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Gardner Minshew

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Q. Just take us through that last fourth down play.

GARDNER MINSHEW: Shoot, had a good look. Kind of a pick play for Goody. Shoot, I mean, think it's just a tough play, man. There's about a million of those, what ifs in that game. Wish I had put a better ball under him. Given us a better chance. Yeah, it's a hard one to get over.

Q. A lot of questions about J.T. not being in there. I know you're not in personnel, but you worked all week on that play with that person until grouping, I assume?

GARDNER MINSHEW: I thought it was a great call, perfect look. I throw it to Goody a million times over. Like, you know, it's just one of those plays.

Q. So sometimes it does come down to one play?

GARDNER MINSHEW: You know, maybe. A million and one plays, but yeah.

Q. Gardner, he's taking it pretty hard in there, saying it's his fault, have you talked to him about what he's feeling and what he's thinking and what do you think about him?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Yeah, I was just loving him up. I'm equally as responsible for that not working as he is. We all have plays we wish we could have back. Just because it's the last one, doesn't really make it that much more significant. I told him, you know, I'd go back with him every time. I'd throw that ball every time. I have a ton of trust and faith in him and the player that he is. He steps in in a tough role and delivered for us this year. You know, probably won us a game there. So man, really appreciate him and the player and the guy he is.

Q. J.T. coming back out, how much did he have to tough it out to play on that drive?



GARDNER MINSHEW: I mean, that's kind of been the whole year for him. He's battling through one thing or another. But it's days like today where you realize you need J.T., you know what I'm saying. He's that kind of guy. He kept us in the ballgame with some of the amazing stuff he's doing. For guys like that, you wish you could do more.

Q. Obviously the loss is fresh, but what do you think of this year one season here in Indianapolis?

GARDNER MINSHEW: Man, I couldn't be just more grateful for the opportunity. You know, first, with Shane, the faith to bring me here and to give me a chance, and the team kind of rallying around me. Like I couldn't be more grateful for this year and the guys in that locker room. It doesn't feel right that it ends this way, you know, but man, just really happy to be part of this group.

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