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ANDY DALTON: When you talk about these first preseason games you know you're only going to get 10 to 15 snaps. That's how you want the drive to go. Did some good things. Completed some passes and converted some third downs and got down there, and we were able to score a bunch when we got in the red zone. If you can draw it up that's exactly how you do it.

Q. (Indiscernible) the effort from Pete on that pass (indiscernible)?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, it was a great call. And anytime you can get the linemen out in front on those screens, then you've got a shot. And so Erik did a great job. And Dwayne did a great job cutting back, finding his way into the end zone. It was a great call and good execution by us.

Q. I know you practiced with these guys a couple of weeks now. Does it feel differently the first time you huddled with these guys?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, it's definitely a different environment. But when it comes down to it, you're still doing the same stuff that we've been doing throughout camp. But it's good to get the game action. In these preseason games, you get the opportunity to get out there and hopefully execute like we did.

Q. How did it feel to return?

ANDY DALTON: It was good. I got to see family. My family came in from New Orleans. And my parents still live out in Katy. I have a sister and brother-in-law that live in Katy. And my in-laws came in from Dallas. It was good to see a lot of people and a lot of family.

Q. I know you were going through the last few years (indiscernible), on your mind not just the preseason play and all. Where does this stack up with some of the teams at this point?

ANDY DALTON: I feel we've got a lot of talent. For me, when you get to free agency and you get the opportunity to join a team like this, you get excited because not only the type of people that they have here -- the locker room's great, the staff is exactly what you want, and everybody's on the same page. So I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do this year.

Q. How much did Ian come to you for advice during the game itself?

ANDY DALTON: You've got to let him play, but also you're trying to help him out as much as you can, too. So I was there for him the whole time.

Q. Where are you specifically going to get out of -- going to go through as the starter tonight, but really going into the season you're going to be in a (indiscernible) be able to do accomplish?

ANDY DALTON: I think what I was able to do tonight. Just the execution of it all. You want it to be smooth in and out of the huddle, make sure the communication is there. And you want to put drives together like we were able to do to start this one off.

Q. Do you feel it's like a continuation of camp (indiscernible)?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, I feel like I'm in a really good place. I feel like I've done some good things throughout camp. This is just another step in that. And so I was glad to get the game action out there and do it against a different team. But, yeah, I feel good about what I've been able to do so far.

Q. How was it to go through that process with Pete Carmichael?

ANDY DALTON: I thought Pete did a great job. And we knew the openers going into it. So for us it's just kind of being dialed in, making sure we know the execution of it. And like I said, there's a lot of different scenarios. Converting third downs and different things. It was a good



start for us.

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