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Jimmy Garoppolo

Postgame Press Conference



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THE MODERATOR: Questions.

Q. Now that it's over, can you tell us what this week meant to you, also to get a win there in your first trip back?

JIMMY GAROPPOLO: Yeah, it was a cool week. Just a lot of emotions, a lot of memories. Especially coming back here, seeing the same stadium, hearing the same songs they used to play, a lot of memories came back. A lot of emotions out there. But it was a fun night.

Q. Kyle this weekend emphasized the need to take out a team when you have the initiative, something maybe you didn't do in the second half against the Rams. Was that emphasized today, something in the back of your mind, keep pressing the accelerator on this team?

JIMMY GAROPPOLO: That's always in our mindset, especially offensively. When we got them down, we got to keep them down, don't want to give them any chance to breathe. I thought we did that tonight.

The O-line set the tempo up front. The backs ran hard. Started from the first snap and carried its way throughout the whole game.

Q. We know Bill tries to take away the best offensive weapon. What did you see him doing today? How did you counter that with what he was doing?

JIMMY GAROPPOLO: They were mixing it up a lot. They mixed in the zone, they mixed in the man, gave us some different fronts we weren't expecting. I thought our guys handled it really well. The coaches on the sideline, the adjustments we had to make, whatever it was, the communication was real clean tonight. I think it transferred down the field. It showed.

Q. The last two weeks have been similar in that the defense has allowed you guys to stick with the running game, you don't have to sling it all around. Very few starters left on defense. They look a lot like the 2019 defense.

JIMMY GAROPPOLO: Yeah, that group, you can't say enough about them. It starts with the D-line. Those guys get after the quarterback, especially when we get them a little lead like that. Just let the dogs loose. It just carries out. Guys making plays. Four turnovers today. Whenever you can do something like that as a defense, it helps the whole team.

I think we played great complementary football. Yeah, that's a great recipe for a win.

Q. You guys are a confident bunch, but did you ever think you would come to New England and deliver Bill Belichick his worse loss as a coach there?

JIMMY GAROPPOLO: It really was never in my mind. I obviously wanted to come here and get a win. To me it didn't matter if we won by 1 or 100. It was go and get the win. That was the mindset we had this week. Same mindset we had last week. Just got to keep that mindset the rest of the season.

Q. Looking at the season now, you lose two in a row, now you've won two in a row. You look healthier. What is the vibe team-wise going into Seattle this coming weekend?

JIMMY GAROPPOLO: We're in a good spot right now. We're playing well, all three phases. We're playing together. I think it's just a mindset that we have as a group. You could feel it, felt it in the locker room today from the guys, felt it all week in practice.

It's a good feeling when you're in that groove. We just got to keep this thing going, keep stacking 'em.

Q. Why aren't you wearing the victory chain any more? How does it feel to have that type of



performance back at the team where you were drafted?

JIMMY GAROPPOLO: I gave the victory chain to the runningbacks. Those guys earned it tonight. All of them. They were playing their ass off, running hard, getting those extra dirty yards. Kind of the staple of our team.

I don't know, it was an exciting night, a lot of emotions. Couldn't imagine it going any better than this.

Q. You mentioned communication was real clean. I take it that means that Grasu had a nice game. How do you think he did in his second start of the season?

JIMMY GAROPPOLO: Hroniss did a great job. He really did. Like I said before, they gave us some looks we weren't really planning for, expecting. The communication between all those guys up front with the tight ends getting it all figured out. Thought he did a great job. When those guys play that well up front, it sets the tone for everyone offensively and defensively for the rest of the game.

That's where it starts. That's our team.

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