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SHANE STEICHEN: I'll start off just on the injuries. Ogletree had a concussion and then Evan had a knee. With that, I'll open it up for questions.

Q. So Anthony ended up fine?

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, he should be all right. Everything should be all right.

Q. What were your takeaways from Anthony's performance?

SHANE STEICHEN: I thought he played solid. I did. I'll take fault for that interception right there, 2nd and 10 or whatever. It was a cover two deal and we didn't have a great route called there and got to be better there.

But I thought he managed the game well, thought he did some really good things, really encouraged with his progress and what he did.

Q. Is this what we should expect most of the year, just up and down, figure it out here with these guys?

SHANE STEICHEN: Ideally that's not what you want to do is up and down. You want to keep progressing forward, so we've got to learn from our mistakes today and get better.

Q. What's the line, trying to be aggressive but also acknowledging you've got a rookie quarterback, hasn't seen a lot. Is there some of that going on in your head?

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, talking about 4th downs and stuff?

Q. Just in general calling the game.

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, I think so. I'll take it, too. It always starts with myself with anything. We've got to run

the ball better, and it starts with me. We didn't run it as good as we should have. We've got to run it better. We've got to go back and clean that stuff up and go from there.

Q. Running back (indiscernible) didn't work too well today.

SHANE STEICHEN: We've got to go back and look at the tape. We've got to go back and look at the tape and see where we're at with those guys.

Q. Do you get away from the run game a little bit more when it's not being effective?

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, you've just got to find a rhythm in the run game. I think once you pop a few, you start hitting it, you get one or two yards on 1st down, you know it's hard to keep coming up with those runs. Again, I've got to do a better job. It starts with me. I've got to do better.

Q. 2 of 12 on 3rd down --

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, no doubt, got to be better on 3rd down. Wasn't good enough. Again, starts with myself and then 4th downs there. We've got to be better. 4th and 1, we had two of those I think and tried to get a quarterback sneak, didn't get it, and then we had a 4th and 4 I think at the 42-yard line, you're in that kind of long, long field goal range or punt in your plus territory, so decided to go for it there.

Q. How did Anthony react from the moment of the interception?

SHANE STEICHEN: He was fine. He bounced back, and we led that two-minute drive down there, so it was good.

Q. The way they played in the secondary, did that take away a lot of deep shots today?

SHANE STEICHEN: A few times, yeah. We had a few chunks, had one to Pitt, had a deep safety there. We had a couple other ones. Yeah, they played deep, and Anthony had to check it down a few times.



Q. Were there any you felt like could have gone down the field a little bit more?

SHANE STEICHEN: No, looking at the tape they played pretty good, looking at the pictures.

Q. When they take away those big plays, how does that change the dynamic for you, to kind of have to try to win without those big plays?

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, no doubt you've got to be efficient throwing the ball, you've got to maintain possession. You can't turn it over like we did three times and lose the turnover battle. It's hard to win in this league when you turn it over.

Q. What did you think of Anthony's decision making as far as when to run and when to stay in the pocket?

SHANE STEICHEN: I thought overall pretty good. I've got to go back and review the tape, but I thought he made some good plays. We had a few quarterback designed runs that he popped. Early on had that one drive went down and scored, and it was good to see him get his first touchdown of his career.

Q. At the end you had I think 4th and 5, and Anthony was able to get it, but at that point were you thinking at all, kick the field goal and go onside kick?

SHANE STEICHEN: There's a thought to it, but the thought process there to me, too, is hey, let's go score a touchdown, get the on side, now you can get a field goal right there because the clock is running down.

Q. What was going through your head during Buckner's touchdown?

SHANE STEICHEN: Oh, it was awesome just to see those guys. We always preach get on all loose balls, and that looked like a sack, whatever, or maybe an incomplete pass. But Zaire really made that thing go, to get out and get the punch out and then Buck could go and score there, so it was good to see that.

Q. Have you ever seen anything like that before?

SHANE STEICHEN: Probably in the past like on videotape but never live like that. It was pretty good to see. I thought our defense overall played solid. They took the ball away. They played hard. Shoot, they put us in positions. We've got to be better, I've got to be better offensively.

Q. On the sideline you got to see the energy of Shaq Leonard and what he brings to the defense, so having

him on your side, what was it like?

SHANE STEICHEN: It was awesome. To see him out there and the energy he brings, running around, flying around, making plays, getting the crowd fired up, just his intensity level every day that he brings to that practice field and then get to see it back on the field, it was awesome to see.

Q. He was also productive, as well. Were you expecting that kind of (indiscernible) adversity he had during training camp?

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, I think when you've got a veteran player that's coming back from something, he's got something to prove, and he did, and I thought he was productive. Obviously I've got to go back and look at the tape, but pleased with what he did out there.

Q. What did you think of AR just at halftime maybe getting that first wind of an NFL game and having to go back in?

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, again, obviously first time out there I thought he managed it well. I think go back and look at the tape, but I thought overall his performance was good. There's probably some things we've got to clean up, but I thought he did a nice job.

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