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Bryce Perkins

Postgame Press Conference



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BRYCE PERKINS: I was just trying to make sure I didn't get flipped.

Q. Do you think you're about that height (inaudible) where you're standing right now compared to us?

BRYCE PERKINS: Oh, man. I was up there. It was close.

Q. How did it feel for you tonight just getting back into that live action? What was important for you?

BRYCE PERKINS: It felt really good out there. I felt comfortable, confident. It definitely feels like coming up on this game that I haven't played football like live football in a while. I really wanted to come out here and really transition these last year, year and a half of practice and have it correlate. I tried to stay disciplined with my feet and my eyes and make plays when they're there. And then just be decisive and everything like that. I think it went pretty well.

Q. Your touchdown catch, is that a play where you had your (inaudible) running?

BRYCE PERKINS: No, I mean, we weren't -- we worked a lot of stuff individual with Coach O'Connell. It felt routine kind of getting back to that. As soon as I eliminated number one, I immediately came back and wanted to see where Trishton was. That was something that we rep. Coach does a great job repping us and making sure we're most comfortable coming out here, running the plays that we run.

Q. (Inaudible)?

BRYCE PERKINS: I mean, it's electric. You can hear it. It's crazy because last year we didn't have fans. And the one game I was on the field active, you could feel kind of a different energy change being on the field with no fans and being on the field with fans. It just makes playing that

much better. We feed off the energy of the fans. And it's a beautiful stadium. It's even more beautiful when it's packed out.

Q. Looks like you were going to get one more shot there at the end of the game, one more drive.

BRYCE PERKINS: Yeah, we did. We were going over our two-minute menu. Kind of -- three minutes. We assumed it would be a two-minute drive. Didn't play out like that but we were comfortable and ready to go.

Q. Someone (inaudible) long time. And we've never seen a quarterback make a play like that for the Rams. What do you have to say?

BRYCE PERKINS: I mean, I was just trying to keep the chains moving. Had a third-down opportunity the previous drive that I could have stuck the ball out, missed it, came up short by one yard. So being smart, trying to just keep the chains moving. And those plays like those are just reactionary. You never really think that you're going to do it coming up. But it just happened. And just try to give my team another set of downs.

Q. When you make that hurdle did you feel the energy of your teammates? Like Johnny Hekker was going crazy on the sidelines. Did you feel that?

BRYCE PERKINS: I definitely felt it. And usually, I tell my parents this, growing up high school and Pop Warner, when they're close, they say they're yelling at me -- can you hear me can, you hear me. And I always say no, when I'm on the field usually I can't hear anything. But after that play I heard it. Seemed like I heard everybody, saw everybody. But it was awesome. It was a great energy boost and I'm glad that I could make that play for the team.

Q. For you too as well and I know the Rams were excited about you all last year and then maybe could have prepared (indiscernible) in certain packages that last game. But coming out in a statement like that, making the statement, like, this is what I can do, does that weigh on you in any certain way and does that sort of feel like motivating for you in a certain way?

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BRYCE PERKINS: Yeah, I mean, last year I really tried to do my best of just staying prepared with the game plans, being comfortable, not getting complacent and sitting back and accepting the role. And I think watching John Wolford, how he prepared in the backup role was great. And leading up to here, I just wanted to come out here and show some of my capabilities.

It's always different when it's live and people have to tackle and everything like that. But I just take it one play at a time. This is great. I'm not going to get too caught up on one play or one drive, because there's more games to be played. And we just gotta keep moving forward. But it was definitely fun getting out there tonight, making plays. And I'm looking forward to the next game.

Q. The stuff you can do with your legs aside, you did look confident out there when you were dropping back and throwing and that command, especially that first touchdown drive in the red area. You looked confident out there. Did you feel that way with what you were seeing and also having the ball come out of your hand?

BRYCE PERKINS: Yeah, like I said, we repped, even when the reps were limited to Matthew and John. (Indiscernible) individual, we rep a lot of these plays a lot of the footwork over and over. And Coach O'Connell does a great job staying on us about our feet that when you go out here, that it tends to kind of get sloppy, you kind of forget some of your fundamentals. But we rep it so much in practice that it becomes ingrained in our heads about what we have to do with our feet. I went to him and just a strict practice individual, and the mindset that he instills in us.

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