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BRIAN DABOLL: Tough to win a game when you turn the ball over five times. Start with that. So, one, you know, decision that's back in our endzone, give up a score, one-on-one, Stingley makes a good play, and then turn it over there in the second half, so don't give yourself much of a chance when you turn the ball over. Obviously it's something we need to improve on so that's what we'll try to do.

#### Q. Your thought process on the interception?

BRIAN DABOLL: The one that they scored on?

#### Q. Yeah.

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, we had a play action pass, called a little bit of time. We moved to the left and made a poor decision, backed up.

#### Q. What should you have done there -- [Inaudible].

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, I'm going to go back and look at it, evaluate it. That's what these games are for.

#### Q. [Inaudible] to finish the half the way he did?

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, I was going to -- one of the plans was to call some play actions, throw a bunch of deep balls today just to see how our line does, let him drop back, feel a little bit of rush when it's live and try to push the ball down the field, which has been a point of emphasis. So good for him to play, you know. That's the third play -- I think it was the third play to Nabers, did a good job got his arm, that was a close one, so that was one of the things we wanted to try to do, was try to push the ball down the field, you know, hit a couple of them but it was good to finish that drive with a touchdown, but first game back after, you know, a little bit of a layoff, live scramble for a first down, so some good things but obviously all of us can do better.

#### Q. How will you handle that evaluation? You said it's

his first game back but also you're trying to... for a game that's not far off that counts.

BRIAN DABOLL: That's what these games are for too. Some evaluation part of it, but, you know, you have a plan going into it of it's a little bit different than I would say a regular season game where you're scheming and doing things like that, so I wanted to make sure we had enough plays where we were throwing it down the field, giving opportunities to throw it down the field, so. Again, there was some good things, good to get him out here and then a couple things we'll learn from and that's what these things are for.

#### Q. [Inaudible] playing and --

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, no, he's ready to go, so. Anybody that was ready to go today was going to play and then anybody that they thought needed some time we didn't play but whoever was ready to go, physically, we're going to play.

#### Q. What did you see from [Inaudible] highlight reel kind of catches?

BRIAN DABOLL: Again, I will go back and watch it, but he's a good player. He's a good player, so. Glad we have him.

#### Q. Did you think you -- [Inaudible].

BRIAN DABOLL: I did, yeah, and some of it was action game pass, some of it was just drop back. I thought that that first group, again, this is a faster defense. It's a good defensive football team and so I don't think we gave up any sacks today until the end and we had a strip sack at the end with DeVito, but, again, I'll go back and we'll go back and watch it all and make corrections and try to get better this week.

#### Q. One of the -- [Inaudible] secondary... trio of receivers for those two possessions [Inaudible].

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, I think they did some good stuff. Again, when you turn the ball over five times and you give



up one for a touchdown, that's tough on a defense. Again, you don't want that to happen. Better it happens in the preseason, obviously, so you can get some resiliency and learn from it, but I think there's some good things. That's a good football team. Tightened up in the red zone, again, had another fourth down stop against their first unit, so a lot to learn from, though, but let's just start with the turnovers.

**Q. [Inaudible].**

BRIAN DABOLL: He wasn't ready to go, so. Whoever was ready to go, hopefully we'll get him this week, we'll see where he's at, but he's close.

**Q. Is it conditioning?**

BRIAN DABOLL: No. No.

**Q. [Inaudible].**

BRIAN DABOLL: His injury wasn't -- he wasn't ready to go. Yep, so. I think next week, hopefully next week he's ready to go.

**Q. What did you think of the second interception?**

BRIAN DABOLL: It was a good read, just Stingley made a good play, left it inside on him. It was man-to-man. High and Stingley with a little bit of a double move in there that turned into a go and I think it left it inside on him.

**Q. [Inaudible] injuries --**

BRIAN DABOLL: No, no updates. Gunner had an injury what was it Friday? Thursday. Friday practice but I think Gunner will be out for a little while. All good? Thanks.

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