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BB: Well, it was obviously a good performance today by Buffalo. They have a good team. They're well-coached. They played well tonight. Yeah, we just weren't able to do much in any phase of the game.

They outplayed us across the board, outplayed us and out-coached us. They did a good job. They're a very good football team. We can see why they're the AFC East champions this year. They deserve to be.

Q. A few weeks ago you shut off the Chargers 48-5. What's happened to the team since then?

BB: Well, tonight we didn't play as well as we're capable of and Buffalo played well. They're certainly the better team tonight. Better than we were in all phases of the game: offense, defense, special teams, playing, coaching, fundamentals. They did a better job than we did.

Q. The broadcasters mentioned a few times tonight, they said you weren't buying into the Josh Allen craze. Do you have more respect for Josh Allen's game after his performance tonight?

BB: Yeah, I don't know what they said. I'm on the record on that.

Q. They did say you said that you weren't buying into the Josh Allen MVP craze a couple times. Is that a fair interpretation of what you said to them?

BB: I said multiple times that Josh Allen is a good football player, he's played well, and he's having a good year.

Q. There was a shot of you throwing the phone on the sideline after the challenge. I'm assuming you didn't see the play before the challenge. What went on on that play?

BB: Yeah, obviously he made the catch. It was a good catch.

Q. On the fake punt that they executed, was that sort of what you wanted there with the gunners uncovered?

BB: Yeah, obviously they made a good play on it. They executed it well. They got us before we could make the play.

Q. What did you see from the passing game with Cam before taking him out? What were the struggles there?

BB: We didn't have much direction. Just the combination of things. Protection, dropped balls, lack of good execution. We just didn't execute the passing game well, and they played well defensively with their pressure. They covered well. They did a better job than we did.

Q. What specifically were you annoyed at? Were you annoyed somebody suggested you challenge that call when you threw the phone? The reason I ask is I'm just wondering if it's an indication of frustration with how this entire season has gone. It's been obviously a very tough one for you.

BB: I mean, it was a good call. It was a good catch. The challenge was obviously not successful, as it shouldn't have been, so...

Q. You mentioned Cam's lack of production passing the ball when you made the switch. Does that affect your plans for who is starting next week?

BB: Game was over about 10, 15 minutes ago, so...

We worked on this game. We played the game. Haven't made any plans for next week obviously being it's 15 minutes old.

Q. Why did you make the decision to go to Jarrett early in the third quarter?

BB: To get Jarrett a chance to play.

Q. Why was that the proper time to give Jarrett the chance to play?

BB: Well, we weren't playing very well. It was the opportunity to give him a chance to play. Cam did a good job for us. I mean, that wasn't the problem. We were just not very competitive in the beginning.



