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Davis Mills

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Q. (No microphone) how does he make things possibly easier for you?

DAVIS MILLS: Yeah, when you have somebody running the ball like that and the offensive line blocking like that for him, we're consistently running the ball well downhill. It opens up a lot in the pass game but also just keeps the defense guessing. I mean, obviously we want to be a run-first football team, and with him back there, we're really confident doing that.

Q. Coming out for halftime (indiscernible) did that tell you anything at that time or did you kind of reset your mind when you went back in the locker room?

DAVIS MILLS: I mean, we just kept calling our stuff. Obviously you get a little mental reset at halftime, make sure what you thought you were getting in the first half from the defense, making sure that's accurate with what you thought and what you're actually going to get in the second half, too. Just wanted to come out and put together a drive at the start of the half and go down and get points, and that's what we did.

Q. On the interception it looked like Chris maybe read the wrong route. Was it supposed to be thrown more to the outside or was it just bad timing?

DAVIS MILLS: No, it was the right route. I've got to give him a better ball there. We talk about it, if you kind of compared quarterback to golf, it's where you miss, not where you make every throw. I've got to give him a better ball there.

Q. You were hitting on it now, but just wanted to ask, immediately after the game in a moment like this, what are some of the moments that you're replaying in your head both positive and negative from your own performance or from the offense as a whole?

DAVIS MILLS: Yeah, I mean, obviously you'd like to see

the film to confirm some things, but that one, that throw to Chris Moore down in the end zone after our defense got a turnover, that was a big one. Like I just said, it's where you miss, not where you end up throwing it. So got to give him a better ball away from the defender's leverage.

The other throw I want back is probably the go ball to Nico on the right sideline that we ended up getting pass interference on, but I just hung that one up and underthrew it and would like to put a little more on it so we can probably end up scoring on that play rather than just getting the pass interference call.

Q. Did you know it was up?

DAVIS MILLS: Yeah, it ended up being a positive play, but it could have been much better.

Q. What about positively, some of the things that you're kind of --

DAVIS MILLS: Yeah, I thought we handled our operation really well with the centers that were in there and the offensive line. I thought all our guys -- I don't know if we had any MEs or MAs today from our guys out on the edge and in the backfield, so just want to continue to execute at a high level and play a full team football game.

Q. After three preseason games, what do you feel like you need to improve on going into the regular season?

DAVIS MILLS: I mean, there's stuff -- game plan-wise, just want to keep executing our offense at the highest level possible. Like I said, missed that one throw today. Want to continue to up my accuracy and make sure I'm getting my guys out on the edge chances to make big plays and just play, like I said, full team football game all around. I can lead the offense and make sure the guys on special teams and defense are doing the same.

Q. What were your impressions on Kenyon Green getting the opportunity to play tonight for the first time?

DAVIS MILLS: It was awesome. Excited for him to get in



there and get some more live action. He's been banged up a little bit throughout camp and out of school so it's exciting to get him finally in there. I think he had a pancake on one of his first plays, so that's exciting finally getting his feet wet.

Q. For you personally how much more confident do you feel from the beginning of camp to where you are right now going into the season?

DAVIS MILLS: Very confident. I think every rep you get adds to your experience level, your memory bank. The more reps I get, the more and more comfortable I am out there. I mean, it's exciting just with what we have moving forward.

Q. Davis, going into last week you said it, Coach said it, a couple other teammates said it, that you guys haven't showed what you guys are really working on on the offensive side of the ball. Of course without giving anything away, how much better do you think this offense can be? And what are some of the things you're working on that can really help push the ball down the field?

DAVIS MILLS: Yeah, I think the sky's the limit with what we're capable of doing on offense. I think it's going to be very unique to what we're going to do here compared to different teams around the league. It's going to be really exciting kind of pulling some of those tricks out of the bag once we get to week 1 versus the Colts.

Q. Not having Brandin Cooks out there, we know he's going to be available on Sunday, and teams are going to know what he's capable of. How does not having him play get you more familiarity with guys like Nico and Chris and other players who are going to be --

DAVIS MILLS: Yeah, when you have a No. 1 receiver like that, you know once we get into game plan he's going to be the No. 1 guy in a lot of progressions. We're trying to find ways to get him the ball. When he's not available like he was throughout preseason, it does give you valuable time with other guys to continue building chemistry and timing and getting on the same page with those guys. It's exciting just continuing to develop with those other playmakers.

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