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## Carson Wentz

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**Q. Talk about the conditions. What was it like out there?**

CARSON WENTZ: Yeah, it was wet. Very wet. It was obviously a challenge. Something we talked about all week, ball security was at premium today. Unfortunately put it on the ground a couple times. Both teams did.

Yeah, definitely not ideal circumstances and playing conditions, but we had fun with it. We made plays, defense made plays, and found a way to win.

**Q. You weren't scared to throw it. I mean, they were for a while up. Is that because of Pittman and his ability to sort of get the ball?**

CARSON WENTZ: Yeah, I mean, we came out told coach, Hey, shot's there, we're going to throw it. We got the guys, we got the playmakers, specifically Pittman. Even if it's under thrown, or whatever, I just got to give him a chance.

He made a couple big plays and had the PI on the other one. Yeah, we said let's still be aggressive and not let the weather completely change who we are. Be smart. Pick and choose our opportunities, but I really appreciate coach still trusting us to call those plays and create some big plays.

**Q. Does he surprise you? Let's say you throw it and you think it's going to get there, and then somehow, I mean, (indiscernible.) Does that surprise you?**

CARSON WENTZ: Not anymore. Not anymore. Seen it enough in practice. I know what he brings to the table, and so that's the reason I'm so confident in letting it fly. Sure a couple of those runs thrown were not great balls, but when you got a guy like that you just got to give him a chance. He came up big tonight.

**Q. How long did it take to get that comfort level with**

**Michael?**

CARSON WENTZ: Yeah, I mean, I saw it even this spring and summer when I first got to work out with him, but obviously there is no defense, no nothing, but I got to see his ability and his ball skills, and then training camp came and he did it again. Saw our defense and things over and over. Obviously I wasn't out there but I was seeing him work every single day. Every week, I mean, I think he gets more confident in my ability to get it to him and vice versa.

When he keeps stepping up and making plays like that, especially in these conditions, I'm saying, Hey, I trust my guy to go up and make a play in these conditions more than their guy.

**Q. Carson, I know you're not like scoreboard watching but are you generally aware of the AFC is kind of like...**

ReplaceName: Kind of. Kind of. Kind of. Really singularly focused each week too at the same time. I don't watch a lot of football outside of film and all that stuff when I'm home.

Yeah, we know it's wide open and there is a lot of -- who is beating who every single week. So we got to be ready. This was a huge one for us. Hopefully propel us into a big one next week.

**Q. Then on the play you had on the first and 12 interception and it was called a fumble. Just slip and you saw...**

CARSON WENTZ: Yeah, that, one hurt because I thought we had six points, and the next thing you know slipped out of my hand right into I believe 51's hands. That one was tough. Down there in the red zone ball security is a huge premium.

That was a big swing, but we were able to recover from that and get it done.

**Q. Did you just shovel it or throw it?**



CARSON WENTZ: Shovel it, yeah. Thought we had a -- were going to have a cool one there, but guy got to it first.

**Q. How smart is Jonathan Taylor?**

CARSON WENTZ: Yeah, I mean, he's awesome. I can't say enough good things about JT. Obviously the fumble tonight, but it is what it is. We trust him. I told him right after that, Hey, you're still the best guy on this field. You're going to get the ball over and over and create big plays.

Yeah, he's super smart both in the passing game and the run game, protections. And really same thing is said for Nyheim, for Marlon. I mean, they're all just patient. They're different dynamic back there the way they hit the holes and the approach, but they're all really smart.

JT, just his patience, and then, boom, he's going to burst through that hole when it's there. It's fun to see.

**Q. He's made headlines in recent weeks, but then tonight was a different kind of game, right? You got to grind it out. He's a versatile player that can do both. Is that special?**

CARSON WENTZ: Yeah, I mean, it's huge. I think he's as dynamic of an all around back as it comes. You've seen him take screens, cut shallow routs and crossing routes and do it all, and then run between tackles, break long ones.

I mean, any given play handed to him I'm like, shoot, this thing could go the distance. It's fun. It's fun to give it to a guy like that.

**Q. The rain at the end, what was it like running off on the field through the tunnel?**

CARSON WENTZ: It's cool. It's a good feeling, especially the way the conditions were. Just kind of felt like backyard football a little bit again. Getting the big one on Sunday night, national TV, definitely cool running off this field.

**Q. Couple weeks ago at the Ravens you guys ran it a couple times. (Indiscernible.) Tonight you guys were aggressive. Do you feel like a difference in terms of I'm putting it my guy's hand?**

CARSON WENTZ: Yeah. I love that Frank was aggressive and trusted us with that. That's the first thing I went and told him. I appreciate you trusting us and me just trusting Pitt and his ability to go and get that.

I thought that was cool to see coach trust us with that play and for Pitt to go up and make that play and really seal the

deal. That was huge for us.

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