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BB: All right. Not really too much to say here. Just obviously couldn't do enough tonight. Got to give Buffalo credit. They're a good football team. We just couldn't do enough, so...

Had some opportunities. Just nothing in particular, just in general not quite good enough in any area, red area, offensively, making plays in the kicking game.

Yeah, that's about the end of it.

Q. Buffalo's last possession, about two minutes left, what went into the decision to not call timeouts to get the ball back and let Buffalo run the clock there?

BB: Talking about on the kneel-downs?

Q. Yes.

BB: I thought that was the best thing to do for our team. We went the other way in the Baltimore game, lost Mac for three weeks. I don't really think that was worth it.

Q. Three of 12 on third down offensively. Been an area that has been a struggle all season. What do you see there?

BB: Yeah, combination of things.

Q. The two-minute offense at the end of the second quarter, were you okay with the way the timeouts were used in that situation?

BB: Kind of short on a third down, cost us... We didn't pick it up on third down so we had to use a timeout there. I mean, in the end we should have had a field goal at the end of the half and we ended up not getting it, so...

Q. Why do you think the offense is still struggling so much at this point in the season?

BB: Well, I'll just say tonight, like I said, we just didn't do

enough. Had some opportunities and weren't able to take advantage of them.

Q. You had a lot of the same players in place last year as you do this year. The offense was a lot more efficient. Anything specific that changed?

BB: Just got through with the game here.

Q. Given that he'd done it in college, were you always planning on at some point to use Marcus Jones that way or was it something specific this week?

BB: Yeah, he's played on offense before.

Q. Are there serious changes you have to make on third down? I think you're three for 10 last week, three for 12 today.

BB: Yeah, it's a combination of things, so there's a lot of things we have to do better. Some of it's third down, some of it's first and second down.

Q. Did you feel you couldn't be aggressive on first and second down based on some of the stuff you had going on your offensive line?

BB: We were definitely working round some things there. But, yeah, we just need to do a better job.

Q. Would you consider the struggles on offense more of a play calling issue or an execution issue?

BB: Yeah, well, we just need to do a better job overall.

Q. On the pass to Gabe Davis, the touchdown pass, looked like he was going to go out-of-bounds, Wilson was pursuing him on that. Did you think he was out-of-bounds? Some guys stopped playing. I don't know what you saw.

BB: Yeah, I don't know. I didn't really see it.

Q. There's a sequence at the end of the first half, second down and one, you guys ran it.

BB: We just talked about it.



Q. Came in late. Apologize.

BB: No worries.

Q. Was there any consideration to bumping Mike Onwenu out to right tackle? Any consideration to moving things around to get Mike in that spot, moving someone else into that guard spot?

BB: Yeah, it's not always moving one or moving two. Moving two is always harder than moving one.

We looked at our options, felt like we did the best thing we could do. If we thought moving Mike was out there, we would have done that.

Q. Did you feel conditioning was an issue at all defensively? They were out there for almost 40 minutes.

BB: I thought actually we played pretty competitively.

Q. The decision to punt with 12 and a half minutes left around midfield on fourth down, what made punting the best for the team in that situation?

BB: Yeah, thought it's to stay in the game.

Q. Did it feel like the Bills had a beat on what you were trying to do on early downs? Felt like a lot of short passing screens into the flat.

BB: You'd have to ask them that. I don't know.

Q. Do you think it's hard to keep players from getting frustrated against an offense like Buffalo when you're not incredibly aggressive through the air?

BB: What players are you talking about?

Q. Sorry, your offensive players.

BB: I don't know. You'd have to ask them that.

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