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SHANE STEICHEN: All right. Injury update. JuJu ... at quad and then, you know, Isaiah got checked out, got cleared, came back in. Other than that, that was the injury update. Questions?

Q. What did you see on the pass interference at the end?

SHANE STEICHEN: I got to go back and look at it, you know. Said there was contact there, so I got to go look at it and see it from our sidelines.

Q. What did you make of the final scoring drive in general? Not what you want, right?

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, shoot. Really if you look at the whole game, we talked about winning the turnover battle. We had four, which makes it tough to win any football game, so. That's the biggest thing we got to get cleaned up. It starts with myself. We got to go from there.

Q. There's a sequence, several sequences at the end of the first half when there was kind of a big swing there. Just, you made a couple of calls there. The field goal attempt, which is tough. You did try to score out of the backed up to the end zone there, get aggressive.

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah.

Q. Can you maybe address those two things?

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, right there, I had faith in Matt to kick that long field goal there. Obviously Miles Garrett jumped over, made a hell of a play, backed up, that's on me. Tried to help, you know, and broken double team and made a play so I got to be better in both situations.

Q. What do you think, just an emotional game like this, team's been through a lot. Just, do you think they're they're equipped to kind of bounce back?

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, I think honestly, stuff like this makes you stronger. It stings, no doubt about it. Everyone's, you know, frustrated when games happen like that but thing this is what builds character in your football team. We got a lot of football left. We're not even at the halfway point. Got another home game this week coming up. Move onto New Orleans and get ready to go.

Q. Where is JT at? He's not 100%. Is he getting closer?

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, he's getting closer and closer every week. Obviously, this is the third week playing. I got to go back and look at the numbers, but I thought he ran pretty good. Obviously he had the big screen down the sideline, did some good things, ran hard. I think we had, I don't know, 460 yards on offense, something like that. We got to take care of the football. That's the biggest thing.

Q. You said during the week that Miles Garrett's the kind of guy that can do that. Just didn't do a good enough job on him?

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, there are certain times, obviously, you know, calling the game there within the game, certain things you got to be smart with when he's in the game obviously, in the back to goal, again, try to get aggressive there. You know, at that point, they got seven points off that, so, again...

Q. What was the challenge like getting the ball to Michael Pittman, Jr.? Seemed like they were keyed on him and what what'd you see on his touchdown?

SHANE STEICHEN: Great play by him on the touchdown. They played a lot of tight man-to-man coverage. You know, we run it there pretty good amount in the game on early downs. But I didn't see what happened on the touchdown, obviously, heck of a play by him but the penalty, I have to go back and look at it.

Q. And coming in, you knew that the Browns had a really imposing defense, however, to put a new season high in points and over 400 yards of offense, is that an



inspiring sign, especially with so much to build up in the season?

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, it shows what we're capable of, but, again, it all comes down to winning the turnover battle. We're 3-0 when we win the turnover battle. When we don't, we obvious, we've lost four, so we got to be better taking care of the football.

Q. How do you start fixing that? It's eight in two weeks.

SHANE STEICHEN: Yeah, there's no question. You keep hammering it home, you address it not meeting room, you go through it in practice, ball security takeaway circuit, you keep addressing it and keep working through it. That's the bottom line. That's it. It takes repetition over and over again.

Q. Another tough match-up for Blake Freeland out there. Just how do you feel like he performed this week?

SHANE STEICHEN: I got to go back and look at the tape, but he battled. Obviously, it was a heck of a challenge, obviously, going up against 95 over there for a got amount of the game. He was, you know, flipping right and left, both sides of the game, but I thought he battled. All right. Thanks, guys.