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JuJu Smith-Schuster

Postgame Press Conference



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Q. JuJu, can you explain what you saw on the ball that got intercepted in the end zone? Were you glad that Ben threw it there and did you think you had a shot at it?

JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER: Yeah, I mean, I was there. I've been through it. Obviously Ben trusted me enough to throw the ball there, and that's a play that I have to make for myself, just go over and grab it over his shoulder, his back. But I knew I had the ball in my hands and they just broke it up and had a good play.

Q. JuJu, what does it say that you built a big lead like you did scoring on your first four possessions on the road against an unbeaten team but still turned the ball over three times and win? What does it say about your character, resolve or whatever you feel it was?

JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER: I think for us it was more so staying positive and not letting those turnovers affect us. I think it's more so you know our defense got our back, they're going to stop them, they're going to hold them, and we're going to come back and keep striking again, keep striking and putting points on the board.

Q. For you, you have a big game, Diontae Johnson has a big game. What does that say about the receiving corps that Chase Claypool doesn't have a big afternoon, James Washington is shut down. What were they showing you guys that allowed you and Diontae to have a breakout?

JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER: I mean, I think for them, they wasn't try to give nothing up top. I think they were carrying a lot of tempo two, a lot of deep, two safeties in the back, trying to keep everything in front of them, and with that being said, Diontae backs that one-on-one, we were throwing everything short, me playing on the front side, everything short and that's the kind of game it was. Not every game is going to be a home run, but hey, it is what it

is. Like I said, you just never know who's going to get the ball out every week.

Q. How important was that first drive? Can you talk about that? I think you went nearly 10 minutes, 15 plays. First eight were throws. How important was that?

JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER: I think it's huge for us. I think it shocked a lot of us. I think because we flipped the coin and we always allow our defense to go on the field first to set the tone, I think it changed the momentum, and when Ben called tails and we got tails and Ben said, yo, let's receive. It changed the whole tone that the first drive we go down put points on the board and the rest is history. As you can see, in the previous games we've always had our defense on first to set the tone, but our offense can do the same thing.

Q. What's your feeling as you're watching Gostkowski line up for that last kick?

JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER: Oh, man, I mean, I was surprised he missed it. Ideally I was hoping it would go into overtime. A good kicker, I mean, it's tough. But it is what it is. It's a great win for us. We can go home -- away, go back home, an hour flight, and just enjoy ourselves and got the W. 6-0, baby.

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