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Q. Take us through that drive and just how those guys were able to gut this out.

TODD BOWLES: That was a heck of a job of situational football, really Baker on the fourth and ten using his legs to get the first down. That kind of catapulted everything from there. Everything we've practiced, everything we've talked about and everything we've done about finishing the ball game, they did a heck of a job finishing.

Q. (Inaudible).

TODD BOWLES: Just two-minute situations. We practice it all the time starting in the spring and we try to go through every scenario and put them in every situation possible from the best to the worst and just constant repetition and repetition, those guys believe in each other and they did a heck of a job pulling it out.

Q. (Inaudible) ...the game winning touchdown there at the end.

TODD BOWLES: Played very tough. Him and Bucky both, they were slamming it up in there. They were taking some shots but they were delivering a lot of blows. They got us some really hard, tough runs and we improved off the rushing from last week.

Q. How did you play most of the game without both the starting tackles? Just talk about how much that limited things and how you were able to get by.

TODD BOWLES: That's hard. We understand that would limit things, but we knew we had to attack them to win the ball game. I thought Gris opened it up early. Did a heck of a job going down the field the first couple drives and not being complacent and learn from last week, so I thought he did a heck of a job being aggressive early and opening it up. And they got around the corner on us a few times. A few times we had to chip but those guys battled. Heck battled, of course, Barton battled out there just being a

first-time tackle as well and they battled and they won the ball game.

Q. Coach, what happened on special teams? You had a blocked punt, a long kick return, missed field goal.

TODD BOWLES: I got to see what happened on the blocked punt. I know he got back there pretty good. Looks like it was a little smorgasbord of people going back there. They cannot happen. That's inexcusable on that part. We got to tackle a returner. We really got to tackle a returner. We got to have more guys going to the ball and that gave them field position for two scores and gave them ten points and that's tough to do, especially after the goal line stand.

Q. ...to ask this because it worked out, you got that first and goal and let the clock run, didn't use a time-out there. Just tell me what the instructions there were, and why you were comfortable let the clock roll and finish the game with two time-outs.

TODD BOWLES: We had another time-out. We had another time-out. We were going to try to run the ball and then if we didn't get that we were going to call time-out and go from there but it worked out for us.

Q. What is it about this group that in these two-minute situations that they're able to just be calm when it's so chaotic out there?

TODD BOWLES: Again, resiliency. The chemistry these guys have being around each other. We talk about culture and culture helps you win ball games, especially on the road. Resiliency and the times we practice it over and over and over and we have some good battles in practice and they know what to do about what coverage and what to see and thousand they're going to react to it and everybody's bought in.

Q. (Inaudible). How serious is that?

TODD BOWLES: It has a chance to be serious. We got to get some x-rays. He's in a sling right now. I got to see what the final result is.



Q. Another way to put resiliency is mental toughness. How do you drill that or establish that, develop that as part of the culture?

TODD BOWLES: We practice in the heat in the summertime so it's going to make you tough and in pads and in the heat, it's going to make you mentally tough. We think we have a program that gets everybody prepared to play and have some battles along the way that builds mental toughness in that aspect and we look for those type of guys as well. I think the coaches do a great job. The leaders and the captains on this team do a great job and everybody buys in and that's great to see.

THE MODERATOR: Okay, thank you.

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