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Brandin Cooks

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versus third and ten and whatnot.

So, yeah.

Q. Brandin, with the offense you got off to a fast start, and then got to the point in the second half where you just weren't moving the football as well and scoring points. What do you think happened from the first to second half?

BRANDIN COOKS: You know, I think at the end of the day, it's just all about inconsistency. You know, we got to continue to have that fire coming out, and things just didn't go our way. Got behind the sticks. Just too inconsistent throughout the day.

Q. And do you take anything away from -- it looks like as you guys said after the last game, there is better timing because you are playing more games together -- the passing game is making some strides.

BRANDIN COOKS: Absolutely. You know, I think there is some positive to build from. Like you said, the timing with Deshaun is getting better week by week and that's showing. From a receiver standpoint, we look at ourselves and we just got to be more consistent and make bigger plays when we can.

Q. What were you encouraged by the most in the first half of the football game?

BRANDIN COOKS: I have to say the way we were moving the ball. Being able to play past fast, getting ball going, getting the ball in our playmakers' hands and being consistent on that front.

Q. You talked about being behind the sticks. Whether it's a sack early on or losing yards, or even just gaining only a yard or two on first down, what sort of stress does that put on you guys when you're in a second and eight or longer?

BRANDIN COOKS: I wouldn't say stress because we practice those situations. At the end of the day, having too many of those aren't good. You know, I think your play calls change when you're third and four, third and three,

Q. How much of the offensive performance we saw in the first half was just a testament to show that the offensive struggles that we saw the first two weeks of the regular season was due to the shortened off season? It seemed like you guys were able to click a lot more.

BRANDIN COOKS: You know, I haven't even thought about shortened off season. To be honest with you, that's just a big excuse. You look around the league, offenses are playing at a high level. At the end of the day, we didn't start our season fast. We started this game fast, but we didn't finish.

That's on us. We're players. We been playing football a long time and understand we got to come out and be consistent.

So nothing to the off-season.

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