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Adam Gotsis

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Q. Adam, can you talk about the defensive line's performance today, six sacks? Incredible, right?

ADAM GOTSIS: Yeah, I mean, that's what we're built here to do. We've got great edge guys, great interior guys, and our secondary played lights out today. I think they had 240 total, so total defense we just came out and did what we had to do, man. You know, it's a bit disappointing that it's the end of the season, and you finish on a game like that, but it's also a lot to build off of, a division game, and to knock them out. A lot to build off coming into next year.

Q. Adam, Shaq kind of talked about momentum, you talked about being able to build off this game. How much carryover is there really from a win like this to wrap up a season going into the off-season all the way to next year? Is there much that carries over?

ADAM GOTSIS: Yeah, 100 percent. Not just for the guys staying here but for guys moving on. It's always nice to finish with a good taste in your mouth at the end of a game. Huge carryover. You look at their record and what they did this year, and then to know going into the off-season that, shoot, if we can do that, hey, we're right in that division hunt. In my eyes we can win our division. It doesn't matter who, it doesn't matter when, we can line it up, and if we play like that on defense, it's going to be a long day for any offense.

It's right there, and we see it in the building, so it's now just developing that consistency over the off-season, over the break, and coming back next year guns blazing, do it all again.

Q. What's it like in the locker room after a season like this, but to get this victory and to knock out a divisional opponent from the playoffs, what that atmosphere is like and what you feel from this team and your teammates as you move forward.

ADAM GOTSIS: Yeah, it's a tough one, man, because you're obviously elated for the game that you just had, but it's also a disappointment for what could have been this year if we'd just executed a bit better in some situations throughout the season. It's unknown what's got to do.

I hope everyone goes back, looks at the missed opportunities from this year, learns from it, and we can get better as a group. The guys coming back, put all the chips in again, get together this off-season, start developing, and come back knowing that we can roll with the top dogs in our division and in the league.

We took out Buffalo this year, we took out Indy this year, two of the high-powered offenses around the league. It just shows that when we're on fire, man, we can beat anyone. That's something to hold our hats on and go into the off-season and continue working. Across the board, it's right there. It's right there to grasp. We've just got to go get it.

Q. I know that you trained in the off-season with Smoot, with Josh. What did it mean to see those two guys do what they did and end their season the way they did, and what is your relationship like? And secondly, did you know about Smoot needing one more sack to hit that bonus?

ADAM GOTSIS: No, I didn't. I didn't. If I knew I would have done everything for him. Smoot is one of my homies. Just to train with those guys this off-season, they really developed me as a player, just took my game to a next level. Those guys have been dominant since they've come in the league. I know a spotlight has just been put on them a bit more this year, but you turn on Smoot's film, probably the most unblocked D-end. He's destroying these tackles. Josh is a whole 'nother level, as well. Just to be able to work with them this off-season was huge coming into this year. I think building that chemistry in the off-season is big, and just to see them develop and have a hell of a year, both of them, it's just been awesome.

Hats off to our coaching staff, Tosh Lupoi and Lucas, Zach Orr, all the guys helping out in the D-line room. Some of the games this year, without them it's a team. It's been a

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hell of a year for those guys personally, and they helped me with my year, as well. I feel like I had a decent year, and that's kudos to them for doing their jobs and us working as a unit.

Q. The offense got the ball first and scored a touchdown for the first time since the Denver game. In addition to whatever that does for the offense's confidence, what does it do for you guys to run on the field the first time in a game knowing that you're not playing from behind, knowing that the other guys are?

ADAM GOTSIS: Yeah, I mean, it's always nice to know that the offense goes down there and scores and gets points, but a lot of the time it's -- regardless of what they do, we've got to go play defense. Obviously it's a bit different, the coordinators can call the game differently when the score is swayed the other direction.

But to start out and to see the offense come out and do what they did and march the ball down the field like that, it's demoralizing for their team. Their offense probably wasn't expecting it, so then their offense come out starting a little slow, and we come out on fire. We got all the momentum and got to keep it.

Super proud of the offense. They've had an up-and-down year, a bit tough in some situations, but they came out and got the job done today.

Again, to them, it shows that they can do it, too, right in the division, so if we can fire on cylinders like this, no reason we can't win this division.

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