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Los Angeles Dodgers

Tommy Edman

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Q. How has the ankle been feeling, and how difficult is it to manage on a day-to-day basis, especially through the course of the postseason?

TOMMY EDMAN: I think it's definitely getting better. It didn't feel great at the end of the year, but having a couple days off in Seattle definitely helped it recover. It's definitely at a point where it's manageable now.

Q. Did you tweak at all when Bryce was tagging you? Didn't seem like you were moving all that great afterwards?

TOMMY EDMAN: I just got hit in the stomach so kind of got the wind knocked out of me a little bit. Just a collision that was just unavoidable. But no, nothing happened with the ankle there.

Q. Coming back to the ankle, could you see yourself playing in the outfield at all in October?

TOMMY EDMAN: That's kind of just a coaching decision, I guess, but I haven't really taken any reps out there yet. But maybe as we get farther on in the postseason, as the ankle starts to feel better, I'll maybe try to get out there. But at least for now, probably not.

Q. What did Harper say when he did the tag? Looked like he seemed apologetic.

TOMMY EDMAN: He was just, my bad, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to hit you that hard. I told him I'd truck him next time -- joking obviously.

Q. What you did you learn facing Sanchez in Game 1 that you take in while prepping for today?

TOMMY EDMAN: He's a really good pitcher, his stuff moves all over the place. Have to be prepared how much



his sinker, change-up and slider will move. Hopefully after having seen those pitches a few more times we'll have a better idea where they're going to end up and where they need to start.

Q. You play 162 games during the season, playing every day, everything you can kind of know what the schedule is. Here you'd have weird days off between games, now you had a night game followed by a day game, the emotion of the playoffs. Is that difficult, you can't sort of zero in and put it on cruise control?

TOMMY EDMAN: Over the course of the season you have a lot of weird travel days and a lot of quick turnarounds. So we're kind of accustomed to having to adapt and figure it out on the fly. So it doesn't feel too much different than the regular season.

We'll be ready. We'll prepare how we normally would. And it doesn't seem too much different.

Q. When you returned in September you were making good contact and it continued on through the postseason. You mentioned you made some tweaks while you were out before September. What sort of adjustments did you make specifically to elevate your contact, quality of contact?

TOMMY EDMAN: It's kind of more just, like, staying taller and not collapsing my backside, which I had gotten into some bad habits in the middle of the year. Kind of, it was like June, July, August.

So I really have to make sure I make that a priority during my pregame work in the cage and BP. So just kind of little mechanical changes like that.

Q. Yesterday, there was kind of a lot of talk about momentum, and now that you have another chance to kind of close this series out here, does it feel important to not go back to Philly for a potential Game 5?

TOMMY EDMAN: Yeah, we would love to avoid the five-hour flight if possible and time change. Yeah, we're going to do our best to end the series here and not have to



go back to Philly.

Q. One more question about the ankle. If this game is September, regular season game, and you are out (indiscernible), would you still play this game?

TOMMY EDMAN: Yeah, I'd still be playing. It's at a point where it feels like a normal kind of somewhat sore ankle, but nothing that would keep me out from playing.

Q. Harper, the last couple of days, said how much they enjoy playing in LA. A lot of guys are from here. When you were with the Cardinals was it the same type of thing, a more relaxed, like, you guys were looking forward to playing at Dodger Stadium?

TOMMY EDMAN: Yes, for sure. It's always fun coming back. I'm from Southern California. Coming back to Southern California is great. You'll get great weather and great crowds, good, historic stadium to play in with a good environment. It's fun playing here. I've obviously really enjoyed playing here the last year and a half. It's a good environment.

Q. Just with facing Sanchez again, any adjustments you guys look to make that maybe you might have seen in Game 1? I know you guys made some later in the game, but something you might want to do earlier in this one?

TOMMY EDMAN: Kind of talked about that a little bit, but just knowing how much his pitches move, we just have to do a better job of looking for them to start in a certain spot. So it's kind of just more having familiarity with his pitch types. And I think our game plan is a little bit more refined, I guess, but we just have a better idea of what his pitches look like now.

Q. Last night, seventh inning, the tag play at first where Harper came off, a play like that, does it affect your ankle at all? Seemed like you were coming off a little gingerly.

TOMMY EDMAN: It didn't affect my ankle. I just got the wind knocked out of me a little bit. That's why I was jogging off a little bit more slowly. He's a strong dude, so he can apply a strong tag. (Laughter).

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