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Chiefs Head Coach Andy Reid



OPENING STATEMENT: “Alright, as far as the injuries go Patrick (Mahomes) hurt his left knee. We’ll get an MRI tomorrow or this evening whenever they get him in there. Then Jaylon Moore, likewise, left knee and then (Tyquan) Thornton got hit in the head and we’ll just see where he’s at but he’s in the (concussion) protocol right now. All-in-all we came up short on both sides of the ball (and) special teams. We had a few mistakes and that ends up costing you against a good football team. I appreciate the effort of the guys and stepping up (and) playing hard and aggressive. Some positions were backup guys to backup guys, and they battled their tail off, that’s appreciated. Our fans, we appreciate them showing up in the cold here and supporting us – best fans in the National Football League. With that, we’ve got to do better. When you get opportunities in the red zone or field position you have to take advantage of that. Special teams we have to create field position and then defensively we’ve got to maintain it. In those cases, we weren’t quite good enough in all three phases and again that’s my responsibility to make sure you don’t have these kinds of mistakes. I’ll look in the mirror first on this. But anyways with that, time’s yours.”

Q: Is Patrick Mahomes’ injury serious?

REID: “I don’t know but it didn’t look good. I mean you guys saw it. We’ll just see where it goes.”

Q: Was that a tough situation for Gardner (Minshew) to step into?

REID: “Yeah, that’s a tough deal. He’s (Gardner Minshew) a big boy. I mean he’s done it – he’s played before, so he understands the role.”

Q: What was the locker room like for you after the game?

REID: “Guys are down. They busted their butt to win the game, and I wouldn’t expect anything less. It’s not a great feeling. I wouldn’t expect it to be after losing a game.”

Q: How did you feel while you were in the locker room?

REID: “I can’t tell you I’m happy. It’s a tough deal there when you deal with that but at the same time, we’ve got a few more games here we have to take care of.”

Q: On Patrick Mahomes’ interception on third down.

REID: “He’d (Patrick Mahomes) probably want that one back. You don’t want to throw the interception there. He thought Kareem (Hunt) could potentially make a play on a linebacker, but that’s what happened.”

Q: On the Chargers getting momentum going into halftime.

REID: “It was a return, yeah. You get a big return (and) that’s not good. That flipped some switches there. Then they get the ball the first series. So, they score on the last series of the half and come back the first series and get points. That’s not good.”

Q: On the game being very physical and spirited.

REID: “It was physical. The guys - I appreciate that - they battled. It wasn’t for a lack of effort or battling it was – just had some mistakes that cost us.”

Q: What were your thoughts on Tyquan Thornton’s hit and the exchange afterwards?

REID: “The league you know they took care of it. It was what happened. It’s one of those kind of hits. There were a couple of those (and) they got him on that one.”

Q: On being eliminated from the playoffs.

REID: “We’ve got to take care of business the next few games. I’m just coming off of the field. My mind was on this game here and taking care of it there (and) I wanted it to come out different obviously. I haven’t gone too much further than that.”

Q: How much does it limit the pass game to have backup offensive lineman in playing?

REID: “I’ll find a positive in that. These young guys had an opportunity to play (and) get a chance to see what they can do. I thought they did a respectable job in there so it’s good as we grow here as a team.”

Q: On Chukwuebuka Godrick’s performance.

REID: “Yeah absolutely, Chu’s (Godrick) come a long way from not playing a lot of football and he’s a very good athlete (and) smart kid. It’s great that he had a chance to get in and compete.”



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Chiefs QB Gardner Minshew Quotes



Q: How acclimated did you feel going into the game?

MINSHEW: “I felt very comfortable to go in and execute the offense. (I) hate that situation (and) I hate that I couldn’t deliver and get us a win and keep our hopes alive.”

Q: What did you see on the interception?

MINSHEW: “They’re in man coverage. (I) tried to take a shot to Trav (Kelce), I probably should’ve kept moving.”

Q: How frustrating have the last few weeks been?

MINSHEW: “Yeah, it’s very frustrating. It’s been hard to watch for Pat (Mahomes). That dude (Patrick Mahomes) puts so much into it. I don’t think I’ve ever respected anybody I’ve played with more. I’ve never seen anybody I’ve played with give so much of themselves to the team and to not get the results is hard, but I have more confidence in him than anybody to come back and be better than ever.”

Q: What have you seen from Patrick Mahomes the last few weeks?

MINSHEW: “Dude (Patrick Mahomes) just shows up every day. Every play (and) every workday (he’s) just giving his best trying to lead and yeah, he’s the best.”

Q: Do you feel like this team had more potential?

MINSHEW: “Yeah, I don’t know - we’re 6-8. Probably could’ve been something else, I don’t know.”

Q: Did you see Patrick Mahomes afterwards?

MINSHEW: “Not until the locker room.”

Q: Did you feel the importance of this game when so many guys are returning from injury during the game?

MINSHEW: “We have guys doing that every week. I think Pat (Mahomes) leads the charge of that, puts it out every week. Man, we have so many guys that are battling. That’s what this time of the year is about. It’s been awesome to see how many guys go give themselves a chance to give our team a chance and look for guys to continue to do that.”

Q: How comfortable do you feel to be the starting quarterback for this team?

MINSHEW: “Yeah, I feel comfortable. I’ll do whatever the coaches ask of me and we’ll go try and win some games.”

Q: Was it hard to compartmentalize Patrick Mahomes' injury when you were taking the field?

MINSHEW: "Yeah, that's kind of the job you're in. Unfortunately for me to play that's what happens and you have to compartmentalize (and) obviously get back to the locker room and that's the most concerning thing and (I) just wish the best for him (Patrick Mahomes)."

Q: How were Patrick Mahomes' spirits after the game?

MINSHEW: "Yeah, he's (Patrick Mahomes) down, obviously. It's a tough game (and) it's been a tough year at this point but nobody's better for it."



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C CREED HUMPHREY

Q: How hard was that to see Patrick Mahomes' injury at the end and was it harder to concentrate after that?

HUMPHREY: "Yeah it stinks. We don't know exactly what's going on yet so I can't really say anything. Just hoping he's okay."

Q: Did you get a chance to give him any words of encouragement since the game ended?

HUMPHREY: "I haven't seen him since the game ended."

Q: How do you process the loss today?

HUMPHREY: "Yeah, it sucks but we have three games left. You can take it one of two ways, you can mope around and cry about it, or you can come in ready to work and get ready for these next few weeks. I think we have the guys who are going to come in and be ready for the next three weeks."

Q: You guys have had several injuries happen on the offensive line. Take us through what it's like out there when there are so many combinations?

HUMPHREY: "Yeah, I'm proud of the young guys and how they stepped up today. They came in and played pretty well and I'm proud of them. It stinks with the injuries and everything, but we have the right guys in the room and I'm proud of how they stepped up and fought the entire game."

DT CHRIS JONES

Q: How hard was it coming off the field with what was at stake today and not being able to win?

JONES: "It's tough. Any game you lose is tough. We're all competitors here, especially me and especially with so much at stake. It was tough."

Q: A lot of guys battled through this game got hurt and came back in. What's that say about the toughness of this team?

JONES: "That we have a lot of guys who are very resilient in our locker room. (We're) competitive and we all knew it would sting. We all want to be a part of this game. We're all looking forward to it. Unfortunately, we didn't get the outcome we hoped for, but everyone battled."

Q: On processing being out of the playoffs.

JONES: "Every year is a journey. Success is rented every year. Every year you get to rent success and sometimes it doesn't go the way you plan for it to go. It's a learning curve for you guys and especially us. I think we learned a lot this year and we understand the fact that in order to be successful, it's an everyday thing. It's not one week you put in and next week, no. It's a consistent thing and we have a lot

of guys coming back and they know that it's rented every year. Just because last year's team made the Super Bowl, that doesn't guarantee success. You know, we have three more games which we have to finish strong still, as competitors, as employees of this organization. I think it's important to finish strong and play with pride. Most importantly, play for yourself. The name on the back of your jersey, and also the name on the front of your jersey. I think it's going to be competitive for us, and we're going to keep on going. (It's) something to build off of and (I'm) looking forward to next year."



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Chargers Head Coach Jim Harbaugh



OPENING STATEMENT: “Before we get started, I hope Patrick (Mahomes) is okay. He is one of the greatest competitors of all time in the history of the game. I have total respect for him and just hope he's okay. Prayers and thoughts are with him. I hope he dodged a bullet.”

Q: What are your thoughts after that win?

HARBAUGH: “Tremendous team win. We're going to look at the contributions from Odafe Oweh and Daiyan Henley and Tuli (Tuipulotu), Khalil (Mack). Offensively, KeAndre (Lambert-Smith) steps up. Tre' Harris steps up big. Justin (Herbert) and the offensive line were battling. running backs, special teams, everyone was battling. It was a total team win. Like my wife, Sarah, said, give Derwin James Jr. the game ball and everything else in the building. He is the tone setter. He is the engine that drives this entire operation. In our family's opinion, we love him. It was a great team win. Now, let's go beat the Cowboys.”

Q: How do you think the defense has played since the bye?

HARBAUGH: “I'm Jesse Minter's biggest fan. I don't know of anybody who's a bigger fan of Jesse Minter than I am. In fact, the Harbaugh's love the Minters. It has just been great. It is team defense and run to the ball. Just calling a great game and coordinating and getting us ready for it. I thought all of our coordinators were really locked in. They were just in the zone all week. Greg Roman, a game plan that on Wednesday presented it to the team, and it was really, really good. Coached it great and called a great game. Ryan Ficken, and our special teams, again, just cold blooded. They were operating, executing. It felt like we were going to have to play our best game. I just really hoped that we would play our best. I really thought we did that. At halftime, that's what we said. We're in a good spot. Let's go play our best half of football of the season. Our guys did and it feels tremendous. Great thrill of victory.”

Q: How do you feel about the team's momentum?

HARBAUGH: “Connected. You ask can the team draw any tighter? They're tight. Fates are intertwined. It's unselfish. There's nothing that anybody is doing for themselves. It's all for the glory of God and for this team. It's a ball team. This is a ball team. I am starting to think of this is my favorite ball team that I've ever been on. I think I've been on some good ones. None better than this ball team. When you're on a ball team, a real ball team, you know that you just give it your best, keep getting better, and you don't have to do it yourself. There is every other guy, 53 guys that go out there. They're playing as one, and it's a ball team. I love these guys.”

Q: How far can this defense take you, even when the offense is not performing?

HARBAUGH: “I think our guys are playing great. Offensively, defensively, special teams. It's tremendous football in a tough environment. You have to come in and you have to beat another team. Everyone is

fighting for their playoff lives right now. Everybody is laying it on the line. Everybody's competing. You see that and then to do it. Beat the other team. Beat the crowd, beat the elements too. It makes you feel like a man. I am really proud of our team."

Q: What did you see on Tony Jefferson's ejection?

HARBAUGH: "I saw a football play. I was told that was the ruling. New York saw it as an ejection and the message to our team was to keep playing ball. I saw all legal hits. I didn't see that particular hit. Our guys were playing ball and they didn't let that emotionally hijack us and just kept playing ball."

Q: You are 5-0 in the AFC west and got to 10 wins. What does that mean to you?

HARBAUGH: "It's where you want to be in the division. Did our guys get the job done, yep. Now it's on to the Cowboys."

Q: How important were the two possessions on either side of halftime?

HARBAUGH: "That was huge. It started with KeAndre's [Lambert-Smith] kick return to the 40-yard line. Then Tre' Harris makes an incredible play. The execution was a flawless throw, perfect and a great play by KeAndre Lambert-Smith to finish it off with the touchdown. That was big. Then we got the ball back and were able to put another really good drive together coming out of the half. The throw that Justin [Herbert] made to Oronde Gadsen, that play, again it's limited to the best in the game that are able to do that."

Q: So much has changed between the first win of the season over the Chiefs until now. What do you think is the common thread that keeps the team going?

HARBAUGH: "Very tough men, plus faith."

Q: How pleased were you with how disciplined your pass-rush was and, also, how well you were able to cover when Patrick Mahomes extended the play?

HARBAUGH: "I thought our guys did a good job playing the defense, playing the scheme. Playing the play and not giving up, continuing to pursue, Daiyan [Henley] did a great job in the downs that he had on Patrick as a spy. He ran him down and contained him. I thought that was huge for us."

Q: The Chiefs have a lot of connections with your staff, does eliminating the Chiefs from the playoffs have any added importance for you?

HARBAUGH: "It was the most important game of the season because it was this game. Now the most important game of the season is the Cowboys. We will move on with humble hearts and get ready to play them. We have more work to do."

Q: What do you think of Odafe Oweh's play? He didn't have a sack before you got there, and now he has seven.

HARBAUGH: "Our edge rushers, Odafe has been a great add. Joe Ortiz has made a tremendous addition to the club. Tuli [Tuipulotu], Odafe Oweh, Khalil Mack, Bud [Dupree], all of those guys are playing great football, right now. It was a total team win. The edges were phenomenal. The guys up-front, Teair Tart is playing his best football. Orito [Ogbonnia], Da'Shawn Hand, Jamaree Caldwell, what a great edition. I love having him on our team. I love Derwin James. I don't know if I mentioned that before. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention Derwin James. He is the tone-setter, the engine. It is amazing. Odafe, yeah, he came in and

got a sack the first game he was here. It's not always the sacks. It's the pressure. It's playing the play. It's the pressures. Tony Jefferson had four interceptions his entire career. He has had four interceptions this season, with us. The guy is playing really good football and team football."



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Chargers QB Justin Herbert



Q: This game knocked the Chiefs out of playoff contention. What does this win mean to you given that?

HERBERT: “Yeah, I thought it was really cool that we were able to close out a one-score game like that. With how many times we’ve played them, and we’ve had those one score games, for the defense to go out there and come up with turnovers, the stops, what they did all day. We could’ve gone down there and continued that drive and kept going for more points, but the way the defense came out and shut them down, it was awesome to see.”

Q: How impressive has the defense been, particularly these last two games?

HERBERT: “It’s awesome. You’ve just got so much confidence in them. We knew since camp how good they were going to be and they were great last year as well. The way they fly around, play for each other, the way they’re coached. We’re lucky. We’re very fortunate to be able to play with them.”

Q: Since you’ve been in the league, do you feel like you’ve played with a defense that has been this opportunistic?

HERBERT: “I think last year they did a really good job of that as well. This year, they’ve taken it to a whole other level. The way they go up and compete for those tipped balls, the way they get the football out and cause those turnovers. It helps us so much as an offense.”

Q: How does it change your mentality as a quarterback playing with a defense like that to back you up?

HERBERT: “You just have to do your job. You have to go out there but you don’t have to worry about putting up 30 or 40 points a game. You just have to go out there and do your job, do your best to go score as many points as you can and know that, a punt may not always be the worst-case scenario. A turnover like today is a much worse scenario. Sometimes you just need to know when to go down and be able to flip the field. The defense has done such a good job.”

Q: Derwin [James Jr.] has been your teammate for a long time. What did it mean to you to see him get the game winning interception?

HERBERT: “Yeah, he told me he was going to go out there and make a play like that. I wasn’t surprised to see it happen. The way he flies around and competes, he plays the four quarters like it’s his last. I’ve got nothing but respect for him as a teammate, a leader and the football player that he is.”

Q: Does it feel like the early season injuries galvanized this team and gave you guys some confidence in other people you may not have had otherwise?

HERBERT: "It's always tough to deal with adversity like that, especially with injuries in the NFL. I think it's only going to help us. That group of guys, especially on the offense, but defense as well, and I am talking from personal and first-hand experience, that we come together. We know that we've got a job to do and no one else is coming to save us. Those guys have stepped in on the offensive line, running backs, they're playing for each other, they're playing for the group and I think it's really cool to see."

Q: In comparison to last week, how was your hand in terms of the pain today?

HERBERT: "I think it's getting better. I had a much better grip on the ball. I didn't really take any snaps from under center this week but I didn't really feel like I needed to and it wasn't going to be a concern. I went out and felt better and as long as we're going in the right direction, I think that's a good thing."

Q: Did the cold have any impact on you and your hand?

HERBERT: "Yeah, early on in warmups, I could tell it was getting pretty cold and just not being able to move it as much. I felt like we did a really good job. The equipment staff did such a great job traveling with all of the gear and just making sure that we were ready to go, preparing for how cold it was going to be."

Q: How much did that last drive of the first half and the first drive of the second half help you guys?

HERBERT: "I think the drive right before halftime was huge, just to get us back in the game. I think at the time, it was 13-3 and I know we get the ball to start the half, but for us to go put a drive together and see some big plays from Dre [KeAndre Lambert-Smith] and Tre' [Harris], was good to see from those guys. Especially with Q [Quentin Johnston] down, those guys did a great job stepping up and they're going to make a lot of plays for us in the years to come."

Q: Both wins this year against the Chiefs were one score games. What is different about this team that you are on the other side of those one possession games?

HERBERT: "I think we've just continued to get better and better. I think that's our focus. I think [Head Coach Jim] Harbaugh would say the same thing. We are worried about what's going on in our locker room, on our field and we're doing everything we can to become better and better as an offense, defense and special teams. When we're able to do that in all three phases, we're able to play some pretty good football and just go out there, have fun and relax."

Q: How much did you want to set the tone with the run game early on?

HERBERT: "Yeah, I think that was one of the ways Coach Roman [Offensive Coordinator Greg Roman] saw that we needed to win the game. I thought we did a great job running the ball. Those guys were physical up front. I think we ran the ball pretty well all day. There were a couple plays that I'd love to have back but I think for the most part, those guys battled and did a great job up front."