# Houston Texans Media Conference

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#### **Caleb Williams**

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CALEB WILLIAMS: How is it going everybody?

### Q. What bothers you the most about this one right now as you stand here?

CALEB WILLIAMS: Not coming out with the win. Not executing when we needed to as a team. You know, myself throwing three interceptions, not something I've done, something that I do, is turn the ball over. Not really my thing.

I think those things are probably the things that I'm most frustrated about. You know, we didn't execute the way we needed to and we're going to keep getting better. Everything is about the response.

It's week two. That's what the guys are -- obviously I'm a young guy, but I understand this is a long season. I am understanding it's week two, we're going to respond and just get better every day, get better at practice, all the different things throughout the week; attention to detail and things like that.

## Q. On the delay of game coming out of the timeout first and ten, what needs to improve about the operation so something like that doesn't happen?

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, so I think I believe the ref told me ten seconds. I thought I got in a huddle pretty fast. Said the play. Got up there and I didn't see the clock. I thought I had enough time.

You know, the clock in my head was a little bit slower than that. That mistake was on me, so getting better with that. I think small things, like not being as far as away from the huddle, being right there, you know, right there next to the guys so you just take maybe one step and not lose a second or two. That's obviously big.

### Q. Looked like after the game you were processing a lot. How do you deal with or how do you navigate your



### expectations for how you wanted things to go the first couple games and where you are at in reality?

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, I think just kind of taking in the moment, understanding and trying to figure out what I need to get better at. Obviously haven't watched film. Haven't done all those things yet.

But just trying to figure out what areas was I off, what areas were we off to have the outcome we have, which is not winning the day.

So that was kind of the process what was going through my mind right after the game.

And then, you know, we're excited about this week coming up. Excited about all of that.

Obviously we are feeling the -- it sucks to lose. Simple as that.

#### Q. The first interception to DJ, what did you see in that particular sequence?

CALEB WILLIAMS: I saw DJ go inside. I knew he was one-on-one. Tried to give my guy a chance, and then the DB cut up under him, made a good play on the ball, you know, and that was that.

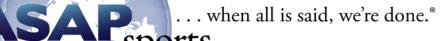
#### Q. How does your body feel?

CALEB WILLIAMS: I'm a little bruised up. You know, took a couple hits today. I'm going to get in ice tubs and do all the things I need to do to make sure my body is ready for tomorrow and practice other the other days and obviously next game.

#### Q. Nothing significant though?

CALEB WILLIAMS: No, no.

Q. Last week pressure, a lot of it came interior straight in your face; this week it more off the (indiscernible). I am sure you'll spend time in week how to find the lanes right in front of you and next week it's coming



#### from the outside of you. Is there challenges when to step up and bail out and get rid of it early?

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, there is always challenges. I mean, that's the defense's job, to make it a challenge for the offense and myself, things like that. Couple used a couple more calls coming out of the half and things like that when they tried to start blitzing; got to it later in the quarters. You know, got to the sideline a few times and things like that.

So, you know, every week is going to be a challenge. Every week it's tough to go out there and win games. You know, it's like I said, their job to go out there make it tough for us. We got to find the right calls. I got to find the right calls at the line of scrimmage. We got get the play in, huddle, sequence, all that, get up to the line and do all these other things so we can go out there and execute.

### Q. Can you put your finger on why the offense has struggled so much in the first few weeks?

CALEB WILLIAMS: No. I think it just comes down to detail, execution. That's always where it comes from. You know, watching tonight we were moving the ball pretty well the first half felt like, and then second half kind of got shaky and out of hand for us.

So just understanding that, understanding where we were good at, where we weren't, and making the corrections throughout this week.

## Q. Did you get an explanation from the officials why they didn't give you a flag when you got hit on the Texan's sideline?

CALEB WILLIAMS: No. I didn't ask. You know, get up, play ball. They didn't throw the flag. Just get up, play ball. Keep going.

### Q. You have interaction with Stroud before or after the game?

CALEB WILLIAMS: We shook hands at the end of the game, said good luck, stay healthy. That was about it.

## Q. How do you feel about your throwing accuracy today compared to week one?

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, felt better today. Felt more in rhythm. Felt more just body-wise and things like that, kind of changes the routine, changed the work out to be able to prepare and get ready for this game.

And even on game day, changed some things around. So

body-wise was feeling good. Body-wise and delivery, all the different things were feeling good.

#### Q. What did you change?

CALEB WILLIAMS: So like even today, when I was out on the field, you know, in the warmup that I had, the throwing session I had before the game, those are two things I kind of changed up how I was doing it.

Q. First drive after halftime you had -- extended a play and had Carter, and it seemed like you were frustrated with yourself on that one. Do you remember the play? You kind of rolled out left and he was breaking the left sideline and you missed one. Seemed like you were bothered by that.

CALEB WILLIAMS: Trying to think about what play you're exactly talking about. Can't think of the play.

#### Q. Third down.

CALEB WILLIAMS: Third down.

Q. To the left and D'Andre was breaking across.

CALEB WILLIAMS: Did I...

#### Q. Toward the left sideline. Missed it by a yard or two.

CALEB WILLIAMS: Okay, okay, I got what you're saying. Yeah, just I mean, just those -- oh, oh. I didn't break. I didn't run. I just stepped up in the pocket and overthrew them a little bit? Yeah, I got you.

Yeah, just I mean, we just right there. You went back or I went back and saw the pictures that we have, the still pictures, and if we would've connected on that he would've went down the sideline and took it.

Safety didn't take a good angle on him, so we were just right there for having a big explosive touchdown, and it didn't work out. So I was a little frustrated, but also like we were right there, almost hitting a huge play. So those happen.

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