Pittsburgh Steelers Media Conference

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T.J. Watt

Postgame Press Conference

Q. T.J., 10 points in this first three drives and then nothing. Three turnovers the rest of the game (inaudible)

T.J. WATT: Well, we know that teams are going to score in the NFL (inaudible). They work all week. They created great plays. Really proud of the way that we settled into the game and were able to pull up in a lot of big-time situations. We played really well today. Obviously able to create some pressure up front. And heck of a play by Porter. All in a big time game against top players.

Q. Is there anything you did particularly this week in preparation with the guys (inaudible). Did you do anything different?

T.J. WATT: No, a lot of highs and low. We need to stay constant to a degree. We're not going to change everything we do. Coach has done a great job of getting us prepared, getting us ready. Letting the guys know the importance of this rivalry. Really hit that point home.

Q. (Inaudible)

T.J. WATT: Just doing my job, not trying to do anything other than go out there and make as many plays as possible. Try to limit the ball and go over to the offense, if we can. (Inaudible)

Q. (Inaudible)

T.J. WATT: I'm not surprised. The guy works his tail off. He's out there every day in practice, working on his craft. Coach Tomlin always says one block here makes you great, and he has a whole bunch of them at this point in his career, and it's awesome to see a guy that makes plays like that. And like I said, I'm not surprised by his work ethic. Obviously just created sparks. The game came alive for us.

Q. What was the change for the second half?



T.J. WATT: We just settled in. Really I think we were gain tackling, we were able to make some big plays, get after the quarterback and make him uncomfortable a little bit. (Inaudible) It's all about execution.

Q. Considering how you got here and you're in first place at this point, good time for the bye week (inaudible)

T.J. WATT: Yeah, good time for the bye week, and the first place doesn't mean anything right now. It's still too early. Maybe get some guys back. You just take some time, let the body rest a little bit.

Q. How different was the Baltimore offense looking for you guys?

T.J. WATT: It's always a tough physical game. Have to go back and look at the film and digest it. It's hard to -- you are just play-in, play-out it's hard to have any perspective on the game until you watch the film.

Q. (Inaudible)

T.J. WATT: Yeah, I mean, we're trying to feed off each other, we really are. It doesn't matter who's playing offense, defensive, special teams. We just need to feed off each other and we did a good job of that today.

Q. Surprised they didn't kick it?

T.J. WATT: I don't know.

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