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## Quarterback Daniel Jones

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DANIEL JONES: Yeah, a little shaky to start, obviously the first quarter didn't go how we wanted it, you know, bad decision and a bad throw. I would like to have that back, but, you know, I think overall we got some things going in the second quarter and executed, moved the ball. You the touchdown, but I was happy with how we responded in the second quarter.

**Q. What do you wish you would have done on that first [Inaudible].**

DANIEL JONES: I think in a situation like that, obviously you're being tackled in the endzone so intentional grounding there is a safety also so just making sure you dirt it at the feet so there's no chance for intentional grounding and obviously you can't take a sack there in the endzone.

**Q. Daboll said -- [Inaudible] pushed the ball down the field today. Was it important for you to finish the half the way that you did, especially in the huddle hurry up?**

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, it felt good to execute, move the ball there in that drive, that two-minute drive. I think, yeah, guys made some big-time plays out there, Darius and Malik, yeah, felt good to execute. We want to finish with a touchdown there, but, yeah, I think that was important.

**Q. How did you feel during game and how do you feel coming out of it?**

DANIEL JONES: I feel good physically. Yeah, knee felt good. Felt really good and, yeah, excited to be out there, grateful for all the people who've helped me get to this point, all the doctors and trainers and staff we have here who have helped me. It was fun to be out there. Didn't start perfect, like I said, but we got going and I felt good.

**Q. When mistakes happen, do you drown yourself in the tablet, in the film? Do you not let yourself think**

**about it? You just kind of go to the corrections and move on? Is that how you handle it?**

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, I think that's -- you know, you kind of want to stay even keel, understand what went wrong and, yeah, looking at the tablet, talking to coaches, talking to your teammates, getting that out and making sure you're ready to go, but you don't have time to let that affect your confidence, your mood, and I thought I did a good job of that. That's something I always try to focus on.

**Q. That interception, what happened there?**

DANIEL JONES: Just left the ball inside on a bad throw. Got to miss outside in that situation and throw it down the field.

**Q. What did you think of your -- obviously you had a good rapport with Malik all training camp. To see it on the field against another team, how do you think you guys were chemistry-wise?**

DANIEL JONES: Good. Good. I thought, yeah, it's good to do it in a game setting for sure and he made a few really nice catches out there and we've seen it in practice, but, yeah, seeing it in a game, feeling it and making those plays was good.

**Q. Daniel. [Inaudible] it's been nine months since you have been in a ... situation.**

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, I think. Maybe to throw the ball to Darius. He made a great play on that and got behind the defense, but, yeah, I think just got to settle in. I mean, can't afford to make bad decisions like that and back up there and can't miss a throw like that. So I think it's things I can correct and I'm confident that I'll be ready to go.

**Q. Just taking to Malik Nabers about how he knows a receiver can talk to the team with this type of play what does that feel like as a quarterback when you throw a ball and then you see Nabers make an athletic grab like he did on the sideline?**

DANIEL JONES: It's a great feeling. I think like that,



giving him a chance and letting him go get it, yeah, like I said, we've made plays all training camp and good to see it on the field.

**Q. How's the body feel after the first game in nine months?**

DANIEL JONES: Good. Really good. It's good and, yeah, I feel good.

**Q. As you break in Malik and even your second year with Jalin, what kind of luxury is it to have a a now five-year time chemistry with Darius Slayton?**

DANIEL JONES: Yeah, I think I said a lot, I've played a lot with Darius and have a lot of trust and confidence in him. Yeah, he's been extremely reliable. He's always in the right spot. He's obviously got the speed to take the top off and make plays, so. Yeah, I feel really good about him and he's had a got camp.

**Q. Daniel, this is the first time you've been in the lineup with Coach Daboll in your ear calling the plays. What was that dynamic like? Was it different? Did it take anything to get used to?**

DANIEL JONES: I thought it was good. I thought the communication route, yeah, started a little shaky, but I think just kind of maintaining our confidence, composure and continuing to push the ball down the field. I think that's how we got it right kind of and got executing, got moving the ball and I think that was important. So it was good, smooth, and we'll continue to work through it.

**Q. How do you feel about the game a couple games before the season opener. Do you want to play more in the Jets game or do you think you're pretty close to where you want to be?**

DANIEL JONES: I think you're always trying to improve. You're always trying to improve, getting ready to go. I'll be ready if... ready to play and would love to be out there.

**Q. Thanks, Daniel.**

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