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Q. What was your reaction to seeing the comments that Puka made on the live stream on Tuesday.

MATTHEW STAFFORD: Excuse me?

Q. What was your reaction to the comments that Puka made on the live stream.

MATTHEW STAFFORD: To be honest with you, I'm going to tell you the truth, I have not listened to it or been a part of it. I understand that he said some things that maybe he has apologized for since then. I have not spent the time. This is a short week for us and I've been grinding like crazy to try to get the game ready. I'll probably have a better comment for you after I listen to it probably next week or something like that. I just want to be honest with you. Appreciate you asking.

Q. It being a short week, with a huge game, was that a distraction for you guys at all in terms of --

MATTHEW STAFFORD: To be honest with you, no. I didn't even have time to think about it. I obviously, I don't want to speak for him, like I said, I haven't listened to it or seen it or whatever it is. I just know that I was focused as fast as -- as much as I could to get ready to play this game as fast as I possibly could. I feel like a lot of guys on our team were in that boat to try and do that, but I'll have more time to look at it and give you guys a better answer later, probably next week.

Q. Terrance Ferguson, just what does it mean for a rookie to have the kind of game he did tonight. What does that do for a guy? You think coming into a game as book as this one and have four catches --

MATTHEW STAFFORD: Yeah, I think a lot of guys on our team got experience that they wouldn't have gotten. I thought Mump did a great job today. Ferg was great. Thought he scored on the one. I guess we had a guy



down field. I'll have to take a look at that one. Tough one there.

I thought all those guys played well. I thought Dedich did a great job coming in when K. Dot went down. Played really physical. I thought our guys up front played great. There was no secret to what we were trying to do. Just smash mouth it and we ran the ball great. We were able to throw it for some yards and some touchdowns as well.

Q. In the mental and emotional ebbs and flows of a game, Sean said the two-point conversion that you guys stopped, is that suffer?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: To be honest with you I love -- I just want to know that rule because I thought on plays like that, like two-point plays inside of two minutes and stuff, I didn't think you were allowed to advance a fumble. Otherwise I think everybody would just go down if you're going down, just fumble it forward and let somebody else -- I obviously don't know the rule well enough. They were -- I'm sure they talked to New York or but that one was interesting to me. I'm sure I'll get an explanation, we'll get an explanation. But yeah, I mean, you just go play the next play. There was plenty of football after that, chances to make plays and do all that. It was a play in the game when I would love a little bit more, just, explanation and understanding of it. Once we do that, we'll move on.

Q. You're in the playoffs but obviously tonight's loss may affect your opportunity to get the number one seed. Is that challenging in the next 11 days?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: Go play. Where are we playing? Who are we playing? Put the ball down. Prepare. Go play. That's the attitude this team has had since day one. It's the attitude we're going to have until the last game we play this year. Listen, respect everybody, fear nobody. Go play.

Q. What were you being evaluated for in the injury tent.

MATTHEW STAFFORD: I was not being evaluated for anything.

Q. Got it.



MATTHEW STAFFORD: Yep.

Q. Why were you in the --

MATTHEW STAFFORD: I was -- I had to use the restroom. I didn't want to run in.

Q. This team has responded well following a loss. This is one of the more dramatic moments but what do you hope the team learns from this?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: Just like every game. Whether we win the game or lose the game, there's plenty to learn from, plenty of plays we'd love to have back in probably all three phases. We're going to do what we always do. Look at the tape, find a way to, hey, tweak a couple of things, find a way to play better. Play for each other. Continue to go out and play. That's the best part about this team. Whether we beat a team by 30 or we lose by 1 on a last-second play, this team is as steady as it gets, so I'm proud to be a part of it. Proud of the effort we had together today and tough one for sure, but we'll move on and play who we got next.

Q. Puka did finish with 225 yards so with no Davante out on the field, just how do you sum up the impact and the ways he was able to work through a defense that's trying to take him away.

MATTHEW STAFFORD: Yeah, he was great. He did a great job. I thought our coaches did a great job devising a plan to just try to pick and choose our spots to get him the ball. He made some big plays. When you make big plays that's how you get those yards. Like I said earlier, I thought really all the guys in our skill group played really well and our guys up front played well. There are a couple of plays here and there we want back for sure. That's every game.

Any time you come in here, play that defense, one of the best if not the best in the league and do what we were able to do on offense, control the game and score whatever we scored, 37. You feel good about it. Obviously there's a couple plays we want back to maybe score if the red zone earlier in the game or continue a drive where you got off the field early in the game.

I was proud of our effort, of our entire team, the way we fought and clawed. Didn't go our way tonight. Continue to play, that's what we're going to do.

Q. Just kind of along those lines in terms of the adjustments the offensive staff and offense as a whole made from the first time you guys played this defense and the way you produced and moved the ball tonight,

what did you like about those adjustments and the game plan overall?

MATTHEW STAFFORD: Yeah, we were on the field a little bit more so we were able to affect the game. Like I said in our conference or our chat on Wednesday or whatever day that was. Normally Wednesday, sorry, I'm lost, but our defense did such a good job of giving us short fields last time. It was kind of a weird game where you didn't get the feel like, hey, in the flow of what we want to do on first and second down and then on third down and so the first time we played them, it was a little bit that way. We just played aggressive, tried to keep the ball in play. Obviously can do a little bit of a better job on some of those but I thought our guys did great running the football. Our guys up front were doing a great job and then when we called pass plays, we made some explosives and then checked it down a few times when they did a nice job covering it.

It was just a good mix. I thought Sean called a great game. We obviously had a great plan and continue to build on it.

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