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# Chicago Bears Caleb Williams

Postgame Press Conference

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Q. Caleb, your first touchdown, the play design seemed really great, you sold the fake really well and hit Cole on the seam. Just what you saw.

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, throughout the week, you watch fill, and their backers and things like that, they are good backers but I think team-wise they are fast flow. So they fly around, and so we had a bunch of mismatch and kind of having Keenan run around and then back here, and then Cole bluff and go down the seam. Offensive line, you know, Keenan all these guys, they did a great job.

All I had to do was throw a lay-up to Cole down the seam and let them do the rest. To everybody else it was great. Obviously getting that touchdown and getting everything going.

## Q. The second touchdown to Cole, wide open. What did you have there?

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, so we practiced it throughout the whole week and Cole did a great job because we him and I made an adjustment with his route before the week -- before the game, and so he did a great job with that and then yeah, so I knew they were man. They tried to push the safety over to, I believe it was D.J. over there. And he was running the slant.

So they pushed the safety over to help and you know it was supposed to be one-on-one corner ball and then safety fell off and then the corner is supposed to fall or whatever happened over there. I think they busted coverage.

But Cole did a great job going up and getting it.

Q. You just became the first rookie quarterback for the Bears to score four passing touchdowns in a single game since 1999. What do you credit your own success?



CALEB WILLIAMS: Offensive line, coaching, progress, the leadership on this team. You know, for me, the constant mindset of keep going, and then you know, I think us getting out there and getting our momentum going. Us getting out there and executing. Us believing in each other is what you credit it to.

Q. How does the game feel for you right now? First couple weeks, you're sitting there in the locker room trying to think through some of the things you could have done differently versus how it feels to you during the game and afterward now?

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, I think throughout this whole process of these past couple games we've had, I think I've been seeing it well. That starts throughout the whole week watching film, getting there in practice, talking to the coaches, players and things like that.

So I think seeing it well. I think the comfort level of just like I've talked about before, getting back to playing football and where I need to be, eyes need to be, if I need to hold a safety, if I need to just hang on a route. So just getting back comfortable of just having that feel for the game. Obviously you study, you watch, and do all these other things

But, you know, once the ball snaps, you have to have that post-snap read and know what you have to do and be confident about it.

So I think that's what I can contribute it to.

### Q. What did you see on the interception?

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, D.J. wide open. And I didn't add enough juice behind it. I didn't put it where I put it in practice, which is the back pylon, and safety had an easy interception, and you know, I need to be better because that would have got everything going instead of turning the ball over. You can't have turnovers. Something that I pride myself on.

Obviously you know, it affects the whole team. It affects my momentum, especially when you have a wide open receiver like D.J. streaking down the field.



I've got to be better. Definitely frustrating. Definitely had a few words for myself after that. But you know, got the mindset back on track and ready to go for the next.

# Q. The next four drives when you came out, you guys scored on all of those. Did you feel extra juice from that specific play?

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, I was a bit pissed off at myself because that's a pass that I don't miss, that you don't want to miss, and do something like that.

And so yeah, I was a bit pissed off after that, and I think reset myself was important. But still having in the back of my mind, like you know, can't have that happen again, and let's go out here and go score.

#### Q. Was that ball hanging?

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, it hung a little bit more than I wanted it to. I put it a little too high and not far enough.

So yeah, definitely got to be better.

# Q. You're the second rookie quarterback to win a London. How do you experience today playing in London compared to the conjecture and discussions going into the game?

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, it was great. You know, you come out here for a week or so, not a week, we were here for a couple days, Tuesday to now. You come out for a couple days and you're here for a good amount of time away from your home, away from your bed, my dog, all these different things.

You know, troubling sleep on the first two days and things like that. You know, being able to take that eight, nine-hour flight home with the win going into a bye week, it feels great.

### Q. Were you there for the afternoon tea celebration or did you see it --

CALEB WILLIAMS: On the field.

#### Q. -- what the receivers did.

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, I ended up being a guard and protecting the afternoon tea. (Laughter).

It was fun. They planned. You know, it's always fun when you can have those things come to life. It's really enjoyable to go out there and watch those boys do their job, and then go out there and have fun and do things like that.

## Q. What's it like having Keenan Allen on this offense, two touchdowns today. What's it like?

CALEB WILLIAMS: It's great. He's been like a big brother to me. He's been special from our relationship and then obviously he's been special for many years. And so to have him on the team, his wisdom, his knowledge, things like that, is it stuff that he's taught me, it's great.

So being able to get him two touchdowns a day, I know we've been just super close, first game of the year, we threw a ball and we didn't connect. Rams game, threw like a ball to the seam. It wasn't a seam route but threw a ball to the team and got held.

So we've been super close. To be able to get two touchdowns for him today, you know, it's pretty sweet. Pretty awesome.

## Q. Getting the chemistry back, in the middle of the end zone, what do you see over there and how do you know he also knows?

CALEB WILLIAMS: Cole? You're talking about Keenan? Oh, yeah, yeah. I got you.

So we practice throughout the week. We have different throws that we've practiced. You know, getting the extra reps, I think helps out.

Like I've talked about before, sometimes we get a few extra reps in an individual drill or after practice and things like that, and I think it definitely helped out. You know, all the hard work and extra work that we've been putting in is great and to have somebody like Keenan, his patience and things like that, we're six games in, and he's just getting his first two touchdowns.

So I think his patience, he's such a great player and things like that, he's been great. So be able to get him those two, throw the back shoulder, it's like I said, it's something that we've practiced, kind of the same ball we practiced this week that I threw earlier this week.

So he did a great job, and super excited.

## Q. The offensive line in the second quarter, you only made even yards in the first quarter and had 200 in the second quarter. Had to feel rhythm --

CALEB WILLIAMS: Yeah, it feels great. I would say we got to be better and we've got to start fast, especially when we get the ball first and teams defer.

But we definitely did a good job with the second half, but also right before going into the half. Those points were huge. To have those things and things like that, they always talk about the four minutes going into half and the four minutes coming out of half and things like that.

... when all is said, we're done.

| So it's super important but we've got to be better at the |  |
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| start, myself included.                                   |  |

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