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Q. What did you take out of a game like that and what did you make of it?

TYLER SHOUGH: I was just really proud of our resiliency throughout it. We started off too slow. Have to shore up some of that execution-wise. I was just kind of proud how we battled the whole way. It just sucks losing, and we have to find little ways to keep getting better. I think we're progressing well. Just gotta shore it up.

Q. What are the emotions like where you guys are down after the touchdown, the two-point attempt, and then the on-sidekick? How do you keep calm in that situation or were you not calm and how were you at the time?

TYLER SHOUGH: I was good. I think everybody had the same mindset. We get an opportunity, we'll go out there and attack. I think defense, special teams-wise, they did a really good job. And we have to find a way as an offense to be complementary that way.

I was proud how we stayed even keeled and battled the whole way. It sucks whenever you're not starting the way you want to. But I think we had a good mindset. That was kind of the attitude -- it's going to pop; It's going to break open. We're executing not well, but I think everything was there and we saw it and knew we were going to get our chances.

Q. Do you think the tempo helped in the second half?

TYLER SHOUGH: For sure. For sure. I think being able to attack and get them on their heels. Obviously I think we were moving it well, operating well. And just kind of find how we can duplicate it. To be able to play fast but also change the tempo sometimes, I think it's stuff to build off for sure.

Q. Talking to Devaughn about the big day he's had and just the connection that you two have had to build since he's got here. Just assess how he played today and how he was one of the big targets for up?

TYLER SHOUGH: He came up big. He came up big. For him, he's super smart. I think he has a great feel with his routes. I think he does a really good job. He's catching everything -- some of the ball placements I would have liked to have been better. But he's making big-time catches. I was really proud of him.

I think there's stuff to continue to grow off with all those guys. I think a lot of guys stepped up -- Mason Tipton, Dante Pettis, Kevin, Evan and Audric have kind of thrust us into a new role. And I think everybody responded that way. And we have to figure out how we can be more dialed in on some of those scenarios. I was proud of Devaughn because I think he's such a key player for us.

Q. Walk me through that two-point conversion.

TYLER SHOUGH: I mean, it just sucks because I had everything we wanted there and he made a really good play, just undercutting it. I would have liked to, maybe put it out in front a little bit more, but had to get it out of my hands.

Just a really good play. Obviously a roller coaster of emotions there, but it's part of it. So, it sucks. And we'll find a way to kind of get it in there.

Q. How about the other interception?

TYLER SHOUGH: Yeah, it was just miscommunication. Was going in the whole way. Broke out, and I thought he was going to make one more step or keep going. It just sucks. We were driving the ball and just had a miscommunication with him. But proud of how he continued to fight back.

Q. Is it a choice kind of thing? Either you hadn't worked on that specific scenario enough or hadn't figured (indiscernible)?

TYLER SHOUGH: No, it's just kind of a miscommunication. I'm reading his body language and throwing it to the spot. And he made a good play and jumped. It just sucks.

I think there's nothing -- obviously you want it back, but it's kind of part of it. And we've got to find a way to put it on him. But at the end of the day, you're going out there, playing, and we'll learn from it.

Q. You guys have had a lot of games this season that you point to the way you finished or the way you guys stuck in there. But also had a lot of games that you said you wish you had back. How do you square those things individually?

TYLER SHOUGH: That's the goal. That's the battle. I think just starting off being better on those first downs and then just kind of finding that rhythm. And I think for me, just seeing it well but finding a way to get it done on those key third downs.

And we're going to do that. I promise you that. We're going to do that. I think there's a lot of stuff to progress and build off of. But just learning from it and kind of continuing to really emphasize that, that's all we can do. And when those opportunities come, we'll take advantage of them.

Q. Saw you on the sideline earlier in the game, I don't want to say kind of (inaudible) people up but talking to them. What was your message at that point? What were you trying to convey?

TYLER SHOUGH: It's going to happen. It's going to pop. I think we were seeing it fine. We knew what we were getting. We just had to be able to just -- we're that close on like some of them. And I think you just can't get down mentally. That was my whole thing -- just stay even keeled.

Shoot, the last couple of minutes it's like this. You've just got to be able to operate. And I think we did a really good job of staying focused and just going out there and attacking.

So stuff like that's going to happen. Maybe you're not starting the way you want to, or there's going to be some things here and there. But that was my message and kind of continue to do that. Just we're doing some really good things. How can we just be consistent that way? How can I relay that message to all the guys? And that was what I was trying to focus on.

Q. (Indiscernible). That last series before the point

(indiscernible), on third down, did you go into that thinking, I'm looking for one option and throw it away if not? Or --

TYLER SHOUGH: When we kicked the field goal?

Q. No, the final fourth down stop. On third and one, you rolled right and chose to throw it away, what do you think --

TYLER SHOUGH: Yeah, I would like to just pop it on him. I think he did a really good job there. And they kind of collapsed on him from the outside. But my mindset was, third and one, I know I'm in fourth down, the last thing I want to do is take a sack and end up in a really tough situation. So knowing that we had that opportunity was just kind of put it on him or throw it away.

So obviously looking back at it, I think we can get it there. So that's on me. But I think at the end of the day, we'll get it done.

Q. With second down, was that a shot play, that first read on that play -- is that the first thing you were hoping for, if they react a certain way, you decide to go to the end zone? With Chris.

TYLER SHOUGH: Yes, just shot play, for sure. Just trying to attack and take advantage of it. And obviously super close.

But, yeah, that was a mindset, especially down there and when we're kind of getting them on their heels. We'll figure out a way to get it done. It sucks thinking back, obviously.

Q. What did you think about Charlie's kick there?

TYLER SHOUGH: It was ice cold, ice cold in his veins. I think that's tough, whenever you're sitting around the whole game, you're trying to stay warm. I think he did a really good job just coming in. I think the team saw that, just his neutrality, even in the kicking competition throughout the whole week. He came in there, made a really tough kick because we've got to be able to convert on that. We knew we had to get points. I was really proud of him stepping up there.

Q. For him to have the onside too, what does that say about him?

TYLER SHOUGH: I see him practicing every single day, him and Grupe, all those guys, they were dialed in on their craft. Give credit to them and the whole special teams just stepping up really big there because that's a huge play, like I said.



Defense did a really good job all day. We've got to find a way to complement on top of that. But Charlie was a huge deal for us.

Q. He seems to be a very popular guy in the dressing room of late. Is that accurate, or just based off his body language, especially when he obviously made a 56-yard in the rain, pretty tough stuff, and then executed like an inch-perfect onside kick.

TYLER SHOUGH: I think just who he is as a person, I think that's why we love him. I think how he operates every single day, just coming to work, I think you've got to respect that and who he is.

You never know what he's saying sometimes. You might have to hear him say it twice. But he's got a great attitude. I think he's coming in there, he's got that dog in him, for sure. I was proud of him. Like I said, we've got to get some more PATs for him, get some more PATs.

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