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Drew Lock

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Q. Overall assessment of your game today, kind of just the first half?

DREW LOCK: Yeah. It was great to be back out there, for one. You know, I thought the guys around me played their butts off. It was fun getting into a game with Coops and training camp practice you get a couple nonscripted periods, so it was fun to kind of get in the flow, get in a rhythm.

Man, we did a great job in the first drive. Got to take care of the ball. Shoot, felt like we handled our business out there. Drove down, got points. I think it was, what was it, 16 or 17 in the first half. Guys were making plays. We were able to run the ball, which is huge.

Man, we just played pretty well in the first half. Guys were making the plays when the opportunities came to them, and that's what you preach to everybody in the preseason. The guys that haven't played or getting their first couple games, you're going to get opportunities. This is what you do with them when they come your way, and I thought guys were making the best of them.

Q. How do you feel about that the protection that you had in front of you?

DREW LOCK: Yeah.

Q. Guys out there playing in their first game, but seemed like those guys are really controlling the line of scrimmage.

DREW LOCK: They did a fantastic job. You can get a tell on how protection is when you see the run game happen. Busting out big runs and return, when I got to drop back and pass I had a pretty clean pocket. Makes it easy for me.

I appreciate those guys up front. It was cool to be back out



there with Abe and Grey. Been a couple years since I've been with Abe. It was fun to be back out there with familiar faces and guys you once played with. The guys up front did a great job.

Q. Coach mentioned a play early on where they brought down a look you hadn't repped a ton yet and you guys were able to handle that. I think it was on a run play. To see that group work out of a situation like that in the preseason, get that block, might have been the one to get Crosby on that play, too, what do you think of the work of that group as they mix and match and had pieces come together for it?

DREW LOCK: Yeah, being able to be a group that doesn't necessarily always go together, right, you're throwing different tackles and guards and centers in. You go out and like you said Maxx was out there. Chinn was out there. They got some good players out there in the first couple drives.

For us to be able to run the ball, communicate on different fronts, different looks, you're going off last year's preseason games and the year before's preseason games, and getting a couple different looks up front for them to be able to communicate and keep the run game alive. That's really impressive.

Q. You mentioned the run game. Lining up under center, I-formation with the fullback behind you is maybe not something we see a ton in the NFL. What do you like about that one?

DREW LOCK: Oh, man, in a way, I mean you get under center and you can pound the run like we did, and in return get some play-action, in return under center drop back. That's how it used to be played quite often, and us being able to do that, it just has to be tough for defenses to -- we're under center. It's not always run. We can pass out of it. It's not always play-action. We can drop back. It's not always pass. We are going to run.

It's good complementary football and it definitely helps us.

Q. What do you make out of Tory's night? Seems like he has a little something to his game, and seeing it play out like it did, what is it about his skillset that leaves an impression with you?

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DREW LOCK: Yeah, you know, you hate to say it this early, but what he went out and did tonight was everything I expected of him to go out and do based on how he's been performing in training camp. Just a really, really solid player. Runs the right routes. Goes up and get contested catches. And when ball gets in his hand, he makes the plays.

You know, high praise for a rookie. He still a long way to go. Man, he's on the right track and he works hard. If he keeps working hard and keeps doing what he's doing, he's going to be a really good football player.

Q. I know Pete and Geno are guys that have meant a lot to you in your career.

DREW LOCK: Yeah.

Q. What was it like getting to see both of them before the game?

DREW LOCK: It was really cool, really cool. I got to spend some more time this offseason with Geno throwing in Miami with him, so it felt like it hadn't been too long since I saw him. Seeing Pete was really cool.

Yeah, like I've mentioned before, he's meant a lot to me. Building the confidence back after being traded, I really appreciate him. He's definitely a major part of my football journey.

Q. What did you think of Jalen Milroe?

DREW LOCK: Yeah, he's fast. He's really fast. Really fast. You know, definitely saw it tonight. Made great decisions with the ball in his hand as far as passing goes.

Like I mentioned, when you get into the -- I mentioned this to him. Getting into those fourth quarter preseason games it's all about making the right decisions, right footwork, right reads. From the sideline I felt like he did that tonight. He did a great job. I was proud of him.

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