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Coach Pete Carroll

Press Conference

Vikings 30, Seahawks 17

(In progress.)

He had really bad cramps on both legs and came back in the game.

Q. Is that why he was off the field the final drive of the first half or is that just...

A. (Sound drop.)

Q. (No microphone.)

A. He had a concussion.

Q. Seems like the last couple weeks you had trouble identifying screens. Can you put a finger on what's causing that problem?

A. What really was obvious, when you see Bobby saw one late in the game, he goes and gets it. We have to recognize them. We're not recognizing them quickly enough and we're getting back in our drops and they're working -- you know, they have a nice scheme, they throw the ball behind you, as they did. We're driving out of there and we get too much space between us in the screen, and that's why you throw those sometimes.

We were late to respond. When we did, we didn't force one properly, we had snuffed out. And then the other one Bobby makes a play on it because he feels it. We just have to do a better job sensing it.

Any one of the guys, linebackers, DBs who are in the forced situation have an opportunity. Unfortunately there was a couple, and they were impacting. I think they threw four in the first half. They did a nice job with it.

Q. What happened with Marquise Blair?

A. He banged his knee during the week and we thought he was okay. In warmups he just didn't feel right and he couldn't go.

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Q. (No microphone.)

A. I don't know, I don't know. Because part of it is opportunities. We got to stay on the field, you know, and when it doesn't mix right and the defenses is giving up first downs and the offense didn't convert them, it's just out of the balance.

What changed? They didn't do anything different and we didn't do anything different. Shoot, I was fired up about -- I think we scored four times in a row or something. We were really on it the way we needed to be.

Just missed our chances, and then all of a sudden the game gets away.

Q. You guys have been 1-2 two before, I think 2018, and you turned that around. Is that part of the messaging to the team, that you've been here before?

A. Yeah, stay together, f it's a long season. We don't know how the stories are going to be written. Right now you guys will go off and try to figure it out, but we don't know. We don't know what's going to happen with other teams and all of that.

Just have to keep staying together and connected and keep giving ourselves the opportunity to have a great season. Only way to do that is to hang.

On the road next week. Got to get through this start and get rolling.

Q. (No microphone.)

A. Yeah, both first halves were really good. And then the second -- I think, the last couple weeks -- and then the second half we didn't hold it together.

We got play better. Got to play more disciplined. We got to play to keep it like it's been. That's all.

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