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Vikings vs Saints

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New Orleans Saints

Andy Dalton

Postgame Press Conference



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Q. Andy, how did it feel out there?

ANDY DALTON: Felt good. Felt like I operated the offense really well. Felt like we played well. Felt like at the end of the day, the two turnovers decided the factor in this game. And it's tough, because you go back and you look at this game, and feel like you played really well and you can go back and look at it and say, man, if I could just have one play back.

But that's kind of the story of this thing. It's tough. But I thought we definitely did some good things out there.

Q. What happened on the fumble?

ANDY DALTON: Just got hit and it came out. Felt like I had it tucked away but it came out.

Q. You guys obviously did bounce back and put a lot of good drives together but when you guys come out on the first drive and again, kind of go backwards a couple of times, I shall you harped on that all week, was that a frustrating way to start?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, then you have the conversion but they called illegal man downfield. It's close. We've got to make sure that we are not down the field. Put ourselves in a tough situation. But we can't keep hurting ourselves.

Q. What do you think about Chris Olave today?

ANDY DALTON: I thought he played great. He gave us a chance to win at the end and Chris is so talented, we expect big things from him.

Q. Did you think the final kick was going through?

ANDY DALTON: I did. I thought it had the distance and even once it hit the crossbar, I was like, oh, it's going to bounce, bounce back through. Unfortunately it didn't.

Q. What was the last drive, you don't have much

time, you have to get the ball down the field. Can you take us through what you're trying to do, trying to get field goal range obviously. How difficult is that?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, we were just trying to get a chunk play to start it, and we did. It was a great catch by Chris. And then we've got to find a way to get just a couple more yards to make that field goal easier, and so it's something that we can go back and look at and see if there's anything that we can do differently.

But yeah, I mean, at the end of the day, you're just trying to get a chunk play to even give yourself a chance.

Q. You guys had a lot of drives where you got into third and short situations and converted and put those -- was that something that was by design where you were willing to use all three downs and try to do that, four- or five-yard plays? Because I know that has been a little elusive this season.

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, I think when you look at especially the way this defense plays, much too high safeties, try to keep everything in front of you. That's kind of how they want to play this game. And for us, you can't get bored being in those situations.

You've got to convert on those third downs. Keep the drives alive. So I think that's, you know, at times, you look at the drives that we were able to score on, we were able to do that.

Q. Any of those drives that you did score look like it was a good balance of run and pass -- what do you think of Latavius and mark running the ball, giving you balance on the runs?

ANDY DALTON: Yeah, I thought they did a great job. Our line, given the opportunity out there, and so that's how this game works. Next guy steps up and yeah, I thought those guys played really well.

Q. Dennis earlier said he thought you all were close to turning this thing around. How do you feel where the team stands right now?

ANDY DALTON: We are. I think -- I mean, we haven't been out of any game that we've played. It's come down

to one or two plays and we've got to find a way to make those plays that allow us to win and not make the plays that hurt us.

Looking at it today, I said it from the beginning, the two turnovers, six points, that completely changes the way the flow of this game goes, and you know, it starts with me.

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