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Q. Can you just talk about today and how did you feel about the offensive line?

ANDY DALTON: At the end of the day, we didn't make enough plays. That's what it came down to. We weren't able to sustain drives, and that led to us not scoring enough points.

Q. How frustrating (indiscernible)?

ANDY DALTON: It's really frustrating. We know the potential of what we can be and what we can do. To have games go like this consecutive weeks, it's tough.

Q. Can you describe kind of what happened on that 3rd and 1, 4th and 1, where you had a chance to still be in the game at that point?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah. We ran the ball both times and weren't able to get it. I think that's what happened.

Q. On that second interception throw to Kevin White down the sideline, what were you seeing there? What went wrong?

ANDY DALTON: It was a one-on-one play, just trying to give Kevin a chance. Unfortunately he didn't come down with it.

Q. Coach Allen says he believes in this locker room, the leadership going forward. You've been around this team for a while. These are tough times. How do you feel the core of this team can handle it?

ANDY DALTON: We have the right people in this locker room. We've got the right people on this team and in this organization. The only way we can do it is we've got to stick together and understand what we have to do. Everybody needs to look at themselves and say what can I do better.



If we do that, we'll get this thing turned around.

Q. Were they doing anything in particular to take away the run?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, we just weren't able to run it. I think at the end of the day they made plays and we didn't.

Q. You mentioned the potential; what do you have to do to achieve that and be in it consistently week in and week out?

ANDY DALTON: I think we have got to put everything together and we've got to execute the plan that we have in place. We have to understand how teams are playing us and be able to make adjustments and do different things. I think it comes down to just everybody being on the same page.

Q. Do you feel like that's still in front of you guys and you can get there?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, I do.

Q. From what you saw, different things you were watching, do you feel maybe they got a boost with Watt back in the lineup?

ANDY DALTON: When you get one of the best pass rushers in the league back, obviously that's a boost for your team.

Q. Did you ever really want to play without three of your regular offensive linemen? What kind of challenge is that when you incorporate three new guys in and they're having to all play together?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, I think that's a big thing when you've got starting linemen out, guys that have played a ton of ball, and now you've got new guys thrown in there. It's something that we've still got to find a way to execute and make it work.

Q. (Indiscernible) shot to the face or something like that?

... when all is said, we're done."

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, I'll be all right.

Q. The focus of the running game, how did you want to balance as an offense?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, I think for us, you go back a couple weeks ago, I feel like that was the thing that we were doing best offensively. We had a good balance. The last two weeks we haven't been able to run the ball. That's hurt us. Put ourselves in unfavorable situations, 3rd and long, and the efficiency on 1st and 2nd down hasn't been good enough.

Q. How would you assess some of the struggles offensively, especially towards the end, the last drives whenever it was still close, one-score game, three-point game. How would you assess how it went down the stretch?

ANDY DALTON: We've got to make more plays.

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