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New York Giants

Julian Love

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Q. Julian, your thoughts on the last drive, Packers drove down.

JULIAN LOVE: Yeah, you know, that situation where they needed obviously a touchdown. We were up seven and they were driving; Aaron Rodgers does just what he does. That's why he's one of the greatest quarterbacks that's playing right now.

And during one of those times, the time outs, we just talked as a defense and just realized we've got to settle down a little bit. Just play normal, normal series here and just do what we do. We got into third down and we got fourth down. When we get to third and fourth is when we get our really good looks in, and yeah, we made a play. That was a good stop. Bend-don't-break type of thing.

Q. What was the mindset down 17-3, down 27-10 at the half, what's going through -- what's being talked about in the locker room at halftime?

JULIAN LOVE: Yeah, we're a resilient group and we felt like on defense, you know, we kind of let them have a few. You had that long penalty on that pass interference.

You know, the broken play, where in the first series where 18, comes up the middles, runs it, get some points. Stuff like that is, you know, is big plays. You want to eliminate them but that happens.

So we realized we're playing pretty good ball. We are stopping the run and we are limiting him as much as we can, Aaron Rodgers and so we made some adjustments at the half that we all felt great about. We wanted to apply more pressure and we wanted to be stickier in coverage and we executed defensively.

And offensively, I think we were get something good looks, and guys are just tough. Those guys who are out there today are tough players, and so they made it work. They are crafty the way they get after things and they were just -- they were resilient the whole time.

Q. You lose Adoree' at halftime and don't get him back. Are you amazed at the way this team has been able to withstand so many injuries? The wide receiving core very depleted today, you lose another and you don't have really either starter in the secondary.

JULIAN LOVE: Yeah, I mean, I've been here, it's my fourth year now with the Giants and in years past, when guys go down, that's when we really struggle.

But this team is different. The guys who step up and fill in those positions, you see Adoree' going down, you see some guys stepping up and making big plays. You see McCloud, Justin Layne make some good plays at the end. Guys are ready and guys are resilient and guys know what it takes to win. And that's what good teams to do.

The best teams in the league are not staying, you know, the least injured. They are not staying healthy the most but they have guys that step up and make plays when their time is called. So that's what we have on this team.

Q. How different was this game week and this experience?

JULIAN LOVE: It was a little different with the long flight. I think we did a good job, though, of kind of managing our bodies, our sleep, our regimen. We had Thursday and we flew out and we treated the plane ride over here as like an overnight. So they encouraged everybody to sleep on the plane, so you can get your system on track.

And you know, Dab is a great coach because not only were we locked in when it was time to play football, but he let us explore. He let us enjoy the city, the country. So it was a good trip and they managed it very well.

Just kudos to the staff and everybody involved with that because they handled it, like I said, well.

Q. Are you surprised when they: Go ahead, go have fun?

JULIAN LOVE: Yeah, there wasn't a bunch of time to have fun. But they let us go into London a little bit just to see it, and you know, I took advantage. My wife was

down here and I was able to see it rain, I got a trench coat. I tried to do as much as I can. And so stuff like that, this is important, because you have to be able to do something special when you're out of the country.

Q. What did you get besides the trench coat?

JULIAN LOVE: I explored London a little bit. So that's all I'll say. It was fun, though.

Q. Can you describe what it's like playing in that atmosphere? Because that's pretty much the most heated atmosphere we've had in this stadium in particular.

JULIAN LOVE: Yeah, beautiful stadium. I'm really lucky to be able to say I've played now in this stadium, and so it was fun.

And Green Bay travels well; I will say that. We didn't expect it as much to be a home crowd for them. We thought it would be pretty neutral because you never know when you're going international. But they traveled well and so it was electric for sure.

And we just tried to savour it in. Obviously making plays at the end. I gave a head nod to Kit Harrington at the end. Things got weird. But it was a great atmosphere.

Q. For the fans you won over in London, do you have a message for them?

JULIAN LOVE: Yeah. I hope you welcome us back soon. We loved it out here. I know everyone a part of this trip really enjoyed their time out here and really enjoyed the hospitality. It was top-notch. The people, most importantly, the people were great out here and so hopefully we can be back here soon.

Q. After winning here, do you think it could be a special season?

JULIAN LOVE: I think if we keep playing resilient the way we are playing and finishing games, winning key situations, we can be anywhere. Really, sky is the limit for this team. But we have to stick to the process and do all the little things that are required to win games, which we came through in the critical situations in this game.

So hopefully we can come back and hopefully he's a lucky charm. You never know.

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