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Geno Smith

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Q. Something that you gleaned from the experience, getting out there with your teammates?

GENO SMITH: Yeah, for sure, I think just calling plays in the huddle with the real crowd, having the clock, being up against the o'clock, all the mechanics it takes to go out there and execute and play football. I think those are the things we wanted to make sure we got done, and I thought we did.

Q. You were obviously cheering loud for Cam. Afterwards, I saw you talking with him. What do you say to a rookie after his first pre-season game?

GENO SMITH: Yeah, I was talking to him about now I feel like he can really get better because he's gotten game experience and he can go and watch that film. Took a couple hits. Just kind of get the NFL game, feel the speed of it. I know it's a pre-season game, but it's still NFL football.

Just for him, I thought he did a great job out there. Most importantly, I thought he was just able to go out there, get some reps, feel what it's like. He got some experience, and now he can get better from it.

Q. Obviously the fans tipped their hat to you, showed you appreciation. What did that mean to you?

GENO SMITH: It means everything to me. We all know about the 12s and how special they are. They're a big part of why the Seahawks are a really good team.

For me just to be embraced by the fans, to see some of the children from the Children's Hospital that I went and visited, their parents, just to sign some autographs, shake some hands. It's always fun when you can go back to a place you loved. I thought it was really good for me and a great experience.



Q. How do you assess tonight's game?

GENO SMITH: Yeah, I thought we started out really slow. That's kind of to be expected for a first pre-season game. A lot of different rotations, a lot of different players in there. Guys got to get used to tackling and getting hit, just all the things that pre-season brings.

But I thought in that second half, man, like we played really inspired football. I saw Coach Carroll running up and down the sidelines out of his mind a little bit. I thought Cam played well. I thought Aidan played well in the second half. I thought our entire team really fought for it.

To be a pre-season game, guys were competing and trying to win. I thought that was pretty cool.

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