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Brandon Bolden

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Q. Brandon, how would you sum up what happened here today?

BRANDON BOLDEN: We lost. Simple as that.

Q. What do you think contributed to that?

BRANDON BOLDEN: We'll have to go back and look at the film but we just -- ultimately, we didn't score enough points on offense. And we didn't execute as well as we should have on special teams. I can't say nothing about defense because that's -- it's above my pay grade, honestly.

Q. Brandon, what can you guys do to not have some of these slow starts on offense?

BRANDON BOLDEN: Get back to fundamentals. Start fast. There's a lot we could do, but there's a lot we didn't do today. So we've got to go back, get back in the film room. And we've got to, you know, find the answer to all of your questions, honestly.

Q. On your second touchdown, you saw a flag thrown. And you almost went to your knees like you've got to be kidding me?

BRANDON BOLDEN: Oh, yeah.

Q. Right. Feel that way?

BRANDON BOLDEN: Yeah. Most definitely.

There's a lot of penalties being thrown out there today. And to see one on a touchdown -- it could have been anybody's touchdown. I'm like, damn, another one. I'm sorry. I mean, another one.

Q. You didn't feel like you touched the punter?

BRANDON BOLDEN: Most definitely. I did -- I went in there and I was -- I was trying to get the ball off of him, but I did not touch him at all. So, you know, that's just how it goes sometimes. Ball don't bounce your way every time. And, you know, they call what they call.

Q. But those guys with their headsets. I mean, you'd like to think that, hey, we see the review real quick, let's get the right call out there, the PIs, all that stuff?

BRANDON BOLDEN: Right. In a perfect world. Yeah. But, you know, that's not what happened. So we've just got to play the game of football as it's being called. And we just didn't get that one.

Q. You're a special teams guy.

BRANDON BOLDEN: Yeah.

Q. What is it on special teams this year that set you guys back a little bit?

BRANDON BOLDEN: Again, that's another thing we're going to have to go back in the film room and try to figure out. I don't even have an answer for you on that one.

Q. The culture here is you guys want to be building towards something towards the end of the year. What is the frame of mind the way these last four games have gone?

BRANDON BOLDEN: It's not over. There's no reason to lay down and take anything. We've got a lot to fight for.

And I know, me personally, that's how I'm approaching it. That's how I'm going into next week as not finished done playing with the season. Going into next week, take it like it could be the last one, but I'm going to fight like hell to have more.

Q. Is there any commonality for you in these last couple of days in preparation, something that started the game -- (no microphone.)

BRANDON BOLDEN: I couldn't tell you team wise. I



approach every game the same way.

Q. Brandon, what did you see from Mac in the first half, obviously, when you guys were struggling and those last few drives when you go down and score?

BRANDON BOLDEN: A hell of a football player. He didn't quit. He stayed in the game the entire time. And coming from -- coming from a young quarterback or a rookie quarterback, that's what you love to see. And it's easy to get up and play for a guy like that.

Q. Can you see any sort of silver lining in a loss like this or a loss like Indy where you guys fall behind but do come back and make is a one score late?

BRANDON BOLDEN: Me personally, no. We still lost at the end of the day.

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