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Q. On those two third-down completions where they got called for roughing the passer, you capitalized on both those instances. How big was it specifically?

JUSTIN FIELDS: Those were huge. Those were super big. So I'm glad -- the second one was kind of harder to see so I'm glad the refs were able to see that. I don't know who it was but somebody did something extra, kind of pushed my face mask in the ground. I'm glad the refs caught that. But those were big for us for sure.

Q. What was working for the run game, and how much does it help when you have Najee ripping off the runs that he did?

JUSTIN FIELDS: The O line did a great job, and of course Najee did a great job -- all the running backs, to be honest with you. I just thought we played with effort and physicality, the yards after contact.

Najee was getting pushed by O linemen. Saw Muth in there a couple times. Those yards after contact, kind of pushing the pile, we need those and it sparks the offense.

Q. Those bruising runs like that, he bounced a touchdown outside and another one he bounced outside for a long gain. You saw two different types of backs with Najee?

JUSTIN FIELDS: Najee, I don't know what he ate last night, I don't know what he did, but he sure did bring a lot today. Whatever he did this week, hopefully he comes back and does the same thing next week.

Q. The running game, when Najee's going, does it make it easier for you when you go to run, like, on the bootleg and things like that, because they're more focused on him there?



JUSTIN FIELDS: I think my second rushing touchdown, I mean Najee scored on a toss, so they probably were thinking we'd do the same thing, (indiscernible) the toss and keep the boot. There's only one or two guys over there.

Just like I said, it starts with the O line up front and it starts with the run game. And kind of everything works off of that. Like I said, Najee and the O line did a great job executing, and a big day for sure.

Q. When Frazier went out, Ryan came in. What was that connection like for you?

JUSTIN FIELDS: It was good. I got a lot of reps with Ryan in training camp. So it was pretty normal for me. Just had to make sure I was getting a few snaps from him before he came in. But it was smooth for the most part.

Q. (Indiscernible) get those turnovers in the first half and build on the lead for you guys?

JUSTIN FIELDS: It's complementary football. It's what you want in a football team. It's a formula for winning football. I think we talked about it maybe two or three weeks ago, whatever, however long it was, when the defense gets turnovers. As an offense we want to capitalize on that and turn it into a touchdown. Glad we were able to do that today.

Q. You guys scored a lot of points today. How much confidence does that give you that you guys are able to produce points like that?

JUSTIN FIELDS: I think it gives us a lot of confidence. And I think we could have put more. Yeah, of course a couple of mishaps, but 32 points is pretty solid. But we're just going to keep getting better, keep working and hopefully put up more next week.

Q. When you mentioned the mishaps, there was a series in the first half where you had three incompletions in a row that were off target. How do you bounce back past that and not let those mis-throws kind of linger throughout the day?

JUSTIN FIELDS: Everybody has mis-throws at the end of the day, nobody is perfect. Don't let it get in my head or anything. I missed so many throws in my career. It's nothing new. It's not anything different. Like I said everybody, mis-throws, whether you're Tom Brady, Aaron Rodgers, whoever, yeah.

Q. Obviously hindsight is 20/20. The throw to Pat that ended up in the end zone where you were past the line of scrimmage. On plays like that, how do you balance, one, to make plays down field with your line versus wanting to take off running?

JUSTIN FIELDS: In that case, it was third down, and Arthur has been preaching since training camp -- when I flew the ball, got a flashback of training camp of him saying don't throw the ball across the field.

When I let it go, that's all I could think about. I'm glad Pat caught it, of course, but wish I was behind the line of scrimmage.

Definitely have to balance that. I think some of the scrambles, I think a couple of those I could probably have took the ball and ran and got probably eight, at least 8 to 10 yards.

So just balancing that. And the defense was playing soft, just running the ball, taking what the defense gives me and using my legs a little bit.

Q. Couple more rushing touchdowns today. What do you like about using your mobility in the red zone there?

JUSTIN FIELDS: Gives the defense something to worry about. The first one, they played that play pretty well. And, of course, we were able to capitalize that.

O line was blocking pretty good. So I just escaped to the edge and got in the end zone. The second one, like we talked about earlier, I think the defense was so worried about Najee from his touchdown, that backside was just wide open. But great play-calling. It was pretty much wide open. Made my job easy.

Q. When you talk about what's there, is that easier to do when there's a pretty good number up on the scoreboard and you run the ball well and things are generally going good, you're not pressing or something like that?

JUSTIN FIELDS: I think so. I think biggest thing late, when we were up pretty good, was just staying on the field

and making that clock run. So I wasn't trying to get greedy at all. I was just trying to take what the defense gives me and just keep that clock rolling and keep the ball moving.

Q. Steeler fans showed out here. Did it feel humming out there?

JUSTIN FIELDS: Yes, it did. I'm looking at the Raiders offense, they're going on silence cadence. I'm not surprised. I saw something on social media earlier this week saying I think we bought 50 percent of the tickets. Big shout-out to Steeler Nation for showing up big for us and coming to support us.

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