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Q. Did you think you were in, or what was going through your mind after that play?

ELIJAH BADGER: I thought I was in fully. I thought I really scored at the time because the way my momentum was going. Yeah, I thought I was in.

Q. Did you then look at the replay like everybody else did and see maybe your toe was out?

ELIJAH BADGER: At first I didn't know they were replaying it because that's how much I thought I was in.

Q. What was it like adjusting to that because you had to very quickly get turned back around for it?

ELIJAH BADGER: It was just like a momentum thing. It just came out of me.

Q. Did they play you differently in the second half? Stanford?

ELIJAH BADGER: Yeah, like the defense?

Q. Yeah.

ELIJAH BADGER: Yeah, they played it a little different. They bracketed -- I'm pretty sure they bracketed some plays when I went into slot, and bracket safety, whoever was inside on the corner in some places, some routes.

Q. You had the play, I think in the first half too, where it was like 30 yards downfield. You came down with it and you were out of bounds too. Do you feel anything you can get a fingernail on you can catch?

ELIJAH BADGER: Yeah, that's how I feel honestly.

Q. What was it like keeping up in the first half especially playing not that far from home?



ELIJAH BADGER: It felt good. Showed my family what I can do back home. A lot of family members came, a lot of support. It just felt good.

Q. How many did you have here today watching you?

ELIJAH BADGER: About a good 15 to 20, yeah.

Q. How big of a setback is this for the team a couple weeks after an upset?

ELIJAH BADGER: I just think -- I don't think it's a really like -- I just think it's a mindset thing for the team. We've just got to practice harder and put more work into the field during practice week.

Q. Other than maybe not changing the way they were defending you, what do you think were other factors that maybe kept you guys from having the success you want on offense?

ELIJAH BADGER: Honestly, I think the play calling was a little different from the second half. I have no clue. I just did my job honestly.

Q. Were there any drives during the game where you felt like, all right, we're in a good rhythm now, especially for the first half?

ELIJAH BADGER: I feel like every drive I was in a pretty good rhythm, better than usual. I just feel like it just gets better every week. Just going to keep getting better.

Q. How do you feel with Emory, especially in this game?

ELIJAH BADGER: I feel pretty good about it. Still getting comfortable. Still getting there. That's about it.

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