

# Pittsburgh Steelers

## Media Conference

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## Coach Mike Tomlin

Postgame Press Conference



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COACH TOMLIN: We're disappointed, but what transpired is not anything mystical. That's what we talked about as a collective in there. No disrespect to the Jets. They made plays and won the football game. But it's not about who we play.

It's not about rabbits foats and so forth. We've got to play better. We've got to put them in better position. We've got to perform better. And I'm talking about the collection of players and coaches in there.

It's very tangible and fundamental things. I thought we were highly penalized particularly in the first half. I thought it killed some drives.

Obviously we've got to possess the ball better. We've got to get necessary stops when we need them. We've just got to do a better job than we did today.

It's not broad, sweeping things, but it's never broad, sweeping things in the NFL, man. It's a fine line in this business between winning and losing.

And so acknowledging that, we have to absorb the negativity with our current position men and roll our sleeves up and remain resolute and keep working. We intend to do that.

From an injury standpoint, Edmonds in concussion protocol. Cam Heyward had an ankle and elbow. Cam Sutton has a hamstring. Minkah's knee is being evaluated. Don't have a lot of information there. I'm sure I'll be able to update you guys the next time we come together.

### Q. What went into the decision to put Kenny in?

COACH TOMLIN: We just thought we needed a spark. We didn't do much in the first half, not enough offensively. And thought he could provide a spark for us.

### Q. Do you expect that decision to stick into next week?

COACH TOMLIN: You know, I'm not going to talk extended as we sit here. We did what we needed to do to put ourselves in position to win this game. We'll do it again. But I like to just keep it where we are in terms of what transpired here today. We'll deal with next week, next week.

### Q. How would you evaluate Kenny's performance?

COACH TOMLIN: I thought he did some good things. I thought there was some energy there. We scored some touchdowns. But obviously we also turned the ball over.

### Q. Defense had them pretty bottled up until the last couple of drives. What changed?

COACH TOMLIN: You know, some attrition things, fatigue, et cetera. But also execution by the Jets. And that's what I mean in my opening when I said I'd be remiss if I didn't compliment those guys. They made the necessary plays.

We had some penalties on possession-down-like plays. They did enough to keep drives extended and move the football and we didn't.

### Q. The throw that went off Primus' fingers, was he trying to throw it away on that, trying to squeeze it in?

COACH TOMLIN: I didn't get a chance to have conversations with the parties involved there. Talking about the late? I didn't have conversations. I was managing the defensive unit which was facing a sudden change.

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