

NFL International Series

Seahawks vs Buccaneers

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Munich, Germany

Allianz Arena

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Coach Todd Bowles

Postgame Press Conference

Buccaneers 21, Seahawks 16

Q. How did it feel to run the ball the way you did successfully?

TODD BOWLES: It felt great to run the ball. I thought they did a good job mixing things up, trying to keep him off balance a little bit, running the ball and then throwing the ball. Rachaad and Leonard got off to a good start. Rachaad ran the ball. Leonard got hurt. Rachaad got his carries, and he's a slithery guy. He comes to play every day. Seems like he's always falling forward. The offensive line played well, and they blocked for him.

Q. What can you say about the performance of Devin White, considering what he's dealt with the last few weeks, to come out here and put up two sacks?

TODD BOWLES: For him to even get on the plane, it happened right before we were leaving, and he still got on the plane to play the ballgame. Lose your dad right before you're getting ready to go to Germany and to come out and still play says a lot about the guy.

Q. Did you have the chance to register the energy of the crowd?

TODD BOWLES: The crowd was electric. A lot of Seahawk fans here. The crowd was electric, though. It was loud throughout the ballgame from beginning to end. I thought the German fans were outstanding, and it's a great place to play.

Q. How much easier is it with the momentum of two wins going into the bye week and all that kind of positives going into the break?

TODD BOWLES: Feels great to go into the bye week with a win. Obviously two wins, so hopefully we're trending forward. You almost don't want to have a bye since you've won two in a row, but we've got some guys



nicked up we need to get healthy, so we'll get some rest, and we'll get ready for the stretch run.

Q. There's always one moment in a season where you find out that you're flipping around. Does this moment feel like that?

TODD BOWLES: I can tell you that after week 17, but it's a good start.

Q. 3rd down on both sides of the ball I think you held them for 1 for 9. How important was that and the improvement you've shown on both sides?

TODD BOWLES: That was huge for us. It's something we've been working on. We know it takes the offense off the field. We know it keeps the defense on the field, so to get off the field against this club, they've got a good ballclub on both sides of the football. It says a lot about the guys working.

Q. A lot of players slipping. Was the ground any problem?

TODD BOWLES: It was slippery. We had on seven studs and it was still slippery, but we understood that. It was equal for both sides.

Q. Did you talk about what cleats everybody had to wear before the game?

TODD BOWLES: Yeah, we knew that. We talked about it. We kind of understood what we had to wear. But it was real slippery and short, so again, both sides had to play. We didn't use that as an excuse.

Q. One guy that slipped was Tom Brady on that pass reception attempt. Did you tell him to play a little deeper from now on?

TODD BOWLES: Had he not slipped, you would have seen his 42-inch vertical. (Laughter.)

Q. You mentioned Leonard Fournette's hip. Do we have any update on that injury?

TODD BOWLES: Not yet. He just has a hip pointer. We'll evaluate it more as we get going.

Q. The defense on the whole, just able to come up -- they got close, but what did you think about the overall defense?

TODD BOWLES: Again, three and a half quarters, got to finish ballgames. We understand that going forward. You've got to finish ballgames.

Q. What happened on those two touchdowns given up in the fourth quarter?

TODD BOWLES: Well, we couldn't get off the field on 4th down. We had them 4th down twice and we had plays to make and we did not make them, and then we had lapses giving up the touchdown.

Q. Do you feel any closer to kind of playing that full 60 minutes that you guys have been encouraging players?

TODD BOWLES: We play hard. Just got to stay engaged mentally the whole game.

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