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Q. How would you assess the overall offense today?

PATRICK MAHOMES: Obviously too many penalties. Too many missed cues. But there is stuff that we can learn from. Got a lot of zone coverage. Just having to find ways to execute versus zone, and driving the length of the field. Going back to the basics, the fundamentals.

I was telling Ted, you play bad and win it's a lot better than playing bad and losing. I was glad we found a way to get a win at the end of the day, but obviously a lot of stuff that we have to get better at.

Q. (Indiscernible.)

PATRICK MAHOMES: Yeah, just getting into a check there on the first touchdown to Skyy, kind of our two minute. Getting to the right play. Skyy running a great route, making a great play against a great corner honestly. So just going to the matchup on that one.

And the second one, just kind of me and Trav just doing the scramble drill and working. Travis is great at that stuff so -- wish I would have been able to find him in the third one that I missed in that corner of the end zone.

Like I said, just stuff we have to get better at. Little things, but little things in this league make a big difference and we have to continue to get better at that stuff.

Q. How nice was it having Travis back?

PATRICK MAHOMES: Honestly, just the fact that he played, I mean, it surprised me because that's a scary injury. I mean, he didn't look good there for a little bit but he battled over those extra days. He was in the facility rehabbing, and to get himself out there and able to play, it talks about the competitor that he is and the teammate that he is.

So having him out there not only he makes plays, but helps everybody else. Gets other guys open, so truly just a great teammate to even be out there on this field.

Q. How much did the defense set the tone and keep you guys in it? Along those lines, what did you think of Chris being able to do as much as he did?

PATRICK MAHOMES: Yeah, defense was incredible. That's a really good offense, and for them to shut them down, they were like 0-4 in the red zone, couple critical stops after we turned the ball over and then three and out a couple times, and they kept holding the field goals and holding them -- I mean, that win is -- the defense won that game.

We have to continue to get better as an offense, which I think we will. If that defense plays like that we're going to be hard to beat. That's special.

To answer your second question, Chris, crazy. Just to be able to make that impact on a game after not being in training camp. You can work out as much as you want off the field. I know this. But to be able to come to Jacksonville where it's hot, humid, and dominate against a great team, it's truly special, and I'm glad he's on my team.

Q. ...Pacheco, and do you feel like he's still got only room to go before he is over his rehab and is the player you remember from last year?

PATRICK MAHOMES: No, I think he ran the ball well today. There is stuff we have to get better at as far as blocking, me making to mic calls. (Video stopped.)

There at the end just tough yards. That's stuff that you need in this offense. As we continue to develop as an offense we'll continue to get the run game more and it will open up the rest of the offense.

Q. What did you see on the third and six to Skyy?

PATRICK MAHOMES: They did a good job covering. They kind of ran coverage where they were doubling Travis, and that was my first read. Marquez actually got

open first. He got open and I was going to throw it to him, and the safety drove him really hard and I think Skyy made his guy fall down on the other side, so was able to buy enough time, and then just get the ball to him. At that point he was wide open. So get the ball to him and then he made a great play after the catch, getting down field, staying in bounds, and keeping the clock rolling.

He had a big game today, man, and I was happy for him. I think he'll continue to build. As well as the other receivers too. I thought there was a lot of positives with them, and they'll continue to build. It's a work in progress, but you want to win games. I thought we did a good job finding a way to get a win.

Q. Talk about the little things. Rough day for Jawaan. What was your message to him?

PATRICK MAHOMES: I mean, through social media he knew some of this was going to get called. He's going to continue to get better and better. They're cracking down on some of the alignment stuff, but we're playing football, man. He'll get closer to the line of scrimmage than I guess everyone else, but he'll get closer so they don't call it and we'll continue to work on the snap counts.

But he's a great player. He'll continue to play and get comfortable. And it's hard when they're getting picked on a little bit to keep playing your game, but I have all the confidence in him in the world.

Q. (Regarding Andy tying Tom Landry's record on the career list.) Just wondered what is your basic thoughts are?

PATRICK MAHOMES: Yeah, I didn't know. That's awesome. And to be able to do it two different places with a bunch of different teams, different quarterbacks, it's truly remarkable.

But I think at the end of the day obviously he's a great coach, but I think the person is what makes him so special. The way he's able to relate to everybody. Everybody in this locker room would say the same thing. Ya'll know that.

Whenever you have a head coach that you can really relate to and you know that he loves you and wants the best for you, you go out there and give everything you have. That's what's makes him so special as a coach. Obviously has the Xs and Os, but the person makes him special.

Q. Patrick, can you tell me what you were feeling, and what the think the team felt at halftime? You feel like you don't play well but you're still up. Is it relief?

What are you feeling at halftime?

PATRICK MAHOMES: Yeah, we're playing a good football team. When you make mistakes you're not going to have sustained drives. We were able to get at that last touchdown to get a little bit of momentum, and then a big drive in that first drive and getting that touchdown to kind of get the momentum back in our favor. Then the defense got a lot of stops.

I mean, like I said, it's hard for us to see, for everyone to see, because we've been such a prolific offense for so long and we've started fast. But if you don't execute at high level in this league, you're not going to have success. You're not going to score touchdowns and have sustained drives. That's stuff we have to get better at.

We know what we're doing. It's about going out there and executing it and finding the right way to do that as far as of run and pass and all that stuff. But I was proud of the guys they kept fighting. Even at the beginning of last year we didn't play as well maybe after the first game that we wanted to.

You have to continue to build and build and know the process ahead, that you just continue to stack wins no matter how you get them and try to play your best football as the season goes on.

Q. (Regarding yards.) Is there a conscious effort or will there be in the future to have more balance?

PATRICK MAHOMES: Yeah, I mean, you have to take what's there. We had a couple run plays called, but they -- heavier boxes that threw through some of the advantage throws on the outside, RPO type stuff. I missed some.

That is what I was saying. There are some missed reads by me. I got to handle the ball. But, yeah, we're going to get the run game going. I think you saw in the second half it was getting going better even though it was tough four, five yard carries -- obviously the big one -- are important.

We'll continue to work that stuff. But we have the talent. Offensive line has the talent. We have the talent blockers on the outside as well. But it's a new offensive line. They had to gel together and figure it out with the running back.

So I'm excited because I know we can do it. In order for this offense to take the next step we are going to have to get it going for sure.

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