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Gardner Minshew

Visitors Postgame Press Conference



Colts 31, Texans 20

GARDNER MINSHEW: Hello.

Q. How you doing?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Pretty good. Pretty good.

Q. Always got to be ready. How well-equipped are you in these situations?

GARDNER MINSHEW: I feel super comfortable in Shane's offense. I felt like I've been preparing all week. Felt really ready to go there. Got a ton of reps this off-season with our ones, offensive line, those receivers. They all made it really easy for me to come in today and for us to get a win.

Q. Did you notice anything different from the sidelines regarding Anthony?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Yeah, not really. The trainers kind of came and told me, told me what the situation was. They were checking him out. That was kind of all that was really said.

Q. What have you learned over the course of your career about what it takes during the week if you're not actually starting?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Yeah, no, it's tough 'cause you don't get any reps. You get zero reps through the week. So you just got to take mental reps when you can, study when you can, know the film, and just go in and play ball.

Q. What Anthony did, does that require maturity for a player to step up and say, I may not be right?

GARDNER MINSHEW: As competitive as everybody is, like everybody wants to be in there, everybody wants to help their team win. It's almost 100% of the time, you know. It is hard.

But I think he made the right decision. He's doing all the right things.

Q. You talked about being there for him. What is the support like at a time like this?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Yeah, no, I mean, I told him at halftime I'm going to (indiscernible) for you. You know what I'm saying? Everybody follows him. He's the leader of this team. I was happy to be able to fill in and help when I could.

I'm here to support him and help him as much as I can.

Q. What was he like at halftime?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Just asked about the touchdowns (indiscernible). I mean, generally good spirits, yeah.

Q. How does it feel to be able to hand it off to Zack?

GARDNER MINSHEW: It was great, man. Kind of struggled running the ball last week. I think the offensive line took that personal. They had a great game, zero sacks, ran the ball well. Then Zack going in and running as hard as he does really helps.

Q. You have some ability to move and run in the gap.

GARDNER MINSHEW: Thank you (laughter).

Q. What is that balance like when you have to calculate I want to get the touchdown, first down, but...

GARDNER MINSHEW: Yeah, you know, you try not to get hit as the quarterback. Ideally you don't want that to happen too much. But you run when you have to. You try to go through your reads, play each play. I mean, there's a balance there. I think Anthony is learning how much to go, how much to not.

Yeah, he's just playing the game.

Q. Does it feel good to be able to come in and keep the momentum going that you guys created on



offense? What was that like?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Yeah, felt good. Especially coming in the first few drives. Felt like we were rolling. Slowed down in the second half. That was pissing me off a little bit. I think we could have finished better.

At the end of the day just happy to go out and win.

Q. (Question regarding touchdown pass.)

GARDNER MINSHEW: That's awesome, man. Those are moments you don't ever forget. So just to be there, be a part of that, it's really cool, man. Super happy for him.

Q. (Question regarding Shane's first win.)

GARDNER MINSHEW: No, trying to play all cool. When we gave him the team ball, his voice was cracking a little bit. I think he liked that.

No, man, we're all just so grateful. We see everything that Shane puts in, man. He works so hard. He wants this worse than anybody. Man, we were really happy to go out and do that for him.

Q. Who gave him the ball?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Buck, sure did.

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