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Q. Matt, how would you assess your performance today individually and as a team? Why were you all never really able to get going at all?

MATT RYAN: Yeah, I've got to play better. There's no doubt about that. I think as a group we all have to play better, too.

It's disappointing when you put in the work during the week and you come out and you don't play the way that you're capable of playing.

Credit to Jacksonville. I thought they did a good job, played well, but we have to set a certain standard for ourselves. Every week we have to show up, and we've got to be ready to go. In the first two weeks we haven't done that.

It's a long season, and we've got to get back to work, but today wasn't good enough.

Q. You talk about being ready to go. Is that something you've felt during the week, or is it just on game day?

MATT RYAN: It's hard to put your finger on it. Obviously, we have to look at today, at the tape of today to see all of the mistakes that we made. There were a lot of them.

I feel like the preparation has been pretty good, but clearly, it's not transitioning into playing the way we want to play. So, I think we all have to take a hard look in the mirror, find ways to individually be better, so collectively we can be better. That's what we'll get back to work on tomorrow.

Q. From a protection standpoint, is there anything you can do as a quarterback, especially on some of the stunts and just different movement tactics?

MATT RYAN: Yeah, I think, number one, we've got to make sure when we go back and look at it we're in all the

right calls. That's partly my responsibility as well. So, I've got to do a great job of that.

Then, I've got to do a great job of getting the ball out. You know, trying to understand and we knew coming into it it's a good pass-rush team, understanding the ball has to come out. I have to do my part that way.

Then, make good decisions with the football, too. Even when there is pressure, and that's part of playing this position is being able to hang in there, make good decisions under duress. And we turned the football over too much.

Q. What happened on the first interception?

MATT RYAN: It's just a little bit not being on the same page. I think Ash has done a great job for us all year. I probably put the ball out just a little too far.

Q. When is the last time you were part of a shutout?

MATT RYAN: I don't know. I've played in a lot of games. I've got my ass kicked before, I know that much. It's all about how you respond. You get up off the floor. It happens in this league. There's good players across the board. Every week is going to be tough.

It happens to you sometimes, but one can't turn into two. You have to pick yourself back up, have a great week of preparation, and make sure we have a better performance next week.

Q. At any level are you just kind of surprised? You knew this team. All you knew is what you saw from afar. Are you surprised you guys are here right now?

MATT RYAN: Certainly had high expectations for us coming into it, and you never at the beginning of the year think you're going to be 0-1-1 after two weeks. It's just not in the competitor's mindset.

We are where we are, and I think being realistic about where we're at and what we have to do to improve is important. It has to be brutal honesty, and we've got to find



ways to play the way that we're capable of. It starts with me, and I've got to do that this week.

Q. Is there something in the game plan that needs to change or needed to change today?

MATT RYAN: We have to play better. We have to figure different things out. When you don't score points, you have to be critical of everything. I know our coaching staff will do a great job of that, and that starts with Frank.

He takes ownership of everything, and I have a lot of respect for that. I think across the board we all just have to do a better job, but as players, it comes down to making plays come to life. We've got to do a good job with what is called of executing our assignments and making sure that we're all on the same page.

Q. As a leader, how do you deal with if a guy needs a kick in the pants or a helping hand up off the mat?

MATT RYAN: I think it's about knowing your teammates, getting to know them individually, understanding that everybody is different. How you deal with guys is how you think is best for them individually.

We've got a competitive group. There's no doubt about it. We certainly have not put that out there the first couple of weeks, but I have great belief that we will.

Q. You were brought here to make a difference. How do you think this team can kind of grow from these experiences and be different in a sense from these first two weeks?

MATT RYAN: I think if you are going to be a championship football team, which is the objective of all 32 teams across the league, you have to be hard. You have to be tough. Sometimes you have to have that mud on your face a little bit and pick yourself up and find out what we're really all about.

Although it's early in the season and we have a long way to go, the sense of urgency needs to be there, and I think it will be. I think we have the right group of guys, but you have to be battle-tested. You have to have some wounds. You have to come back from those a little bit, and you have to be tougher for those experiences.

Although we're not where we want to be two weeks in, I think there are instances that you can learn from, and you can be better for and be tougher for as we move forward. That's what we've got to realize. We've got to put it into action.

Q. Were you okay with the hand after that late shot?

MATT RYAN: Yeah, I'm good. Just sometimes you get rolled up. It feels funny sometimes when you are out there, and then you shake it off and you are good.

Q. You played here as a member of the Falcons. Did that Jacksonville defense look or feel different from your perspective?

MATT RYAN: I think they're improved. Obviously, scheme is different. Different coordinator. A handful of different players.

I do think they're an improved unit. Certainly played with confidence today. I give them credit. They played well.

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