

# **PATRIOTS QUARTERBACK CAM NEWTON**

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**Q. How disappointing was that performance after getting a full week of practice to be shut out, well shut out, six points today?**

CN: Very disappointing, but we just got to be better.

**Q. I know you don't want to make excuses, but on some of those throws it looked like you were laboring a little bit. Is your shoulder, are you feeling okay physically?**

CN: Yes, sir.

**Q. You said during the week that you felt like you hadn't played well. After a game like this, how is your confidence right now? How is your mindset? And how do you approach things when you've been in a rut like this to pull yourself out of it?**

CN: I don't know. But I can't, one thing that can't happen is I can't allow myself to feel sorry for myself. I know what the issue is and you just have to attack it and do better.

**Q. You know what the issue is. What is the issue?**

CN: Me not playing good.

**Q. Is there something leading to that?**

CN: It's simple. Play better.

**Q. How do you sum up what went wrong today?**

CN: I can't speak for everybody. I just stick to the man in the mirror and I wasn't good enough. I didn't -- in no way shape or form did I put this team in a position to compete, and that's inexcusable. This is the National Football League where a lot is put on the quarterback and I have to deliver and I haven't done that. Quite frankly, it's evident. So here moving forward I know what the issue is, like I just said, and I just have to be better.

**Q. All quarterbacks go through things from the standpoint of struggling. You've certainly have done**

**that in your career. How in the past have you gotten through that and how much of it right now is mental to you in not making the right decision and things like that, in your mind, with this offense right now?**

CN: It's a lot of it mental. I'm not going to point fingers at nobody else being the fact that I just didn't get the job done. And when you have a performance like that going against a team like this, what happened tonight will happen again. So like I said, it's a distasteful taste and feeling, but yet here moving forward you just got to get on a roll. We just got to get one. Once that happens -- we just got to start with tomorrow, come back, review the film, and don't put too much into understanding life's lesson. So with that being said, I understand what's expected, and only thing that I can control is putting a good body of practice in a week and put myself in the best situation.

**Q. After the game, Coach said, Cam's our guy. How confident are you that you can be the guy starting next week and getting this team right again going forward?**

CN: Without a doubt.

**Q. What happened on the interception to Fred Warner? I think it was on a pass to Jakobi Meyers.**

CN: That's sad when you have to think about it. Yeah, I just lost him. I lost him and I seen -- I just eyed Jakobi too much. I should have just threw it away, got down. The decision-making is inexcusable and I think that's the most frustrating thing, being that once you pride yourself on certain things, that -- facing -- and you're doing or doing things that you're doing, it even makes matters worse. So the point of emphasis all year has been protecting the football and you know you have to protect the football. And when you do not protect the football, that's when you kind of question a lot of things. But yet at the end of the day, we're just going to come back to the drawing board starting tomorrow and I have full faith in the coaching staff and to be prepared. So it's just about player production.

**Q. Jakobi is a guy who hasn't played a lot this season, but it seems like you have some confidence in throwing it to him when he did get in there. What gave you that confidence to throw it to Jakobi so much?**

CN: It didn't matter if it was Jakobi or Julian or Burk, we

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just got to make sure that -- everybody's in there for a reason and I have to read my keys and get to the right guy.

**Q. How would you characterize the health of your right throwing shoulder?**

CN: It's fine.

**Q. Could you repeat that? I couldn't hear it.**

CN: It is fine.

**Q. I'm just -- mechanically, how are you feeling, the mechanics have been the last couple weeks since you've been back?**

CN: Well, I've just been pressing. I don't think it's anything with mechanics. It's seeing the situation at hand and I caught myself just pressing too much. The energy is definitely been off for me and at times it's not rewarding when you're just going out there with this aura about yourself that's not you. I love playing this football game. I have fun playing this football game, but the performances here hasn't been somewhat delightful for me to have fun in doing so. So I just got to be better. And a lot of things starts and stops at that position and I understand that. And I have put this team in a rut with the performances here, and yet just start over with Monday and see where it goes.

**Q. After the Julian interception his frustration was pretty obvious. Just wondering if you had a chance to talk to him and if you did, from your standpoint how two of you could work together to bring things back on, back to normal quickly?**

CN: Well, we got to figure it out. We got to figure it out. Our Wi-Fi is definitely off. And it's frustrating because knowing the person Julian is and knowing the body of work that he puts in each and every week and day and from preparation to biometrically with his body, you fall in love with a person like that. And with me, I just want to win. I just want to find a way to win. And here of late, that hasn't been the case.

So we have a team full of warriors. We have a team full of guys who knows how to figure certain things out and that's what we're just going to have to do here moving forward.

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