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BB: We were clearly out-coached, outplayed. Just out-everything. So we need to just keep working here and find a way to just do everything better. We're just not performing at a good level right now in any area. So that's across the board. We just got to get back to work and keep working and find a way to play better than we played tonight and coach better than we coached tonight. So really there's not much else to say about it. The 49ers are a good team. Kyle did a good job, like he always does. And but we just, we just didn't do enough and look at what the results were.

Q. Last week you mentioned that your team didn't practice and it looked like it on the field. How would you assess how well your team played and its improvement from last week's performance and getting back on the practice field and how you looked today?

BB: I just did that. I think I just assessed that. We got better last week. We needed to get back on the practice field. We definitely got better. We improved in some areas. It didn't show up on the score. We still have a lot of work to do, but some of the things that we worked on were better. But we're still a long way from where we need to be. That's obvious.

Q. Do you plan on having Cam Newton as your quarterback going forward?

BB: Yeah, absolutely. Just wanted to give Stid a little experience here.

Q. Are you disappointed with the way the offense played together given that you did have a full week of practice this week?

BB: Yeah, I just said that in the opening statement. I said that we didn't perform well enough in any area, offense, defense, special teams, running, passing, defending the run, defend being the pass, ball security, tackling, blocking, none of it was good enough. Maybe I left something out, but we just got to do a better job all the way across the board. I don't think everything was bad, but there was

enough bad for the results to be bad, so we need to improve in all areas.

Q. How surprised were you by your team's play after having the week of preparation? Did you guys seem to get back to normal? Certainly that happens in professional sports, but how surprised were you about what happened on the football field today with your team the way it played?

BB: I don't know.

Q. What kind of struggles did you see from Cam and the offense in particular today? Was it decision-making? What kind of things did you see?

BB: I think I already covered that. I think we need to do better job in all areas. I don't think there's anything you could say that we don't need work on. So they all work together. Obviously we weren't good on third down on either side of the ball. We weren't good in the red area. The opportunities that we had we didn't, weren't able to capitalize on. We turned the ball over. One takeaway, basically. So we just, just need to be better everywhere.

Q. How do you feel about the team's effort level today?

BB: I thought we competed hard. We just didn't do things well enough.

Q. Defensively how much would you ascribe the trouble you had today to just fundamental breakdowns versus anything else?

BB: As I've already said several times, that was a part of it, for sure. Fundamentals, some scheme, coaching, playing. Everybody contributed to it.

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