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Q. Just your overall thoughts. Did you have a feeling coming in that this might be the day for you?

DB: I always think every game is a day for me and whatever happens, you never know what's going to happen, you never know what game you'll get called upon to get to do that, to be factor on the offense and today was my lucky day and Cam trusted in me and we were able to make a few plays.

Q. Did you have on the, I think it was in the third quarter, there was a third down play where you caught the ball on the screen and you almost had to kind of crawl to the first down marker. What did you see there and did you realize just how close you were to the line?

DB: Yeah, it was a good alert by Cam. He checked the play and then I was just trying to run and get as far as I could. I knew it was third down. So I knew I was close. I wasn't sure how close. I was trying to give it my all.

Q. How tough is it to keep coming down with a chance to win games or tie games and be on the wrong side of that? It's happened a few times this year.

DB: Yeah, it's rough. I think that's what makes a difference in this league. You look across the league game-wise, it usually comes down to one possession, one possession, one play, two plays to be able to tie it up or to go in the lead, and that's the difference. We have to find a way to be able to handle it and get it on our side and take advantage of it.

Q. Did you feel confident, not in the last, last Hail Mary drive, but the drive before, that you were moving the ball and that were you going to be able to accomplish the mission?

DB: Yeah, I think I definitely was confident in our entire offense. I think we all were. We knew exactly what we were going to get, but we just weren't able to execute it.

Q. So it's a career game for you in receiving yards,

your first hundred-yard game. I know you've already set now a career high in receiving yards this season. Do you feel like you've proven something just to the rest of the NFL, to maybe yourself, just about your status in this league and whatnot?

DB: I think I'm proving to myself that I can be consistent and that I can continue to improve week-in and week-out. It's a long season, as we all know, and my goal is just to continue to get better as the season progresses and playing my best football in November and December and just continue to find ways to help our team win games and score touchdowns.

Q. Just how tough was it on the offense to lose such a versatile player like Rex Burkhead when you guys did lose him?

DB: Yeah, you never want to lose your brother or your teammate. Obviously, Rex has been great for us throughout the season and it was very tough to see him go down. We're praying for him and hoping that he makes a speedy recovery and that that injury isn't too bad.

Q. And can you just talk about the touchdown pass, the 42-yarder, what the play was and how were you able to just beat your guy because it looked like it was real close and he was hanging on top of you, but you were able at the last second to kind of get away from him?

DB: Yeah, it was a play that normally may not always get a look more so, just trying to get, run the defender out of there. And Cam made a great read and a great throw and then I just tried to shield off the defender and tried to make a good over-the-shoulder catch.

Q. Just kind of mixed emotions for you right now where you have this phenomenal game personally, but the difficult loss, and what's that like for you trying to balance those two things where you obviously have this stand-out game, but a difficult outing for the team?

DB: It's not really a balance. We lost the game and that's really what I'm here to play for is to win. So if I had zero catches, if I had 15, it would still be bad, for me.

Q. When you look at the group today, there was

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obviously some ebb and flow at times, but consistency was a challenge. What stands out to you as to why the offense was unable to make plays when you guys needed to, particularly down the stretch?

DB: We just have to execute. When we execute, when we use our formula, we're able to drive down the field and have positive plays and score touchdowns, put points on the board. When we don't execute, when we don't use our fundamentals and use our rules, then that's when we get in trouble.

Q. A thought on that last drive, how frustrating was it? You were down deep in their territory, you just couldn't come up with a big play when you needed it.

DB: Yeah, it's frustrating. The games come down to a few plays and we knew what we were going to get. We just weren't able to execute all together across the board and we just have to find a way to have all 11 guys come together and do our assignments right.

Q. How disappointing is it from a momentum standpoint? You guys had won two straight, you lost a tough one in Buffalo. It seemed like everything was going your way. How tough is it for you guys to not get back to that 500 mark?

DB: Yeah, coming in we knew this was a good team and we knew that we were going to have to play our best. Unfortunately, we didn't today and now we have to go back to the drawing board and continue to do the things that we know that we can do right.

Q. Outside of just not being in the close games, what's the remedy to winning the closer games because you guys have always been in these games? It just seems more times than not you end up on the wrong side of it.

DB: Yeah, it's execution. You look at it, it's one or two plays where we do the right thing on that play and it might be a touchdown. We do the right thing on another play, it's third and four and now it's a first down and we're in the red zone. It's those plays. Unfortunately, we can have 70 plays and it comes down to two or three and we have to be able to execute when the time comes.

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