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Davis Mills

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Q. How disappointing is it for the second week in a row you have an opportunity to get a win against two really good teams, but ultimately ended up coming up short?

DAVIS MILLS: I mean, definitely disappointing. We have the whole locker room fighting their tails off to go out and get a win each week and just haven't been able to do it late in the game. Just have to find a way to finish and finish with more points than the opponent.

Q. Going into that final overtime drive, what was your approach to that? What was going through your mind? After the fumble, can you take us through that?

DAVIS MILLS: Yeah, it was tough. Just caught a quick gain. They covered it pretty well. Just zone dropped into the windows, and I figured I could pick up a couple of yards with my legs. Defender made a really good play, punched it out, and it was a fumble.

Obviously got to protect the football there. Very critical situation in the game when all you need is a field goal down in overtime and after the defense made a big-time stop to get them off the field and get us the ball back.

So disappointed, but I thought our guys fought hard and put us in the situation to win the game, offense, defense, and special teams. We just have to find a way to finish it.

Q. Just to follow up on that, did you think you had gotten beyond Clark?

DAVIS MILLS: It's always the guy who you don't see who is going to make a play on it. I just have to protect the football better.

Q. How did you feel about overall working again with Driskel coming in and out and you playing? Did you feel as comfortable as last week? Was it different?



DAVIS MILLS: Same thing as last week. Same philosophy. Just trying to gain an advantage any sort of way we can on the defense. Felt like we were moving the ball pretty efficiently all game and want to keep it that way.

Q. In terms of this game versus others, where did you gauge your confidence, how you were playing and some of the decisions we talked about the last couple of weeks? Where did you feel you were in this game?

DAVIS MILLS: Still confident as ever walking out there going and going and trying to make plays. I feel like we have talent that's capable of it. Like you saw today, I mean, and last week we're playing teams really close. Just have to find a way to finish it at the end of games.

Q. You had two guys on the offensive line basically in spots they haven't been in all year. How did you feel that that worked both in pass and run?

DAVIS MILLS: I thought they handled it well. Obviously Tytus moving to left guard and Charlie stepping in for him filling in that right tackle spot. It was pretty seamless. You don't even notice that there's guys out of position up there in front of you. I don't think I felt much pressure on any of the passing situations. Pocket was clean. The run game was clean. Need to keep fighting for it.

Q. Is it possible maybe something was found with Tytus and Tunsil playing side-by-side?

DAVIS MILLS: I don't know. Potentially. Tytus played a lot of guard last year until we had some bodies go down, but I think a lot of our guys up front are talented and can play multiple positions if we need them to.

Q. You guys opened up the game with both you and Jeff out on the field and then that adapted over time. What was the conversation with Pep about that game plan as it went on and it seemed like you started to have more of the role out there? What was the conversation on that?

DAVIS MILLS: Wanted to start out switching up the looks and kind of get a gauge of how the defense was going to



respond to it. Then once we had a good idea of how they were going to treat it, we would advance accordingly.

Felt like we moved -- we did enough on offense to find a way to go try to win it at the end of the game and just couldn't do it.

Q. At midfield there fourth and one you all punted there before the half. What was the conversation there? Did you have kind of a say in that? How did you all approach that?

DAVIS MILLS: It was Coach's decision to punt. I think we had the lead at that point and wanted to keep it headed into halftime.

Thank you.

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