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Sean Payton

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SEAN PAYTON: Disappointing loss. I thought we came in with a good plan. We fought hard. That's what makes it difficult. Just in the end too many little things, you know. A couple of false starts, critical situations. Obviously the turnover, missed PATs, but tip your hat. It was a hard-fought game. Any questions?

Q. Were you able to tell what happened on that missed PAT?

SEAN PAYTON: Missed him left.

Q. What was the explanation on the roughing the passer play?

SEAN PAYTON: No explanation.

Q. So --

SEAN PAYTON: There wasn't an explanation. What do you want me to say? Do you want my opinion on it?

Q. Yes.

SEAN PAYTON: No. No opinion on it. Next question.

Q. Second week in a row. A lot of mistakes, but your team fought. At the end you came back.

SEAN PAYTON: Thought we had a good plan coming in with this game specifically.

Q. Mark played --

SEAN PAYTON: Pretty good with the injury we had. Ty got hurt early, and that really impacted some of the stuff we were going to do. But I thought, man, I thought he laid it out there.

Q. The way Trevor Siemian played, seemed like in the



fourth quarter he really sort of dialed in. Would you agree with that?

SEAN PAYTON: Yeah. I would agree.

Q. Did you make any adjustments at the half? First half they had four sacks and none in the second.

SEAN PAYTON: Yeah. There were a couple of things that we fixed. And, look, I thought the guys up front -- you know, we wanted to come in and be balanced and make sure that it wasn't one-dimensional. We just felt like that was going to be the right plan, and so we were able to do that.

Q. How much did the false start on the two-point conversion attempt at the end change your play calling there?

SEAN PAYTON: Everything. I mean, significant, from the two, significant.

Q. Before that, like you switched quarterbacks. Were you thinking about potential run play?

SEAN PAYTON: We'll see. I'm not going to tell you what play it was, Catherine. Seriously.

Q. Not a play, but --

SEAN PAYTON: Next question. Obviously it changes the play when you're on the two and you go to the seven.

Q. Sean, you guys haven't made excuses for injuries all year, but when you're missing guys like you were today --

SEAN PAYTON: Look, it's the NFL, and that's part of the deal. And I hear you. I thought the way we approached this game, you've gotta be able to still play. And that's the one thing we've been able to do, fight through it. So we'll continue to do that.

Q. When you're having stuff like that, like pummeled kickoffs and mixed extra points, does it make it harder?

SEAN PAYTON: I think that makes it hard for a healthy

... when all is said, we're done."

team. Wouldn't you agree?

Q. Yeah.

SEAN PAYTON: Yeah.

Q. What's the process for cleaning up some of those self-inflicted things --

SEAN PAYTON: Man, it's the attention to detail, obviously. We look at it as coaches, too. Start with me. Pretty soon we start looking at who's doing it. You know, we start evaluating who's making plays and who's not. And it just is what it is. It's our league. All right. Thank you.

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