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Mitch Trubisky

Postgame Press Conference



Ravens 16, Steelers 14

Q. What was the mindset with you coming in wanting to attack, and you were able to move the ball and then there was turnovers?

MITCH TRUBISKY: Yeah, I just wanted to go out there, run the offense, obviously was overly aggressive at times, which showed up with the turnovers, but it was great to be back out there with the guys.

I appreciate everybody battling all four quarters. A lot of stuff I can do better, but coming off the bench, just wanted to go in there, try to provide a spark. I thought we did a good job moving the ball, but I've got to protect the football and that's obvious.

Q. The one to Freiermuth, it looked like 82 was also in the area. Was that supposed to be to Pat?

MITCH TRUBISKY: It was. It was. They did a good job collisioning Pat on the line of scrimmage, which made his route take a little longer. I stuck with him, probably could have used a better -- done a better job with my eyes looking off, but yeah, when it just takes a little longer, two guys in the same spot. I'll have to look at it to see exactly what happened, but the linebacker made a good play.

I was being aggressive, at times overly aggressive, probably forced that one, especially early on the downs on first and second. I've got to take care of the football so we can come away with points down there. That's on me.

Q. So Sims was running the right route there, he was in the right spot, it was --

MITCH TRUBISKY: Yeah, he was. I'll have to look at the depth on film, and if there's any details that go along with it, but he got -- Pat got jammed down the line, so that's why it took a little longer. Within the timing of the play, I've just got to check it down and not force that.

Q. When you first came into the game, a couple passes to George Pickens kind of right away and got a spark going. Was there any reason that that just didn't continue as the game went on?

MITCH TRUBISKY: I'll have to watch it on film. I was looking for George. Certain things they were doing. I was just playing within each concept that was called, trying to find completions, trying to move the ball down the field. I thought we did a good job moving it. I've got to take care of the football. I'd love to continue to get George involved. He's a great talent. We've just got to continue to work on the details and see which ways we can get him the football for sure.

Q. You came into the game as if you hadn't missed a beat. Did they adjust to you maybe in terms of what you were doing or did you maybe adjust less to them?

MITCH TRUBISKY: I mean, every week I'm prepared. I think we were moving the ball, and I think the problem was I was turning it over down in the red zone. We've got to come away with points, at least field goals. When you give up the football three times to a good team and a good defense, they're known for taking the ball away, and I've just got to be smarter with my decisions and not forcing it down there.

Credit to them, and I just try to come in, do my job, and at times I was overly aggressive. I wanted to score in the red zone. I wanted to be aggressive. I think looking back at the film, once we look at it, I think I can be a lot better with my eyes and then be smart and know when to check it down. A learning experience for sure.

Q. Would you rather be overaggressive - you said that a couple times - than not taking those shots?

MITCH TRUBISKY: There's give and take. There's definitely a happy medium you need to find. I think when you have a great kicker like Bos and it's a low-scoring game, you've just got to be smarter with the football, and then a field goal keeps us in the game or helps us win it.

You've just got to feel that, and obviously I want those throws back, but you want to stay aggressive at the same

time. We were moving the ball. Part of that was helping with that aggressive mindset. But I've got to take care of the football, bottom line.

Q. What was the process when Kenny went out? Looked like he went into the tent, you started warming up. He comes out for another drive and then can't go back in. What kind of conversations were you guys having on the sidelines?

MITCH TRUBISKY: Yeah, I think first and foremost, just making sure he's all right, seeing if he can go, and then me just being prepared on the sidelines. Always having those conversations him and Sully, seeing what they're giving us, what plays we've got coming up next, and then when he couldn't go, I was ready to step in. That's kind of how that went.

Q. Did he say anything to you after that second drive coming off indicating that he wouldn't be able to go in for a third?

MITCH TRUBISKY: No, he didn't. I just kept asking him how he was feeling. He said he was feeling fine, and that was that.

Q. That's two games now where you've come off the bench, looked very comfortable and looked productive. What is it that allows you to come in and be able to do that?

MITCH TRUBISKY: I think just preparation. I'm continuing to stay confident. I think my teammates are confident in me, as well.

I've just got to take care of the football. Felt good moving the ball. It felt good to be out there. I love playing ball. It's fun to be back out there with the guys. I would say the preparation throughout the week with Coach Sullivan definitely helps.

We've got a tight quarterback room, and just bouncing ideas off of each other and continuing to get better. I just appreciate this team grinding together and sticking through. We had a lot of adversity today. But if I take care of the football, I give ourselves a better chance to win.

Q. You guys obviously didn't have a big chance at the playoffs, but you had some hope and you had some wins and you were building something. How do you feel like the feeling of the team is right now after this loss, and is that hope still there?

MITCH TRUBISKY: There's always hope. We just take it one day at a time and continue to take care of business.

We definitely had a huge opportunity today. We know that. But we put our head down and go back to work. We've got a good group of guys. We've got leaders emerging. The chemistry has been building over the course of the season. We just continue to stick together, put our heads down and work and go get one next one.

Q. The deep throw to Diontae that resulted in an interception, was that the call or something you saw as the play unfolded?

MITCH TRUBISKY: The call as in what, like throw him the ball?

Q. Yeah.

MITCH TRUBISKY: Yeah, I wanted to take a shot downfield to Diontae. I thought he did a good job going inside. He was getting behind him and stacked him. We ended up hitting it later in the fourth quarter going the opposite direction. I just threw it a little too far, and I've got to be better with my eyes. It looked like the free safety had a jump on it. That's why he got over the top there before Diontae did.

Yeah, I wanted to go down the field, take a shot and was too aggressive, and could be better with my eyes.

Q. The one (indiscernible) got, was it just a good play by him?

MITCH TRUBISKY: Yeah, kind of the same thing. I kind of forced that one. I think I was going to Pat again down in the red zone. When linebackers are depth like that, there's probably somebody open underneath, so I'm going to have to go back and look at that one.

Q. Do you feel like the game was moving too fast for you at times?

MITCH TRUBISKY: No, I don't think so. I think we were moving the ball. Obviously the game always gets faster down in the red zone, and that's where I've got to be maybe heightened alert to taking care of the football when you've got a good field goal kicker. But I feel like I was seeing it well. Feel like I was finding completions and we were moving the ball. You've just got to take care of the ball, and that's on me.

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