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Tyler Shough

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Q. How does your first win as a starter feel?

TYLER SHOUGH: Just a great feeler. I think my favorite moment is just seeing everybody in the locker room dapping everybody up and the work that everyone has put into this point and just a great team win. CO hit it, the defense, special teams, everybody has an impact on the game and it was just a great feeling.

Q. Could you take us through the touchdown to Juwan there at the end? You hear the play call, what's going through your mind?

TYLER SHOUGH: He was the last guy the ball was supposed to go to on that play. Really trying to work the field side there on the high-low with a dig and a shallow and he just slipped out and on a scramble drill and it was just a really good play by him finishing it off, so I thought the O-line played really well all day. They're a really good front and we were kind of down with some injuries so some of those guys really stepped up, just awesome and dealing so I was really proud of them.

Q. So in terms of what was working with your scramble drill today? Because a few of them --

TYLER SHOUGH: Yeah, I think the guys, we put a point of emphasis on it in practice and I think guys were just doing a really good job getting open. I think there's a bunch more times where I could have found them, left some stuff on the field there so we'll clean that up and I'll be better.

Q. Sticking with the Juwan theme a little bit, how as the 52-yarder initially supposed to go?

TYLER SHOUGH: That was a... earlier on in the game, once again, I think we were trying to get it to him a little bit and it just happened that way and he just, like I said, he was just familiar. I think just having that chemistry with him, he did a really good job of extending it.

Q. Was there any point during that play when you were scrambling around that you thought about just running it yourself and you saw where he was or do you always just, like, I know where Juwan will be so I'll just get it to him?

TYLER SHOUGH: Yeah, at that point you're trying to get yards with your legs and you're always trying to make a play down the field with your arm and if you can't get it, then you're going to go run for it. There's a little bit of both to it and he just kind of flashed and did a really good job.

Q. Juwan the touchdown, too, that's a big moment on the outside in terms of it's third down, if you guys get it, you're in good shape. That touchdown obviously made it seem like things would be -- could you feel any of that in the moment or did you just focus on the play call?

TYLER SHOUGH: We knew going into the drive that we had to be super focused on our details. We had to finish the drive, get points on the board and whatever that looks like but I was just focused on that play. It just happened that way. It was a great finish but at the end of the day what I have been preaching is just do your job and focus on those little things because that's how those big plays come. It's nothing more than it was in practice. I don't think he's ever gotten the ball up to that point on that play and just a really good job by him.

Q. Were there any areas in last week's game that you felt like were noticeable improvements for this one that felt like you read something better or processed it faster?

TYLER SHOUGH: I think just continual reps and progression and just getting better every single day. Like I said, I think I can continue to get better and be better. We did a really good job running the ball. There was a big emphasis on that, to kind of continue to set that up and I was just really proud of the offense and the whole team. I think just having some urgency each week, having a little bit of juice, a little bit of swagger, it kind of showed up.



Q. Chris on his touchdown said he thought initially they covered two but it turned to man. Did you read that the same way? Do you think they uncovered you first or can you just take us through that play, what you saw there?

TYLER SHOUGH: Yeah, I saw them spin down late so I knew I had an opportunity. I was thinking it was probably going to be -- but I trust that he was going to go in, especially him down the field. He's such a dynamic player so he did a really good job flying through the contact and making the play and finishing it.

Q. He said that he was having some anxiety before the game what happened here last year with the season-ending concussion. Could you tell that from him? Did you say anything to him?

TYLER SHOUGH: I just was -- we were going about the game plan, just the details. I think when you can focus on your task at hand, you think we all have -- there's no telling what people are going through off the field and battling injuries, all that stuff and when you can come together and just have fun it makes it super easy but super proud of him. I know it wasn't easy for sure, but we were just talking the whole time, texting each other last night about what we were going to do and all that stuff. So I was really happy for him. He had a great day.

Q. You may have answered this already but this being your first win as the starting quarterback in the NFL, how does it feel? How good does it feel?

TYLER SHOUGH: Yeah, what I said to Catherine was it was a great feeling in the locker room with everybody dancing, you're having fun in there and it just came down to playing complementary football and when we play together, great things happen, especially against a good team. For me, it's just been so fun learning every single day each week, kind of the formula for success and obviously we got to keep competing and keep repeating that.

Q. To that point of learning, so many of the conversions today were third and long, like I believe the touchdown was on a third and long. Watching from you playing last week, how much more comfortable have you gotten navigating the pocket and seeing guys down field?

TYLER SHOUGH: Exactly what you said. I think navigating the pocket, keeping your eyes down field and trying to dish it out. There's certain elements between when you run, scramble, hit the check down but continual progression. I got to continue to be better at it. That's my

job. I got to continue to do that. I was proud of those guys, the O-line, the pocket, I think just our communication, we can continue to be better with it. I think it was a good step and we got a lot more to go.

Q. What do you think of the physicality of the run game after that?

TYLER SHOUGH: Yeah, that was big-time. Alvin, his explosiveness, the O-line, their physicality against that front, that was unbelievable, especially just to come in there, like I said, banged up, not a lot of reps, so just super happy for them and I think all those guys, Devin, everybody, Taysom finishing at the end with the four-minute drive. That wasn't easy so they did a really good job.

Q. There have been a lot of quarterbacks here obviously that come off the field on third down or in the red zone for Taysom but I'm just wondering you're going through it for the first time, how do you process that? Is it a weird following for you? How do you go about that?

TYLER SHOUGH: No, I think he does a really good job presenting just you got to think. I think I can do the same with my legs but he's just a strong runner, man. He's freaking tough and I think that's part of it. Whatever we can do to get the first down and score, that's awesome. Super happy for him and obviously the element that he's added for us.

Q. Does it mean anything to you about it's third and 12 with the Juwan play, they called a passing play there to try to go for it rather than hand it off. Does that show trust in you as a quarterback?

TYLER SHOUGH: Yeah I think it's just Kellen knew the importance of just finishing that drive and converting there and we're always -- my mindset, I'm always going to be aggressive and always try to go for it. That's Kellen's motto, just go for it. A great play by him, just staying friendly and finishing it.

Q. The touchdown came on the heels of I believe the interception of maybe it was the fumble recovery. The point being, this team played a lot of complementary football today. How important is that?

TYLER SHOUGH: It's huge. I think the defense is just the lifeline today of creating that juice. Earlier on I think we did some good things but we had to finish in some of those moments and the defense did a heck of a job. They provided the juice. They were getting stops all over the field. Those turnovers were big and the great thing about

our offense, we were able to capitalize on some of that and we got to continue to do that. We got to tonight to play complementary football.

Q. I apologize in advance about this but Juwan was saying (inaudible). How satisfying was it to have six minutes on the clock and run it all out?

TYLER SHOUGH: Yeah, that's the best feeling in the world from an offensive perspective. When you put enough points on it and you try to run the ball and you get a great four-minute drive and you finish that out and you get to take a knee, there's not a better feeling from a confidence standpoint, from the O-line, running backs, all those guys. That's when you can kind of impose your will. We got to continue to find ways to put points on the board and not leave so many plays out there but I was just so happy with how we finished that.

Q. The touchdown to Juwan, the 30-yarder, where was he in the progression?

TYLER SHOUGH: He wasn't supposed to get the ball, really. He was just kind of clearing out, make a backside alert if he got it, but he just did a good job in the scramble phase, slipping them and making the catch. So stuff like that happens, you got to make a play and more often than not, especially in the red zone, is when those good things happen on the scramble drill.

Q. At what point do you see him as you're running around there? You notice him juke the guy or?

TYLER SHOUGH: Just afterwards when I stepped to move left I saw him shake him but obviously I wasn't looking at him prior to that.

Q. Now going into the bye week, how do you carry that momentum?

TYLER SHOUGH: I think it's just having a sense of urgency when we practice in our preparation and continuing the emphasis on everything we have done to this point, just learning from our mistakes and then just not letting up. There's a lot of ball to be played and I think we got a lot ahead of us.

Q. (Inaudible) first Saints rookie quarterback to win a game since 1981. Does that mean something to you?

TYLER SHOUGH: I think it was Archie, right? Or Dave? You guys are on it, man. That's pretty sweet. It's a great honor just because of this organization and obviously Archie is one of my closest friends that I have been able to resource and somebody that mentors I look up to and so

it's obvious a great feeling but at the end of the day, we have a lot more to go in the tank. It's a good step, but I think we can continue to progress.

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