

PATRIOTS QUARTERBACK DRAKE MAYE

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Q. Drake, obviously you won the first half; Mike has been preaching to win the second half. What happened from your perspective where you weren't able to generate points with the offense, especially in the second half?

DM: Yeah, I think we've just got to be better. I think my decision on the first drive coming out was the one that killed the drive, and then from there, kind of from then on just got to get the first 1st down. I think once we get the 1st down, we moved the ball well and got in a rhythm, and I think it's an adjustment from halftime. I think I've got to do a better job of getting the guys and making throws.

I thought the guys up front battled hard. I think they blocked pretty well up front, I thought, and like I said, just get the first 1st down, and from there just make some better throws, be more accurate, and I think getting points out of that first drive would have been huge.

Q. Could you take us through the play that led to the interception?

DM: Yeah. I think I thought I had Diggs. We were on the right, and got to kind of look back on it on film. You don't have a great look at it. I think I missed it high. I think I've got to step into it more. I think I may have got hit up front.

But that's just part of playing quarterback in this league. You've got to step into the throw and take hits and be accurate. Yeah, there's plays throughout the game I wish I had back, and I can think of three or four for me that can help dictate the game. It's a bummer thinking back and looking back at those.

Q. Drake, can you tell me what happened in the first half on the delay of game? It was 3rd and 12 at the Vegas 17. You guys broke the huddle with about 14 seconds. What happened there? It looked like maybe you were trying to change the play.

DM: Yeah, just trying to get into a good play. I think just got to be better with bringing the back back in the backfield, timing it up with the play clock. I saw it at the

end, and I think I surprised Garrett trying to get the ball. I think that's what happened.

Just got to be more efficient getting out of the huddle. I've got to preach to those guys and give us more time to operate. I think that starts with me and getting those guys in the huddle, getting them out of the huddle, kind of being efficient, and just going from there.

Q. How would you characterize your overall comfort level in Josh's offense in a real game for the first time?

DM: Yeah, I felt pretty good out there. I felt like I was seeing it well. Got to make some better throws, but the first time kind of adjusted from halftime, and coming in from there, yeah, just got to be better on my part.

I think down in the red zone and little things with details, and 7 versus 3 is huge in this league, and just make every possession count.

I know there's times that we have looks that we like, and I can think of letting a couple rip that I should have right now. Just taking advantage of every possession and just trying to build those guys, and like I say, get the first 1st down.

Q. Drake, Mike in his opening remarks talked about kind of a sense of urgency in finding out who the team was this upcoming week and facing some adversity and how committed you guys were going to be to getting better. How would you describe this moment where it's only one game, but does it feel like there's an urgency to get better quickly?

DM: Yeah, no doubt. I think there's an urgency to -- don't let this game kind of bleed into the next. I think we've got a chance with a division opponent. We're going down there, and anytime you're playing a division opponent, it matters. It means something. Bounce back and realize -- at the same time learn from it. Learn from it as much as we can, but at the same time, it's one game, and we've got to get back. It's a long season, to get back at it and do what I need to do to play better on my end and help guys around me play better, and then from there just lean into each other. I think that's the big thing around here. We spend so much time together. Lean into each other and fix what we need to fix and learn from it. The goal is not to have it

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show up again.

Q. Mike Vrabel mentioned in the second half that the Raiders were switching up coverages and pressures. What did you see in the first half and what were some ways they adjusted in the second that you may have noticed?

DM: Yeah, I think any NFL team they're going to try to adjust at halftime and just try to mix up looks. They're going to bring some all-out pressure in the second half, so just having answers and just being quicker. I think just being quicker and making more throws.

I think it was maybe the second drive out where they messed up the kickoff and we had the ball on the 40, and I missed high over the middle on the 1st down, and then on the 2nd down I had a chance. Just plays like that you don't realize that those plays are going to be the ones you look back on and feel like, man, if we hit those, it's a different ballgame.

It's a bummer looking back at that now, but I think just adjusting to what they do, that's part of the chess match of playing in the National Football League.

Q. Drake, what did you see in the screen game, and how can you guys get more out of that going forward?

DM: Yeah, I think those guys, that's something you work on. I think it's something that can be effective and impactful, and I think it's great to -- it's great when you've got to establish the run and then make them panic drop, and I think everything will flow off of establishing the run.

I think they did a good job of stopping the run, and from there I think just time it up and kind of longer you get into drives, sometimes screens work better and knowing when the pass rush is coming. Just finding times when to call them and just trusting Coach on when he's calling them and just try to execute.

Q. I'm curious, it seemed like you were hitting multiple receivers today. It wasn't just one guy you were going to for the most part. How important is it to have numerous guys you can do to at any time, and what did you feel you got out of that receiver room today?

DM: Yeah, I thought they brought it. I thought they were bringing energy on the sideline. I thought they were being physical, getting open. I could have gave them some more chances to make plays.

You saw a lot of different guys make catches, and I think they're taking the challenge head on to be a great room

and blocking the run game, and there's things they can clean up and things that we can clean up together. I'm looking forward to seeing what that room can do. Yeah, just having everybody in the game plan and keeping everybody honest not to just roll coverage over one guy or double team one guy. You've got to have answers and have guys that make plays, and those guys, I thought they did that today.

Q. Drake, obviously 10 points isn't enough in this league, but can you talk about, it didn't seem there were a lot of -- I don't know if there were opportunities or attempts to make that explosive play, long play, very few. I know Kayshon said something about them playing deep safeties; there just really wasn't an attempt to look long.

DM: Yeah. I think that's something that Coach Carroll and Graham have done in their career is kind of have eyes on the quarterback and not let you hit the big play. I think there was chances -- tonight I thought we had 20 plus plays -- that's not a huge play. I think that just kind of let the game flow. I think tried to get the ball out quick, they had a good edge rusher up front and they changed, and in the second half they played a lot of two high zone looks, and it's tough to throw the big plays against that.

I can think back one or two times where I know I would have had a big play.

Q. You've talked about being a little bit too amped up at the beginning of games, maybe having some jitters. I think you missed Demario on the first drive. Was that what was going on on that play or was it something else?

DM: No, I think just adjusting to the weather out there. I think the first drive, you've got teammates around you and you're coming out there pregame and throwing and feeling good. I don't think that was the case. I felt good out there today. I felt like I had a good rhythm, got in a good rhythm that second drive. From there, just it was a boundary throw to Pop, and just missed him a little high. But from there, I thought I was seeing it well, and I don't think that was really the -- I felt pretty good out there on the first drive.

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