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Player George Pickens

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Q. George, what opened up for you guys in the passing game tonight? Russell did things you guys have been working on that a lot of you guys clicked a little bit more?

GEORGE PICKENS: They played a lot of man-on-man situations. You know when you get those situations, you got to most definitely capitalize.

Q. What did you learn about Russ, just the way that it seemed like he settled in, especially in the second half?

GEORGE PICKENS: Yeah, like I said previous in the week, a guy going to back-to-back Super Bowls, he knows when guys are blitzing, his cadence is a little more dominant with guys jumping offsides, you know what I mean? But like I said on third down and second down, they play a lot of man-on-man and we took opportunities.

Q. George, did you have to tell him, like, hey, give me opportunities in these situations or --

GEORGE PICKENS: No, not at all. Not at all. Like I said, when it's third and four, third and five, second and eleven, they're playing man-on-man, you know, we're taking opportunities for sure.

Q. George, other than just the man coverage, what is it about your skill set and what Russ can do that marries well together?

GEORGE PICKENS: You know me, locating the ball down field and, you know, Russ pre-read, seeing what coverage is before, you know, he says hike.

Q. How'd you keep the focus on that play off the defender's helmet?

GEORGE PICKENS: Say that again.

Q. How'd you keep your focus on that ball that went off the defender's helmet? You caught it.

GEORGE PICKENS: Yeah, just concentration. For a minute, he had it, for a minute I had it, bounced up in the air, got my eyes back on it. Made the catch.

Q. Can you take us through that touchdown catch that you had and just how good did it feel to finally get your first touchdown?

GEORGE PICKENS: Yeah, it felt good, felt super good. I'll probably just say man-on-man, you know man-on-man suggestions, with their DBs, a lot of of DBs they had were hurt. D.J. Reed, Sauce went down for a little bit, so like I said, as soon as we seen the guys in, we took opportunities for sure.

Q. George, Brandon Marshall here.

GEORGE PICKENS: (Laughter).

Q. What's up, bro?

GEORGE PICKENS: What it do?

Q. As a wide receiver, in games like this, Sunday night football, you're going against Sauce Gardner, one or two best corner in the league, Russell Wilson comes in. How does it feel as a receiver to go out there and make the plays that you made?

GEORGE PICKENS: It felt great, you know. Like you said, Russ and his cadence and just giving people chances down field, it felt great to make plays like that, which I know that I'm capable of just day in and day out, working it's going to show that for sure.

Q. What's your potential?

GEORGE PICKENS: I probably say my potential is very high. I workday in and day out. I don't really look at my potential for for real for real. I just stay on the grind, stay working and my potential kind of shows on TV.



Q. George is it extra special when it does come against a guy like Sauce?

GEORGE PICKENS: No, I wouldn't say extra special. You know, a lot of guys are good around the league. There's a lot of good players. You know what I mean, just because we're playing him, that doesn't mean you can get super, super excited. I want to do that to every DB.

Q. George, what does it say about this offense that you guys have scored 30 points in back-to-back weeks. Obviously different quarterbacks, but do you feel like you guys have a momentum now going forward?

GEORGE PICKENS: Yeah, I probably say, like I said earlier in the week, just the team coming together because last week it was Justin. This week it was Russ. It was both 30 points, so I feel like the team overall is coming together.

MODERATOR: One more. One more.

Q. Najee Harris talked about how the team has been blocking a lot more together. This is also his second straight hundred-yard rushing effort. What does it say about you guys' ability to come together like that?

GEORGE PICKENS: Just us on the perimeter for sure, O-line for sure, you know, just down field blocking. We know he's going to break a few tackles, of course, so you kind of want to keep your head on a swivel for guys down field.

MODERATOR: All right. Hang tight. We'll bring Russell right out.

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