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Zac Taylor

Visitors Postgame Press Conference



Steelers 34, Bengals 12

ZAC TAYLOR: There's a lot of opportunities. We've got to get them on the ground. Working like crazy. Talking like crazy. We've just got to show up.

Q. (No microphone).

ZAC TAYLOR: Their defense did a great job. You have to give them credit. Well coached, they have great players. We had some drives in the first half. We weren't backed up, per se. But minus 10, minus 15, felt like we were working our way out of that thing.

Just can't stall at midfield. Just didn't sustain, didn't get the explosive plays we'd like to get. That's a credit to them. That's how they played us. They were going to go the length of the field, and we weren't able to do that the first half outside of the first drive.

Q. (No microphone).

ZAC TAYLOR: We had them behind the sticks plenty of times. It was great for the guys to do that and some opportunities for take advantage of. So when they convert, that takes the wind out of you a little bit.

Q. (No microphone).

ZAC TAYLOR: Again, I don't think we were ever in a tremendous rhythm in any facet. And you have to credit them. They had a great plan. They played well. At times, we found some momentum and just it wasn't enough of that to go out and score enough points to win the game.

Q. Do you credit Chase for keeping his cool there?

ZAC TAYLOR: Yeah. I mean, these guys are in emotional match-ups. We all know that. There's a lot at stake for teams. There's a lot at stake for the individuals. It's competitive when you've got great players going against great players. It's going to be emotional at times. Ja'Marr

has always done an excellent job of controlling what he can control. I respect that about him.

Q. Seems like every week, we ask you about tackling. Do you get to a point where you practice so much, you talk about it so much after games that you might need to just make some personnel changes to see if that can help with tackling?

ZAC TAYLOR: No.

Q. Jalen Ramsey was ejected. He was obviously the only one ejected. Are you comfortable (no microphone).

ZAC TAYLOR: I have no idea. I didn't see any of it. I got the worst view in the house. They didn't call us for anything so I'm proud of our guys. I've have worst seat in the house. No idea.

Q. How frustrating was it. 3-7 through ten games last year. Given the hot start, how frustrating is it now?

ZAC TAYLOR: You feel them. You feel all the losses. You feel them all. They eat at you all. You know, we're working like crazy to make sure that this doesn't happen. It happened today. It's disappointing.

Our option is come back tomorrow and keep fighting and find a way to get a win. And we've got a red-hot team coming in here. So that's what we're going to do. We're going to do everything we can to clean this up, correct the mistakes, get back to work, and fight another week and find a way to get a win.

Q. Message to your team, Zac?

ZAC TAYLOR: Same. Just what I said. Same thing.

Q. Feel like it was missed opportunity to kind of tighten things in the AFC north?

ZAC TAYLOR: Of course. Our goal was to be 3-0 in the division coming out of this game. That's not how it played out.



Q. What's ahead for you now? Where do you go from here?

ZAC TAYLOR: New England. I mean, it's simple. Find a way to scratch and claw and get a win and get the feeling we had back three weeks ago when we beat Pittsburgh, you know. Gave us a good opportunity, and so that's what we're back to. We're back to finding a way to get a win against New England and try to capitalize. That is our only option right now.

Thank you all.

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