

CHARGERS QUARTERBACK JUSTIN HERBERT

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Q. Justin, what did you think of the way you played today?

JH: Yeah, not good enough. We got to score points and defense gave us every shot we needed to and wasn't enough.

Q. Realizing that obviously the emotions are still raw, what is your confidence in yourself that you will be able to get over this, get a playoff win, make a playoff run?

JH: Yeah I don't know. I haven't figured it out yet. Hasn't happened, so we'll have to reevaluate and see what happens.

Q. I guess how frustrating is it to be back in this situation with the highs this team had this season?

JH: Yeah, it's really tough to lose. We gave everything we had and it's not good enough. Defense, like I said, gave us every shot that we needed to and it's not enough.

Q. You guys got the early turnover, went for it on fourth down. Was that a carryover effect not converting points on the two turnovers tonight?

JH: Yeah, we just have to be able to score and we didn't do that today. You know, that's on us as an offense. When we get those opportunities we have to do everything we can to get ball in the end zone, and we let the defense down today.

Q. Collectively when your offense struggles like that, were they showing you something different than you expected from your film study?

JH: No. It's just on us to go out there and execute. You know, like we always say, we have to score points in the red zone, convert on third down, limit turnovers, and we didn't do any of those today.

Q. You haven't made excuses all year and I'm not asking you to now. Now that the season is over, can

you describe the limitations that you're having, had, with your hand, especially tonight?

JH: No. You know, the training staff did a great job getting me ready to go. As long as they felt safe and comfortable and I did as well, there was no issues. Just have to do a better job holding on to the ball.

Q. Patriots' defense over the last couple weeks has got a few of their important guys back. Seemed like for them everything clicked. Seemed like you didn't have a ton of guys open down field. Can you talk about the Patriots' defense? Was it as good as it looked tonight?

JH: Yeah, they played well. We got nothing but respect for them. As an offense it wasn't good enough today and I didn't play well enough and didn't make any plays. When it mattered most we didn't score any points.

Q. If you had to break down, what was difficult tonight, especially throwing the ball down field?

JH: Just didn't execute. It's on us to be able to convert on third down and when we get our shots in the red zone we have to be able to score points.

Q. How do you feel like you were seeing the field tonight?

JH: Obviously not well enough. That's the tough part. You know, we have to do better than three points. As an offense, it's got good enough. Quarterback play wasn't good enough. We let the defense down today.

Q. Just moving into another offseason here, three trips to the playoffs, haven't been able to get one yet, mentally how are you going to approach that heading into the offseason? How are you going to maintain your mentality heading into next season knowing another opportunity has passed here?

JH: Yeah, I don't know. Haven't figured that out yet. That's the tough part about the NFL. There is a lot of good teams and wasn't good enough today.

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