigger than that.

But that's something that -- you know, that I've started to realize, that's something that you appreciate and you take it with the grain of salt and you enjoy it for what it is.

But if that's what I want my life to be, then I feel like I'm losing. Because what keeps me here and what keeps me motivated, even when this football stuff is over, is the impact that you have over kids' lives and people's lives.

Like, kids are out there screaming your name, you know, people want autographs and signatures. Like, that stuff changes.

But the impact that you have on people, like, some people they be wanting to commit suicide, they be wanting to do all that different type of stuff. And the fact of the matter is some people are in positions where they see certain football players and they're, like, Bro, you saved my life.

You know, I'm not saying it's me. I'm just saying any football player. And so, when you really realize the true impact that we have as individuals, like, that's what I consider the Hall of Fame.