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Chiefs vs Chargers

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Kansas City Chiefs

Patrick Mahomes

Postgame Press Conference

Chargers - 27, Chiefs - 21

(Inaudible)?

Q. PATRICK MAHOMES: It wasn't good enough. I think just in general they came out with more energy than we did -- their defense and our offense. So, we didn't execute. I missed some throws down the field. And obviously we didn't play good enough in the first half.

Q. Andy mentioned the lack of emotion. What do you think of that?

PATRICK MAHOMES: I mean, it's hard to say. I feel like we had energy at practice yesterday and all throughout the week. But when you don't come out and play with the right mindset, you get beat. And the Chargers came out with the right mindset and we didn't. And they beat us.

Q. Throughout the years, the Chiefs -- Super Bowl and championship -- and also (inaudible) week one win. How do you think you guys can come back to have a great season (inaudible)?

PATRICK MAHOMES: I think it's a learning moment, especially for the young guys on the team. We're going to get everybody's best and we have to play up to that standard if we want to win football games. I feel we didn't play to that standard today, everybody -- offense, defense, special teams.

But credit to the Chargers. They had a great plan, came in and played great football and beat us. And we have to learn from that knowing that next week is going to be just as tough.

Q. You guys played the Chargers a number of times. What did you learn today that can help you guys in the future?

PATRICK MAHOMES: They had a good game plan.



When you play a team a lot, they kind of know what you're good at. I thought they did a good job of kind of taking away some of our quick throws and some of our throws down the field.

I thought we adjusted well in the second half, obviously. But if I can hit some of those throws early, it kind of loosens up the defense. So I've just got to be better early in the football game, just like everybody else.

Q. How much did Xavier's injury, it was three plays into the game, how much did that change the rhythm, change the energy, change the sort of game plan?

PATRICK MAHOMES: Obviously other guys had to step up. I thought Tyquan and Hollywood and JuJu did a great job of filling some of those roles. That's someone that's a huge part of our game plan and someone that we're counting on to go out there and make plays against some of the man coverage that they played.

I thought guys did a good job kind of stepping up in those roles. But you could tell it took us a little bit to get going.

Q. I know your goal is to win, but how big was it playing in Brazil, first time played in an international game before, but how do you feel the crowd was and the excitement?

PATRICK MAHOMES: I thought it was awesome, the crowd and atmosphere. It was really cool. It's something I'll remember for the rest of my life. Even like the anthem, Brazil's National Anthem and hearing everybody sing and how passionate they were about American football. So that part was really cool. I won't remember the result, but I'll remember being here for sure.

Q. (Inaudible) how much do you guys (inaudible) by what you right and throw some deep balls, you had some deep balls that you missed that you don't usually miss. How much importance is that?

PATRICK MAHOMES: It's definitely important. That's two of our best receivers and they're two great receivers in this league and obviously threats down the field.

I thought the guys did a great job stepping up and making some of those plays. But you've got to get with



the timing of those guys.

So it takes everybody. You've got to protect. You've got to be on the same page with the receiver and you've got to make the throw. If I can make some of those throws early in the game, I think there would be a different result.

Q. What did you feel like the intensity would be for the international game and is it something that needs to be addressed with the team itself?

PATRICK MAHOMES: For sure I could feel it pretty early on. I don't know exactly when that point is. But they definitely came out with more energy than we did. In this league everybody is too good for you not to match the energy of your opponent.

I think we learned a valuable lesson today. We've got to be better from the get-go, from the start. We're not going to be able to just come back and win every single game. Teams are too good in this league.

It's a big lesson for us, a division opponent, someone that will be there at the end of the year. But we'll have to learn fast. We're playing the reigning Super Bowl champs next week.

Q. (Question off microphone)?

PATRICK MAHOMES: I'm never satisfied, especially after a loss. We hit some, obviously, but we missed some as well. So if I can be better there, hitting some of those deep shots, it opens up the rest of the offense. So we hit a couple of them. So that's cool. But it wasn't enough to win the football game.

Q. There were a lot of complaints about the (inaudible) how it wasn't great for the games. How about you, was it better than in the past games?

PATRICK MAHOMES: I thought it was good. Both teams are playing on the same field. There wasn't a lot of people slipping. There were a couple here and there. But that's football.

I thought they did a great job. I thought Brazil in general hosted us really well, from the hotel, the food, the ride to the game and the stadium, I thought it was a great experience.

Obviously not the result we wanted, but something I thought was really cool.

Q. (Question off microphone).

PATRICK MAHOMES: It's not going to be any easier. That's a good football team that we're playing against next week. I think we should have a great week of

practice, come in with the right mindset. The leaders in the team need to step up.

When we step up on that football field we've got to bring it, because it will take our best in order to find a way win against that team.

We'll go back to the drawing board and be ready to go at practice, knowing that it's going to take everything we've got next week?

Q. First game is over, how do you (inaudible)?

PATRICK MAHOMES: I thought they did a pretty good job. Some of the games and stuff, the D line stunts I think got them a couple times. I thought they did a good job and they battled.

That's really all you can ask for, is the battle. Joe is a Hall of Famer. He's someone who will have a gold jacket. These young guys are talented and they have a chance to be really, really good. I thought they did a good job against a good defensive line. But we're going to keep pushing them to be even better and better as we go throughout the season.

Q. The players on the (inaudible) sidelines (inaudible)?

PATRICK MAHOMES: Yeah, I think, more than anything, you saw, even the run before, when I ran into the linebacker, sometimes you've got to do something to jump-start the team.

I was not in the mood to be running out of bounds. I wanted to try to do something to get us going.

We kind of got going as an offense in the second half. But it takes everybody. I mean, we've got to start faster and we've got to be better on both sides of the ball and special teams.

So we understand that, we're going to be accountable to that. And we'll come back better this next week.

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