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Q. You did some tough sledding against the defense. On the touchdown, it looked like you were patient. How key are moments like that to have a success against them?

JONATHAN TAYLOR: It's very key. Especially a Bill Belichick-coached team. You know they're going to be sound. Whenever they make a mistake, you have to make them pay because you don't know when they'll make another mistake.

Q. For Josh to not practice this week and to fly overseas and then make the play that you did, what does that tell you about his toughness?

JONATHAN TAYLOR: Well, the locals, I told you guys that I was interested to see how he would make plays in the back half of this stretch because he has been making plays consistently. When he is in the game, you can count on Josh to make plays.

So I'm really excited. He has a week now to get his body right and restore his mind, and I'm really looking forward to see what he does on the back half of this.

Q. What's that like just dealing with that kind of uncertainty of are you going to play or are you going to not, and then to kind of show out in a game in that moment? What's that from a mental load?

JONATHAN TAYLOR: Because you're so focused on your body. The whole reason you might not be playing is your body, so you are so focused on I have to make sure, I have to try to make sure I'm ready.

Then you're also focusing on the game plan. You're, like, I need to make sure I'm tuned into all my notes. You just -- you don't know. You do the preparation, and you don't know if your body will get there, but you do everything you can, and you work all the way up until game day, but I think the biggest thing is making sure you stay in your

notes, stay in the game plan so that if you are able to get there, you are ready to take off rolling.

Q. Once again, how important is it for both yourself and the team to now be 5-5 prior to the bye week?

JONATHAN TAYLOR: That's very vital. Any time you have a stretch of football, it's always a plus when you have a week to kind of mentally decompress, but also physically decompress, repair, restore your body because it's not going to get any easier at all.

But being able to go into this bye week 5-5, two wins in a row, now we can start stacking day by day, week by week.

Q. At the end of the game you turned to your defense. Who put the game away. What was the reaction on the sideline when you see, oh, Patriots are sending out a different quarterback now?

JONATHAN TAYLOR: You never know what to expect when you are facing Bill Belichick. We don't know if they have a certain scheme set up. We don't know if they're just making a change.

It's just a high sense of urgency and alertness, like, hey, be open, be ready for anything because obviously it was at the end of the game, so they're trying to get this win.

Q. What's it say about this team that you've been able to find different ways to win now over the last couple of weeks when the defense has really picked it up?

JONATHAN TAYLOR: I think it is tough on other teams because now you're, like, we're going into the game with a defensive game plan, but they can win games in multiple ways. So they're not just a one-dimensional team, and I think that's really frustrating because now you have to play a sound defense. You have to be prepared for everything. You have to defend the entire field, and then that works into our advantage.

Q. (Indiscernible)

JONATHAN TAYLOR: I think just being able to have elite backs rotate in and out so you think, oh, we're

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wearing this one back down. Now you have another elite back coming in, and you have to face him. Then they swap in and out.

Just being able to apply constant pressure on defenses, it's going to wear teams down. Especially on the back half of this stretch.

Q. You mentioned a couple of times the bye week is next week. What's your plans for recovery? How are you going to relax?

JONATHAN TAYLOR: Number one, you have to get -- I'm a big hyperbaric chamber guy. He knows. I'm a big hyperbaric chamber guy.

The sauna. Really if you guys look, there's a study that if you get into a conventional sauna, I think, it's, like, three times a week, it can add years to your life.

So, you know, at the worst it doesn't work, but I'm going to give myself every opportunity.

Q. Just talk about taking advantage of mistakes with the Bill Belichick defense. How important is it to be able to push it into the end zone, score, and take advantage of a mistake?

JONATHAN TAYLOR: Especially if you just look at how the game ended, it was vital. It was vital. They needed a touchdown. They couldn't kick a field goal.

So that touchdown ended -- you never know until the end of the game, but that touchdown ended up being a big thing for us. So I just think that being able to have the whole team. Everyone was making plays on that drive, but you could just see the sense of urgency like, hey, we wanted to set the tone that we're here to play all four quarters.

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