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Justin Herbert

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Q. On the fourth and one bootleg, what was the mindset after they called a timeout? You called timeout and then they called a timeout?

JUSTIN HERBERT: We had to get a yard and a half, and we think really highly of our guys on the perimeter. DeAndre Carter set a great pick which sprung it open and made a great catch on the ball, got up field, got the first down.

Q. What were you seeing today that just made it seem kind of like you were just playing catch out there with your wide receivers all day?

JUSTIN HERBERT: I think it starts with Joe Lombardi, our offensive coordinator. He made a great plan this week and, unfortunately, we fell last week to the Jaguars, but we bounced back, we reacted well during practice, we had a great week of preparation, and the receivers were locked in for four quarters.

Q. How did it feel for you guys to come out there and bounce back after last week?

JUSTIN HERBERT: It was huge for us. It's never fun losing in the NFL. I thought the team, especially our offense and defense, they showed up during practice. They had a great week of preparation. It starts up front with our offensive line as well. They did a great job blocking all day, protecting, giving me enough time to get the ball off, and guys on outside making plays.

Q. What about seeing Nas come up with that interception that provided a spark to begin with, how big was that?

JUSTIN HERBERT: It was huge. It's always huge when your defense gets some turnovers, especially when they're playing as well as they are. It helps us a ton on offense. And anytime that we're able to get some turnovers and get good field position, you got to take advantage of that.

Q. What needs to happen in the second half for you guys to kind of keep your foot on the gas?

JUSTIN HERBERT: Just need to keep executing. We had our shots. Unfortunately, we missed a couple here and there. We're thankful for the defense coming up with some big-time stops and when we needed a drive late in the end, we ran right behind our offense offensive line, threw to our guys, and got the first downs.

Q. How important is that running game, getting it going?

JUSTIN HERBERT: It's huge. It all starts with those guys up front, and to have the backs like we do, you got to take advantage of that. And we think really highly of our offensive linemen, especially our running backs, so it was good to see today.

Q. It's a 17-game season so it's not exactly the quarter way through but pretty close. How would you assess through four games really where you guys are at, not just as offense but as an entire team?

JUSTIN HERBERT: I think we dealt with a lot of adversity and I thought we handled that pretty well. It's a long season. To lose a couple guys here and there, be able to replace them and have some guys that maybe weren't expecting to play a ton make some huge plays in some big-time games that's great to see and we'll keep doing that. We're going to keep getting those guys ready, whoever's out there we're going to go play.

Q. Do you have anything to say to your left tackle today for Jamaree in his first start?

JUSTIN HERBERT: Just that he did an outstanding job. He stepped in there and I felt the time that I had back in the pocket. For a guy to be able to step up, first NFL game, first time playing, I thought he did an incredible job.

Q. For your second game playing with your rib injury how are you feeling?



JUSTIN HERBERT: I feel better. Thank you. Yeah, it's getting better. Thankful for the offensive line for keeping me upright.

Q. How much has that helped when you have a game like today where you have minimal hits and really aren't taken to the ground?

JUSTIN HERBERT: Big time. It's super helpful. It helps in the recovery process. But just having time, we'll get ice on it, we'll do everything we can to prepare and get back to next week. So we'll enjoy this time off and get ready for the next opponent.

Q. With Adam out how big Mike Williams today?

JUSTIN HERBERT: Mike has done an incredible job. He's certainly worth everything that we're paying for him. To have a guy like that, who just goes and competes and wants to be the greatest, you know, it's awesome to have a guy like that, being able to throw to him.

Q. Last week around the facility just kind of felt a little bit heavy coming off that loss with as many injuries as there were. What do you think it says about this team that you guys came out here and got a bad start and were able to correct course?

JUSTIN HERBERT: I wouldn't necessarily say it felt heavy. I think all the guys in our team our locker room are professionals and they know that it's a 17-game season, it's a long season. You never want to lose games like that, but they bounced back, they had a great week of preparation, and that's something that we'll do. We'll watch the film tonight or tomorrow and get ready for our next opponent.

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