

# Pittsburgh Steelers

## Media Conference

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### Coach Robert Saleh

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#### Q. Talk about what it feels like to win.

ROBERT SALEH: It always feels good to win in this league. I thought our O-line battled. It wasn't exactly the prettiest game, but I thought they did a good job battling and held up when we needed them to.

#### Q. What did Zach show you on that last drive?

ROBERT SALEH: He doesn't flinch. There was a couple plays that I'm sure he wishes he had back. The young man doesn't flinch. He got us out of a lot of bad situations with his mobility. I thought he played a pretty good game for his first game back.

#### Q. At what point on that drive, that final one, the game winner, do you and Mike start talking about the clock, and not only scoring and getting points but also not allowing them much time to do anything?

ROBERT SALEH: It was right after the -- I think we took it down to the 20-yard line. We just said, slow it down, we've got three time-outs, and then from there I'm talking to Shamash who's the situational coordinator. We ran the ball, let it drive down all the way to 18 seconds, called the time out, because we had two more. Then we ended up scoring on the next one. But the objective was not to give them any time if we could.

#### Q. How big of a play was that interception?

ROBERT SALEH: Oh, the last one or the second to last one? That was big-time because obviously they hit the explosive in a one-on-one situation. Again, that's what I love about this group of guys. There's no flinch. Michael just gets beat on a China fade we call it, and bounces back and gets the interception. I thought our D-line was putting pressure on these guys the entire day.

It was tremendous resilience from the group because we

were holding the lead, had a bad sequence there at the end of the first half and they had some momentum bringing in the young kid, but to weather the storm and show the resilience to come back again on the road, awesome.

#### Q. What did you think of Corey down the stretch?

ROBERT SALEH: He was good all day today. Made some big time catches, runs his big boy routes, and he's doing a really, really nice job. He's been stacking up a lot of really good days. He's backing up what we saw in training camp. He looks fantastic.

#### Q. What changed for the offense in the fourth quarter?

ROBERT SALEH: You know, it was just capitalizing on opportunities. It was there in the third quarter, too. It was just a couple of opportunities that we were missing here and there, and it's a game of inches, and again, just when we got that opportunity after the interception, it was just a really good precise drive.

We had the 4th down conversion to get it to within three on that drive, got it to within three. In critical situations guys stepped up and made plays when we needed to.

#### Q. Can you talk a little bit about Corey? He's been overshadowed by Elijah and Garrett's emergence.

ROBERT SALEH: Yeah, he was. He's been good all year. He does all the grunt work and then he gets all the big over-the-middle body catches -- big body routes that have to absorb hits and contact, and he's there in the run game just digging out safeties. He absolutely grinds every play. His stats may not show it, but he's been having a really nice year just with his grit, the way he grinds play in and play out, and we were really excited about him going into the season with the way he played throughout training camp and the way he's coming in shape and with a renewed mindset to attack the season.

He's been -- I'm really pumped that he's had the game he's had, but he's been doing that all year.

#### Q. What went into switching Elijah on tucker and how do you think he did?



entire day, and I thought overall they played a really, really good game of football.

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ROBERT SALEH: We'll go to the tape. We felt like getting him out there, he's played tackle in college. Sorry I kept that one from you all. Just the combination of him and Herbig there at guard, we felt like that would be a really good stabilizing combination. Obviously we lose Max, which we'll get the evaluation tomorrow, but that group -- eventually that group has got to get a run on luck with health and see if we can string together some games having the same group over and over again.

**Q. Is his knee stable?**

ROBERT SALEH: I haven't gotten any report yet. I just know that obviously he left the game and we're getting him evaluated, but I don't have any information on how the knee was.

**Q. At halftime did the possibility of a quarterback change enter the picture?**

ROBERT SALEH: No, I thought Trubisky was doing a decent job. I don't know if he got hurt at the end of that half on the ill-advised penalty, but it wasn't crossing my mind, but it didn't matter. They were going to run their offense.

**Q. (Indiscernible) big picture wise?**

ROBERT SALEH: I don't know, we talked about that after the Cleveland game. Every game is so independent of one another. I think what it shows is that this group -- it's the second win. This was a cool game because it was a back and forth game. We had a lead, playing really well. We have a really sloppy end of the first half, and we seize momentum at the start of the second half and then we take it back in the fourth quarter.

It was just a really cool NFL game, and for as young as we are, to have the mindset to stay in it, go 60 minutes, again, really proud of the group with the mindset and just exchanging blows with another opponent. Being 2-2 right now, it's pretty good. We've got a really good chance. But you never know. But every game is independent of one another.

**Q. With the defense, how do you think -- four takeaways, but how do you think they responded overall?**

ROBERT SALEH: Overall I thought the defense played really well. Like I said, that third quarter, just to weather the storm of the young buck going in there and just weathering the renewed excitement, if you will, of the offense. But to get four takeaways in an NFL game is pretty significant. We were all over the quarterback the

