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Q. What did you make of the offense altogether, four touchdown passes? Apart from that what did you make of it overall?

MS: I thought it was good. Obviously things we want to clean up. First couple drives had some opportunities to convert on 3rd down and didn't quite do it. I thought the offensive line played really solid today. Obviously our backs did a nice job in the run game, and they kept me clean the majority of the game. That's a recipe for success when you play on offense. Big shout-out to those guys up front. I thought they played great.

Q. The third quarter what did you see from Kyron and how he was seeing some of the levels that were opened up for him and how he was hitting those?

MS: Yeah, I'll have to go back and look at it, but obviously it starts up front. Our guys on the perimeter did a nice job blocking and then it seemed like the run was over and then I would look up and he'd get five more. That's the kind of back that he is, that Blake is. Those guys are really good football players. When you give those guys space, good things are going to happen for us.

Q. You described the momentum change at the start of the third quarter on that zero blitz. Describe what you saw and does Cooper make the adjustment in what you were seeing?

MS: Yeah, I mean, it was an off-the-ball kind of base defense, late-hitting zero a little bit. They're trying to hold it and get to us. I kind of alerted right away to Coop, that's kind of the route that he's running. He did not change it too much. Did a really nice job of kind of making something happen at the top of it. Don't really run a seam route versus zero very often in NFL football. I thought he did a great job of kind of giving me an indicator. I put it to a good spot and then he did the rest.

Q. You've had 10 touchdowns in the last four games combined. Does that speak to a comfort level or a confidence level?

MS: Just trying to play good football. You look at it today,

it's all things, right. Coop made a good play on that play, Puka made a diving catch on another one. Colby did a great job of keeping his feet down in the back of the end zone on another. It takes everybody. It was just a good offensive day. We left points out there a few different times. But continue to try to get better and better.

Q. You were pretty specific about your memories of the last trip here for you. These memories will be better, I guess --

MS: Yeah.

Q. How does it feel to move up the career passing touchdown --

MS: Yeah, obviously a better day today than we've had in the past. Similar type defense, not as many nuanced things, but was a better day for us on offense, and then moving up the list. It's humbling. It is every week, obviously, if something happens. It's a really cool thing to be a part of. I love this game, love the history of it, have so much appreciation for the guys that came before me and really the guys that are coming after me. Just a humbling thing.

Q. What did you see from Puka on the touchdown catch?

MS: It was a great route. Great route. He made a great catch. It was kind of right in the sun spot. First two touchdowns were right there. But Coop and Puka did a nice job bringing those in. Obviously ran a great route and finished it off, like he always does.

Q. You guys were three of four in the red zone today. What was different?

MS: Just execution, right? It's no secret. We were up against the clock on the one drive when we were down in there, so it makes it a little difficult to do everything you want to do on that two-minute drive, but just guys making plays. That's what it is. We had some opportunities to make them. I'd try to give them chances, and those guys made them.

Q. This game was like the start of the second half of the season. How do you feel about that? What do you



guys have to do to be more than a .500 team?

MS: Yeah, you've got to string wins together. That's what you've got to do. You've got to try to build off momentum, things that you do positive, and find ways to get better at the things that maybe didn't go your way in the game.

Each game is a different one, and it's going to have a different flow to it. You're going to have to find a way to win it, which is the most important thing, but to try to continue to be as good of a football team as we can be, and then when those opportunities arise in games to finish people off we've got to do a good job of finishing people off.

Q. What are your thoughts on Drake Maye?

MS: Yeah, really talented players. I've watched a little bit of crossover tape just from games, but really talented kid. Obviously can move great in the pocket. I thought he stood in there a few times today and made some nice plays on 3rd down. He's got a bright future.

Q. How did Beaux handle this week coming back into the starting lineup, and how did he handle tonight's game?

MS: He did a nice job. There's always going to be ones that we want back. I think of the 3rd down kind of on their sideline, I had to flip one out to Coop and really I should have gotten us straightened out there a little bit better. But I thought handling the different looks, different personnels that they wanted to try to play against us, I thought he did a nice job, but I'll have to go see.

Q. What did you see on the seam route on the zero blitz?

MS: I just hadn't had a lot of opportunities to run that kind of a play against a zero pressure. I'm just glad he was on the same page I was on and did a nice job at the top.

Q. How much is that a different play than Tampa Bay in the playoffs?

MS: I would say the likelihood of getting the ball today is higher than it was in that Tampa one, but as far as the look went, no, it was similar. Kind of hit it on the run same kind of way, a little bit off the ball, and he did a nice job.

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