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BRIAN DABOLL: Okay, so I thought we battled defensively. Had a good plan. They made a couple nice plays there in the second half.

But there was a lot of things improved defensively. Gave us a chance. Thought we did a good job in the kicking game and fell short offensively. We ran the ball much better. Passing game was not good enough, particularly on third down. We were like one of ten on third down. That's hard to sustain drives and put points on the board.

But I thought defensively we did some good things and kicking game we did as well.

Tracy has a shoulder.

Graham got hurt during the defensive introductions before the game. He was out there kicking and got a groin so he couldn't go first half. Then he said he can kick from a certain distance in the second half.

So that's about it. Not good enough.

Q. What did you see in the way that they were playing in the secondary to limit Malik and Wan'Dale?

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, they played a fair amount of split safety. We got a bunch of split safety last week. Just didn't get the job done this week with it.

Q. Why do you think you couldn't get Malik the ball? Didn't have a catch going into the fourth quarter there.

BRIAN DABOLL: Got to do a better job with that. No question about it.

Q. What do you attribute that to? Game plan? Quarterback?

BRIAN DABOLL: Probably a collection of everything.



Again, they were playing a lot of split safety coverage. They played it last week. Could be just a little bit different. I would say a collection of all that. We certainly got to do a better job with it.

Q. Was the plan with Andrew Thomas, or did he?

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, going to give him 25 plays and so that's what we gave him. He came out from what I understand just fine. So that was the next step for the ramp-up for him.

Hopefully we'll be able to get more this upcoming week.

Q. How would you describe Russell Wilson's game tonight?

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, just say overall offensively nothing was good enough. Coaching, playing. Didn't do a good enough job. Everybody.

Q. This is the second time you've had to play game without a kicker.

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah.

Q. Is it getting untenable to have that kicker when -- I mean it's...

BRIAN DABOLL: Look, that's why Jaime kicks in practice, too. I know they blocked that kick. We had a range for him as well and him and Gunner had practiced before. Literally getting ready to go out for the anthem and saw him pull up on one of the kicks. Then we had to decide what's the line now?

You know, the fourth downs change throughout the game considerably. So we just had to make sure we were dialed with that.

Then the second half when he came back there was another plan. We had two kickers. One was going to kick for a certain distance and other one would kick a certain yard line in. So got to do what you got to do.



Q. First year safe to say you would've gone for a field goal there?

BRIAN DABOLL: Would've.

Q. You guys spent so much time this offseason stressing you need to start fast.

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah.

Q. To be 0-3, how do you describe that?

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, that's not the goal, certainly. So again, we got to put a complete game together, all three phases, offense, defense, special teams. We got to do all that.

Again, I thought our defense responded in a positive manner, you know, but you only score once, not good enough.

Q. Understand the rhyme or reason when you put Jaxson in and then get down seemed like third and four deep in the red zone be a perfect time to put him in; you don't put him in. You put Russ in on a read zone. Trying to understand the thought process.

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, I would say we adjusted the plan going into it. Mike is in his flow of the game. I thought when he put him in and ran a couple of zone reads; the first play we put him in was actually a pass, not a zone read.

Then based on where we were on that particular play, where we got hit and lost a couple yards, there was a certain distance we were going to go for it.

We actually lost a yard I think. If we didn't get it -- we didn't think we would lose a yard on it, but we got a zone read on that play as well, too. They just played it well.

Q. Dabs, were you thinking at all about getting Jaxson a series or two just to change up the tempo of the offense?

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, I would say the plays we had him in, that's what we thought was best for him. We'll continue to work with him and get him ready.

Q. Fans were calling for Jaxson to get in the game. When you put Russell back in they were booing him. What would you say to the fan base that's calling for this rookie that you guys are excited about and they are too?

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, look, Jaxson is progressing well. We'll continue to work with him. I got a lot of confidence in him, his development that he's had.

That's what we'll continue to do. Look, I would be booing, too, to be honest with you, in terms of not being good enough, not scoring, not finishing. I understand that. That's the nature of it. We got to be better.

Q. I know Russell has been through a lot. I mean, every time he steps back on the field to come back in and he's getting booed, how does he take that? Do you have to say anything to him?

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, I didn't have a conversation about that. I don't think the offensive coaches -- they're talking on the sideline, they're looking at the plays they we just ran, going through the adjustments, talking about things we should do the next series.

That's where our focus has to be, looking at the things we have to improve on and do it.

Q. Will he start next week, Russell?

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, you guys have asked me about players after games. I'm not going answer that.

Q. Getting off to a slow start, do you have to start thinking about, okay, when do we put our -- you've invested a lot in Jaxson -- when do we put him in?

BRIAN DABOLL: Like I said, we'll continue to work with Jaxson and develop him. He's done a nice job since he's been here. Again, we'll go back and watch the tape, sit down have our discussions like we normally have and do what we think is best.

Q. He's the No. 2 quarterback. This is two games the offense has been really bad. At what point is Russ' performance dictated strictly on Jaxson's timeline?

BRIAN DABOLL: Again, everybody has to be better. We're not going to put this on one person. Everybody has to be better collectively. The run game was a step in the right direction, but the pass game, particularly on third down, when you are one of ten, that's stuff sledding.

Q. ...the connection between Russ and Scattebo?

BRIAN DABOLL: Had some check down, a couple play-action passes where he'd dropback. Cam is a tough improper. Thought he ran hard and did a good job in the passing game when he got the ball in his hands. He's a good young player.

Q. I understand it's collective, it's the unit, but you replace a guard it's very rare that that's going to ignite the offense. You replace a running back. A quarterback has the ability to do that. Change of quarterback can ignite and elevate everyone else. When do you have to start thinking about that or considering that?

BRIAN DABOLL: Again, it's on everybody. Takes 11 people to go out there and execute a play, a good call. It's everybody involved in it. So we got to keep working to get that better.

Q. Do you think you guys had a good plan for what they did against you?

BRIAN DABOLL: Well, we didn't score hardly any points. A lot of discussions on the sidelines, trying different things. I thought the running game as well, they play a bunch of split safety, you got to be able to run the ball too and make productive yards in that area.

Third down just wasn't good enough. When you're one of ten it's a combination of a lot of things.

Q. First half, did the referees miss a face mask? Did they talk to you about what they saw or didn't see on that?

BRIAN DABOLL: Obviously they didn't see it because they didn't call it.

Q. If Tracy can or can't go next week how confident do you feel in Scattebo?

BRIAN DABOLL: Yeah, see where Tracy is at. I have confidence in Scat, though.

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