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Vikings vs Saints

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New Orleans Saints

Wil Lutz

Postgame Press Conference



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Q. Will take us through the range of motions on the last two kicks?

WIL LUTZ: Honestly they were the same two kicks. Unfortunately second one had one more yard to move than the first one. So there's no silver lining to losing or missing, so it's tough to answer that question.

Q. Could you tell if you made it or not?

WIL LUTZ: I thought they were both in. I hit them both on the screws. I played them right there. The ball is going to move a little left. And the second one just moved a little more left. So kind of shocked it didn't bounce in. But it's frustrating.

Q. From our position, it was hard to see it actually went over. Did you think it went over?

WIL LUTZ: I don't really know. I mean, it all happened so quick. I heard it first the first doink, saw the second one, and then I saw them celebrate, so figured it didn't go in.

Q. How do you practice from distance like that?

WIL LUTZ: Twice a week. We hit kicks from every spot that we think is reasonable to happen in the game. So we've hit that kick plenty of times. I hit that kick in warm up both ways.

So yeah, I mean, like I said, I hit them both as flush as I could. Just honestly kind of still in shock second one didn't go in.

Q. I assume when you're testing range, you're letting them know either side --

WIL LUTZ: That's kind of understood. To be honest in that situation, there is no range. It's we've got to kick it; there's no option.

And when my number is called, I've got to give it a

chance. Obviously I gave it a chance but I didn't get the right bounce, so it's frustrating.

Q. Last week you took accountability. What's it like in this game to be in that position where your team is relying on you, having to put that game behind you, come back this week?

WIL LUTZ: Yeah, that's what you sign up for as a kicker. Not every game is going to go your way obviously. It's not the start of the season I want it to be. I take every one week one at a time, and I didn't have thoughts, like, "this week." I thought I kicked the ball well today. But yeah, I wanted to hit that kick for the team. We needed a win today and that's pretty frustrating.

Q. Were there any conditions at all today?

WIL LUTZ: No. About as nice a day as you can ask for. Perfect kicking conditions. I mean, there may have been a slight breeze behind me if anything.

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