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Brandin Cooks

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Q. What did you like about Davis?

BRANDIN COOKS: Very proud of Davis. You could tell the way he played today, it was a big leap on where he was from last year to this year. We've all got to improve in some sort of way.

Q. When you look at the fourth quarter did you notice anything different that Stephon or any of the secondary --

BRANDIN COOKS: No, obviously we've got a great secondary, but truly at the end of the day there was a lot going on from us biting ourselves in the foot, and quite frankly we just can't do that.

Q. Brandin, you guys were (indiscernible) in the fourth quarter. How frustrating is it to have to accept a tie after you were leading like you were?

BRANDIN COOKS: Yeah, obviously it's frustrating, but at the end of the day we've got to trust Coach in that instance. At the end of the day the facts are the offense had plenty of chances to be able to not have to do that and we didn't capitalize, and we've just got to be better.

Q. Brandin, can you talk about what you've seen from this wide receiving corps?

BRANDIN COOKS: Yeah, the receiving corps, like I've always said, we've got a great group of men and guys that play for one another, and selfless football, and they all can just play at a high level. I think you see some of those guys stepping up in big-time moments.

Q. Brandin, how big was the sack fumble? Could you feel that changing the momentum?

BRANDIN COOKS: It was huge, obviously, as an offense you never want to turn the ball over and we were doing such a great job up until that moment. But it happened.

We've got to be better around him, so we don't have those instances.

But we've got to be able to come back. Like I said, we had chances to capitalize, and we just didn't from there on.

Q. Obviously the offense struggled a lot in the fourth quarter. How much do you think that played into allowing the Colts to come back?

BRANDIN COOKS: I mean, huge. At the end of the day, our defense was doing such a great job. We've got to be able to score points. That's what we expect of ourselves. Like I said, we've just got to be better.

Q. What were some of those self-inflicted wounds that you feel that were (indiscernible) you said the defense (indiscernible). What were those things?

BRANDIN COOKS: Penalties, the name of the game. Anytime you've got penalties, especially late in the game, that's going to hurt you.

Q. In overtime there was two plays to try and get one yard. Is it a little frustrating to settle for a tie when you potentially could go --

BRANDIN COOKS: Like I said earlier, we had our chances, especially before that moment on 4th down. We've got to have that mindset to go get that yard, all 11 guys on the field, and we quite frankly didn't do that.

Q. You've mentioned now a couple times you guys did have your chances, but what was your initial reaction when you saw the punt team come out?

BRANDIN COOKS: Obviously as a competitor you want to be able to go for it, but that's where you trust your coach in that instance. Coach Lovie has seen a lot of ball, and at the end of the day whatever he says, we trust that and we keep it pushing.

Q. What did you see from Pep Hamilton's play calling?

BRANDIN COOKS: I thought it was awesome. It was



efficient. He put us in positions to be able to make plays, drive the ball down the field. It's simple, and let the players go out there and play, and that's what you like to see.

Q. What would you say your biggest takeaway after a game like this?

BRANDIN COOKS: Yeah, I mean, I felt it. It's a different team. The work that we've been putting in over the summer and the spring has showed up. But obviously there's some more to go. We're going to keep pushing, keep knocking at that door, and keep getting better every single week, and I love what we've got, no doubt.

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