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Q. What was that emotional ride like coming back from 23-nothing and the way it ended?

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: It was different. We were definitely frustrated in the first half. We started off very slow. We weren't executing the right way or doing the right things we thought we were going to do.

They showed us a little bit different things. Took us a while to adjust, but we just started out slow. Second half we just came out and just tried to play and focus on the next play instead of worrying about trying to dig ourselves out of the hole.

Q. That throw to Alec Pierce on the right sideline, how did that come together from your point of view?

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: We seen the adjustment they were making on their defense, trying to play man a little bit. Coach dialed it up and tried to sit in the pocket and throw it. Coach dialed it up. (Indiscernible) our hands, so made a great play. (Indiscernible.)

Q. I know you've been trying to get stuff going with Alec. What kind of momentum can you build off a play like that?

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: It's all good. Even when we miss, I still trust in him to make the catches. He trusts me to make the throws. It's just a matter of repetition daily and putting the work in after practice.

Q. What does it show about Coach Steichen that he was able to get things going and give you opportunities to make plays?

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: He trusts us, the whole offense. He just dialed it up. We made adjustments to their defense, put the right players in the game to make the right plays. We trusted our defense to get a stop and trusted ourselves to make each and every play.

Q. Drew was making plays. What did you see out of him today?

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: Nothing new from me. Everybody on this team, they're dogs. When everybody gets the opportunity they like to show out. I just tried to give him the ball and let him make a play.

Q. We talk about you as a runner. You also like to use your legs to extend the plays, keep the ball alive. How big a part of that is your game right now, particularly in a situation like this with offensive line?

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: I think it's a huge part of my game. You know, I guess a whole bunch of studies out there that shows if a quarterback is able to extend the play, most of the time it's going to work out.

If it doesn't work the right way, we hope it works the way it's designed to work. I just improvise and make things work a certain way, and my teammates knew where to go whenever I did leave the pocket.

Q. When you got dialed in in the second half, do you feel it at all? Oh, man I'm cooking right now, or just let it flow?

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: I just let it flow, try not to get too high on myself. Everything can be good and one minute it flips on you. You just have to focus on each and every play.

When we're in the huddle I was just telling the guys let's just move the ball and focus on each and every play. So I did feel like I was (indiscernible) a little bit, but I was trying to trust every play.

Q. You mentioned Aaron Donald. What was the challenge like figuring out where he was going to be every snap and obviously dealing with him during the play?

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: Man, he's a great player. Always watching, last year I was watching him a lot. Dang, I'm going to have to go against that dude one day, and

today was the day. He definitely made some great plays and he's a great guy, great ball player.

Took me a while to adjust and understand how (indiscernible) he was. So he just dialed it up and tried to make it work.

Q. You talk about the frustration of the slow start. Then you get white hot and the drive at the end of the game where you get a chance to win. Is that the frustrations of growing pains of who is trying to do every play, which is tough to do? You had a chance at the end of the game with the three and out and you guys were coming off some pretty good drives. Is it the frustrating part of you're hot and all of a sudden it's not there?

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: Not really. In this league, you know, margin of error is so small, so tight. That's a great team over there. They get drafted to go out there and ball. They were doing that. We just kind of didn't click on certain plays when we were in the last two-minute drive and partially that's on me trying to get excited and win the game.

You learn from it and hopefully we get the next one.

Q. What does Drew bring to this offense?

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: Everything. Pretty sure you saw it out there. Great blocker and great catcher. Great hands. He brings the energy, and I'm glad he's out there /when I'm out there.

Q. What do you feel like opened things up in the second half? You were down so much and then got really rolling. From your perspective, what made it happen?

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: Ourselves. We stopped shooting ourselves in the foot, eliminated the penalties. Just started working the offense the right way, the way we thought we should have been doing it in the first half, focusing on each and every play.

In the first half we didn't do that, so just try to eliminate all the penalties and stuff that we were doing to ourselves.

Q. ...to finish a game for the first time.

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: Feels good. A lot of people, they want me to slide and get that -- on the field, I just try to play the game. If it gets physical, it does. If it doesn't, it doesn't. It was good to finish the game with my teammates.

Even though we didn't get outcome we wanted, I'm glad they believed in me.

Q. Does that stuff feel natural yet, sliding, stepping out of bounds, or something you're working through?

ANTHONY RICHARDSON: It's natural. I've been stepping out of bounds when I want to throughout my whole career. Now it's a little different. If I do have the opportunity to slide, I will slide. If I have an opportunity to get out of bounds, I will get out of bounds. Just all part of the game. Still trying to adjust a little bit.

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