



**JAGUARS HEAD COACH DOUG PEDERSON
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(OPENING STATEMENT)

DOUG PEDERSON: My hats off to our guys, our team. I told them after the game that other than obviously winning the Super Bowl a few years ago, greatest coaching victory as a team, this one is right up there with it. My hats off to our guys for just battling. As deep a hole as we dug in the first half, there was – you guys have been around our team, you know there's no quit in our guys. They did an outstanding job, obviously, in the second half, and K Riley [Patterson] kicking that ball at the end was obviously a thing of beauty.

Q. Doug, from your perspective having played quarterback, can you relate and give us some appreciation for what QB Trevor Lawrence did tonight with throwing four picks and rallying back throwing four touchdowns?

DOUG PEDERSON: Yeah, I sure can. I played with one of the greatest quarterbacks ever in Brett Favre and there were times he didn't have a great first half and came back in the second half and could light it up. That's what I love about Trevor [Lawrence] and his demeanor and his aggressiveness and the ability to just forget and move on. But he'll be the first one to tell you that it's not about him, it's the guys around him, too. [They] made plays, the protection was good, receivers were doing a nice job being where they needed to be. But from an individual standpoint, this is really a great performance by our quarterback.

Q. What does it say about this team that they never flinched, down that much and just kept fighting back?

DOUG PEDERSON: I mean, it's everything. That's just what I told them at halftime, it's kind of like our season. We've put ourselves in a hole at times, and we've worked ourselves out of it at times. Just to have the resiliency and the fight and the desire and the ability to continue to play, because it could have easily gone the other way, and that's what I'm so proud of these guys for. Everything is on the line, and they go out and get the job done.

Q. Quarterbacks make their reputation, they become elite guys in the playoffs. What does this performance today say about QB Trevor Lawrence and where he's headed and what he can do for this franchise?

DOUG PEDERSON: I'll just keep saying it, it's a step in the right direction for him and for our team and for our franchise. We love having Trevor [Lawrence] as our quarterback. He never flinches. You saw the emotion on the sneak, on the goal line. I think – was that the two-point conversion? You saw the emotion and that's who he is. I just love the fact that he's leading our football team, but it's a step in the

direction that we want this organization to go, we want him to go, our team to go. We've just got to continue to build on that.

Q. What type of tactical adjustments were you able to make at the half that allowed you and your team to come all the way back?

DOUG PEDERSON: I think one of them was just we had to kind of go up-tempo and be on the ball a little bit more in the second half. When we got down so many scores there, three scores at least, and we just felt like we needed to get a spark and be up-tempo. We were just more efficient in the passing game, and that's what it takes. Sometimes it just takes the guys the desire and the want-to to play better on offense, and they did, but I really think the up-tempo stuff helped us in the second half to kind of get us back in the football game.

Q. Could you talk about calling the time-out? Did you just not like what you saw from the Chargers' defensive front on the 4th-and-half yard and then electing to go outside?

DOUG PEDERSON: Yeah, I just didn't like the look that we had for the play we had called, and so I just took the time-out. We reloaded, regrouped, put our heads together, came up with that call, and just a great effort by [RB] Travis [Etienne Jr.] to obviously hit an off tackle there and get the first down and more.

Q. So you're okay with the risk of it, going outside?

DOUG PEDERSON: Yeah, sometimes – listen, if they're outside, you go inside. If they're inside, you go outside, and Travis is a heck of a back that can do that, and with his speed and ability, made a great play in that moment.

Q. Did you tell K Riley Patterson anything in particular before he went out there, or did he say anything that comes to mind?

DOUG PEDERSON: No. Didn't say a word to him.

Q. He [K Riley Patterson] has made 17 out of 18 since that Chiefs game. Has this guy become very reliable I would suppose?

DOUG PEDERSON: Yeah, you know, obviously this is a big moment for him, and for him to make that kick under these circumstances is great for his career, too. I'm just proud of him for battling through what he's – a little shaky start to start the season, but he's really locked in here at the end of the year, and nothing greater than that kick here at the end.

Q. The question is on the two-point conversion, you saw that they got the penalty. Was it one of those things you had to really think about, should I go for the two-pointer or was it never a doubt?

DOUG PEDERSON: There was never a doubt, never a doubt. I trust in the players, trust our decision, felt good about our call that we had. What it does is it – either a field goal wins or you've got to score a touchdown to win. And so you get in these moments – listen, you trust the players, and you want to win the football game. You want to do it for them. They battled their tails off, so there was no hesitation on that.

Q. Would you have gone for two without the penalty?

DOUG PEDERSON: Probably not.

Q. Coming back from halftime, what's your strategy when you come back from halftime knowing that the score was 27 to 7? What was your strategy?

DOUG PEDERSON: Strategy was just one play at a time. We knew the defense was starting the second half, so we felt like defensively we had to get off the field at some point. We tried to create takeaways, turnovers, things of that nature, and if we could, offense just had to regroup and score. We talked about possibly having to score every time we touched the ball, every possession in the second half. So that was the strategy. We just had – it had to be a one-play-at-a-time mentality.



**JAGUARS QUARTERBACK TREVOR LAWRENCE
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Q. Four first-half interceptions, probably the worst half of football you've played maybe in your football life so far, but you managed to bounce back, lead the team to victory. How were you able to do that? What did Coach Doug Pederson tell you and what did you tell yourself?

TREVOR LAWRENCE: I mean, I said it after the game. Kind of just sums up our season, the game tonight. For myself, obviously yeah, definitely the worst half of my football life, of a lot of people's football life, too. Some type of history probably in that stat. Really, I felt like only one of those plays was a big decision. I felt like I was seeing things all right. They made a couple great plays. There was one where Zay [Jones] got tangled up for whatever – we'll leave it at that. The guy made a good play, though, on the 4th down early in the game. And then the one when we were backed up was a bad decision. I felt like I was seeing it all right and I just needed to settle in. We didn't get any momentum going, couldn't get a drive going. Really just felt like we needed to settle in, and then our defense kept getting stops for us, and I knew once we get the ball and get rolling for that first score like we did at the end of the half. Once we kind of got that and got the momentum back, felt good about – we've been in that situation before, not that many points but similar situations. That's the thing, just the belief in this team. It's kind of – it's really cool to see what can happen when everybody believes. I wouldn't have been able to do what I did today and what the offense was able to do in the second half to bounce back, also the defense, if we didn't believe in one another. I threw four picks in the first half, and those guys beside me on offense and the guys on the other side of the ball didn't ever lose faith in me, and that's one thing that makes it easier, when you know you've got guys that believe in you, no matter what the circumstances are.

Q. Head Coach Doug Pederson's play call on that 4th and 1, the handoff to RB Travis Etienne Jr., him calling time-out right before to get you guys settled down, can you talk about the confidence you guys had when you were lined up for that and the confidence in Doug and his play call?

TREVOR LAWRENCE: Yeah, we actually had a different call on before, and he didn't like the look that the defense was in. It was probably smart looking back at it. Just got the time-out off. I was kind of mad at first because I thought it was going to work. Then he told me, and I was like, all right, sounds good. So, then he got the new call in, and just get the ball in Travis [Etienne Jr.]'s hands, and he makes a play like that, wins the game for us essentially. Obviously Riley [Patterson] won the game, but putting us in position there. It takes a lot of guts there, fourth-and-1 and game on the line, and just the guys up front, they just mashed them. They set the edge, and Travis was rolling.

Q. Some close losses early in the season for the Jags, but where did the belief to battle out of a deficit like that one come from?

TREVOR LAWRENCE: I think we've always had it, and we just weren't on the right side of them for a few weeks, but I really think we never stopped believing. That was the main thing. We had five losses, those five losses in a row all one-score games, had opportunities to win it, and even after that fifth one, it's like, we never wavered, never lost belief. Coach [Pederson] didn't lose belief in us. That's how we dug our way out of it, and same thing we did tonight. That's why I said it kind of epitomizes our season. You're never out of it, and I think that's the one lesson that we've all learned. I know I've learned this year is just, like I said, when you believe and everybody believes, it's cool what you can accomplish, and tonight was one of those games.

Q. How do you top what you guys just did tonight and what you did tonight?

TREVOR LAWRENCE: Hopefully we don't have to. Hopefully we play a little bit better next week. The defense, hopefully they play just like they did tonight. They did a great job. But offensively you can't turn the ball over that many times and expect to win. We found a way tonight, but it's probably not a good formula moving forward. So, I know for me personally, it shouldn't take that type of second half to go win the game. If you just play better in the first half and take care of the ball. I didn't play my best tonight, so I'm going to watch the tape. There's going to be so much to learn from, but honestly, you couldn't write a better script than to win a game like that tonight. Makes it more special, but don't want to do that again. We've got to take care of the ball. That's where it starts. I think besides that, it was a pretty – all phases played pretty well besides just the turnovers on offense. I think we can be – I know we can be better on 3rd down. We weren't great tonight. That's another area to improve on, but took advantage of our red zone opportunities, scored on most of those or all of those. Yeah, just hang on to the ball.

Q. Your receivers said that as the interceptions and turnovers were piling up that you kept the huddle level, kept a level mindset. How do you do that inside your own head? How do you keep your head level?

TREVOR LAWRENCE: Yeah, like I said, I didn't really -- honestly didn't have a choice. We've come this far, and those guys are depending on me. To win games in general in this league but especially in the playoffs, the quarterback has to play well. Wasn't playing well, and I knew it was going to take a lot to turn it around, but there's no – I told the guys in the huddle, there's no 27-point plays. It's going to be one play at a time. That's what it took, one play at a time, all the way down the field, just again and again and again. All we can do at this point is just try to score every drive, then trust our defense. If they get a stop, great; it gives us another chance to score. If they don't, great; we'll get the ball back and go score again. So that was our mindset, and you've got playing with confidence. That was the one thing, just self-talk in my head going back and forth. It's tough when you're struggling and not playing well, but if I don't continue to be myself, we don't have a shot to win because then I'm going to miss the plays that I usually make. I just had to keep my confidence. Missed a few throws, I think where some of those turnovers where I was being a little cautious. After that I felt like I kind of got back on track and settled in.

Q. Just to piggy-back on that a little bit, is that a learned thing, to be able to overcome that kind of failure? Could you do that back in high school or college? I know you didn't have this kind of failure in high school or college, but would you have been able to have that second half last year even?

TREVOR LAWRENCE: It's kind of hard to say. Probably not. Like I said, just really it's -- I was able to turn it around and play well in the second half, but it all stems from the collective belief of the team. When you get in that situation and you don't -- and you feel like everyone doesn't really believe you've got a shot and things start to crumble around you, whether that's defense, offense, that's kind of when you're in trouble and it doesn't feel like you've got a shot to win it, and there was never that feeling. Even at halftime, I think it was 27-7, down 20, and Foley [Folorunso Fatukasi] brought everybody up, and he's like, we're going to win this game. We're going to find a way to win this game; you've got to believe it. And we all believed it. We really did. That's the crazy thing is it's easy to say it after, but you really don't - if you don't really believe it. Man, I don't really know what else to say. I'm kind of rambling because it's just a special night. I'm just proud of the group, this city. It was a special night for a lot of people, and just thankful for everybody that played a part in it.

Q. Why do you think this team seems to thrive on doing things sort of the hard way? Like coming back from 3-7 to win the division, and then something like this?

TREVOR LAWRENCE: I don't know, Coach [Doug Pederson] showed a video -- I don't know if you guys heard of Jocko [Willink]. You guys can look it up. It's this video where he talks about "good." And it's like, no matter what happens, that's your response: "good." Threw four picks in the first half, good. He showed that back in -- I don't know if it was training camp or during the season maybe when we were on that losing streak. I don't know when it was. But that's just been our mindset. Then we say it on the sideline joking around. One of the linemen, I forget who it was, said to me after I threw three or four picks, he was like, "good," just looking at me, like all right, not the time. But it's just the mindset of this group. Like I said, you can't make a living on doing it the hard way all the time, but you're going to have to sometimes, and we had to tonight, and we were able to get it done.

Q. You've played in a lot of big games in your life. This is your first career playoff game. Where does this one stack up for you with the games that you've played in?

TREVOR LAWRENCE: It's up there. It's a special one. Definitely one I'll never forget. First playoff win. Like we talked about, obviously, the ups and downs of the game. I mean, it kind of speaks for itself. It's special, and there's something about this team, just the way we've been able to stick together, it's really honestly kind of leaves you speechless sometimes. I've said it a million times, but just the belief, it's really cool. I'm proud to be a part of it. It's just the beginning for us.



**JAGUARS K RILEY PATTERSON
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Q. Riley, talk a little bit about the way you've kicked since the Kansas City game. I'm wondering, was it just the positive stuff going through your mind when you got to the point when you know you're going to go out there and try it, and did Logan Cooke say anything reassuring to you in any way or any other teammates before you kicked it?

RILEY PATTERSON: Logan [Cooke], after I got him away from the ref, he said, "Oh, just like a Wednesday practice", which I had no idea. He told me afterwards. I couldn't hear a thing he was saying. I was kind of locked in at that point. But I had no doubt, all the faith in the world, everybody on the line, Ross [Maticcik], Logan [Cooke], perfect snap, perfect hold, and it was really pretty flawless. It was awesome.

Q. At what point did you feel like this might come down to me to kick a field goal to win this thing?

RILEY PATTERSON: Yeah, when we got about 10 points down, I was like, okay, well, we have an opportunity to maybe tie this up with a field goal going into overtime. We ended up getting that two-point conversion in, and I'm like, wow, we could win this on a field goal. But at the same time, we're professionals and try not to think too far ahead, just kind of stay in the zone and keep my heartbeat down and stay locked in as much as I can.

Q. Do you remember the last time you had to kick something like that in that moment, where moving on was important, not just another game, but this is playoffs? Anything as important as this?

RILEY PATTERSON: The Cowboys game was definitely a big game, and I think we really needed that game, so putting that one into overtime, that field goal was really big. But to win it, back in college against Houston my senior year, last game at home, that was a big moment, and that was kind of our rival, so that was huge. That was a lot of fun. This is pretty sweet, though. Playoff game at home, like it doesn't get much better than that. You dream of stuff like this as a kicker.



**JAGUARS LB FOYE OLUOKON
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Q. What was the probability of coming from behind down 27-0, and if you had to pin it on a moment in the second half, when did it turn?

FOYE OLUOKUN: It was gradual. I mean, the odds, I told the boys, I don't like my odds but I love my chances. As long as there's a little probability of winning at all, we're going to keep fighting. We saw the tables start turning, we had momentum, we kept that, we keep getting the ball back to the offense and they started rolling. I couldn't pinpoint an exact time, but when we started making them punt and we started scoring. I think that touchdown to Evan [Engram] maybe over the middle, once we saw we had a larger chance, might as well take it.

Q. This was your first career playoff game. Is this one, especially with the way it went, one that you'll remember forever?

FOYE OLUOKUN: Yeah, probably. That was crazy. We were down and we won. I just love the boys, [we] came together as a team when things got hard. We were in the locker room, everybody was pretty calm and we said, we're not playing well, let's play better. Everybody said we're going to play better for our brothers, buy some more time for our brothers, and when we came together like that, everybody's accountability went up and we all played hard and came out with a win.

Q. When the offense starts getting it rolling like they did in the second half, what does that do for you guys as a defense?

FOYE OLUOKUN: It's cool to see them start going. It turned from stops to let's get three-and-outs, like let's get the ball to them as soon as possible, keep the ball in their hands because they're going to do something special with it. We were on our P's and Q's because we were mad about letting them drive that one drive that they missed the field goal on. Our job when the offense was rolling was to get the ball back to them as soon as possible, and they'll just take the game over.

Q. You all have been here before toward the end of games. How much did all of those experiences of games coming down to the last three minutes here at home help you all get back into this game?

FOYE OLUOKUN: Yeah, I mean, we were down 20 something, a lot, and we've been down a lot a lot of times. Obviously earlier in the year we came back and lost, and then later in the year as the middle of the year went on, we came back and won. It's the same energy, let's just make this game close, and if we do the right things to end the game. We went into half, we got a touchdown, we came back, we got seven, came back after halftime, I think they might have got three or something, but we kept fighting, made that game closer and closer, just chip away. That game is close, we'll take our shot at the end of the game, and that's what we did. I told the boys we just need one stop and we're going to win it. We had that stop, they went down, kicked the field goal, and that's just situational football.

Q. What changed at halftime? They obviously had a few short fields going into the half and things of that nature, but after halftime you previously mentioned that you guys had more of a sense of urgency, it was more about getting three-and-outs. Did anything change as far as coverages, the game plan, anything along those lines, or was it just hey, play better?

FOYE OLUOKUN: Yeah, kind of play better. We had seen the plays that they run to our specific coverages, so we kind of went over how to match the routes and get a little bit of a different nuance within the pass rush, but really just execute our plays. We put some plays in for this week, and we needed to execute them.

Q. What was the conversation among the defense in the first half when you saw interception after interception that had you guys on your heels defending the red zone? How did you guys rally a bit when things were seemingly coming downhill on you guys?

FOYE OLUOKUN: Yeah, we've just got to keep them out of the end zone in those situations. Offense, we were just waiting for them to start going. If we just made a couple stops when we were put in those situations backed up, offense is going to capitalize off of that, so our job in those situations is to keep them out of the end zone, and we weren't doing it at first. So, we came in at halftime, we're like, we need to play better, we need to communicate better, get there with more urgency, tackle better. I know I missed a tackle maybe first drive, second drive. Just do what we're supposed to do, and when the offense gets rolling, they'll do that.

Q. The penalty against the Chargers allows you guys to go for two instead of kicking the extra point, and then the field goal ties it. Trevor gets the two-pointer. How does that change everything?

FOYE OLUOKUN: We didn't even think about that. I told the boys while they were driving to score that touchdown, we get one stop, we're going to win the game. One stop to win it. We had the momentum at that time, offense was rolling. Whether they scored a touchdown and made it a three-point game, I felt like if we get a stop, they're going to score seven. We knew if we got that stop, we're going to win the game. When it was two points instead, it was even further; let's make this three-and-out, get the ball back to them, and then offense had do what they needed to do, run that clock out, kick the game-winning field goal.

Q. The Dallas Cowboys game that you came from behind in double digits, do you feel that that game itself probably provided you with a lot of momentum going into the final year that you had such an incredible contest tonight to pull it out under unbelievable circumstances?

FOYE OLUOKUN: Kind of like we were talking about earlier we had a lot of close games this year. The Giants game, I think maybe we came back in the Ravens game, the Raiders game. We did those earlier. Then that Detroit game happened, and we just knew the kind of energy and fight we needed to have for four quarters, and we knew if we brought what we were supposed to bring to the table, anything was possible. Yeah, that Dallas game was cool to see, but we had kind of learned our winning equation a little bit earlier than that. It was just our accountability on doing that. That's just kind of how we are as a team right now. We just keep fighting all the way through, no matter what's happening in the game. We're going to put ourselves in what we feel is the best chance to win, regardless of what happened in the beginning.



**JAGUARS RUNNING BACK TRAVIS ETIENNE JR.
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Q. (On the play of Jaguars quarterback Trevor Lawrence)

TRAVIS ETIENNE JR.: “He put himself in a bad situation, but I mean at the end of the day, we still have a whole another half left, you know. Trevor [Lawrence] is a guy who is next play, that is football mentality. You can’t let the last play beat you multiple times. Trev showed tremendous willpower and mental strength to keep playing and on focusing on the task at hand.”

Q. You’ve played with him (Lawrence) a long time and he’s never had a half like that. Did you think that, at some point, things were just going to get away from him?

TRAVIS ETIENNE JR.: I mean when you are playing the game, you are not thinking about losing. We had the whole half left. It never crosses your mind as a competitor. I was thinking how I can be better to help Trev. How I can get into a better position to help him not make those plays? That is where my mind goes. Trev, his mind goes just to take it one step at a time. I feel as if when we try to do too much, that’s when we get in our own way. He had to simply (it) and the big plays came.

Q. Walk us through that 4th and 1 run for you. What did that mean to you?

TRAVIS ETIENNE JR.: I was just trying to win the game. I was just trying to ice the game. I’m happy coach called my name, honestly, called my number. And I feel like anytime coach calls my number I’m ready and I was able to show it with that play.



**CHARGERS HEAD COACH BRANDON STALEY
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Q. Can you talk about what happened?

BRANDON STALEY: We just didn't play clean enough football in the second half in all three phases. We didn't score the ball or possess it well enough on defense. We had far too many penalties in the second half that really hurt us and didn't play well enough in the red area, didn't perform well there in the two minute at the end of the game. Just didn't play a good second half of football as a team.

Q. Anything you can put your finger on?

BRANDON STALEY: We have a PI. We had an offsides when it would have been a sack. We have a penalty that allows 'em to go for two. An unsportsmanlike penalty, it goes for two. So I thought penalties hurt us in the second half on defense.

On offense we just didn't sustain drives in the second half, and didn't run the football effectively enough, and then didn't do well enough on third down in the second half. We had some killer third and shorts that we didn't make today. And then obviously we missed a kick down the stretch that really hurt us.

Q. Was it just a loss of composure on Bosa's part?

BRANDON STALEY: I think he was frustrated. I think he felt like there were a bunch of things that kind of accumulated throughout the game and tried to talk through it with the officials. But we can't lose our composure like that. We need to make sure that we stay on the high side of things and we can't hurt the team that way.

Q. The two unsportsmanlike, did you get any word about why he wasn't ejected from the game?

BRANDON STALEY: No.

Q. Offensively, running the ball has been a struggle for you guys all season. How frustrating was it when you had that lead to not be able to possess it and take time off the clock.

BRANDON STALEY: Yeah, it was frustrating. Just didn't have enough success at the line of scrimmage and not enough yards after contact. Just didn't play a good second half of football in any phase.

Certainly, when you have that type of lead, if you can possess the ball effectively enough, then there won't be enough time, and we just didn't do that, and then didn't score the ball either.

Q. How disappointed are you? How surprised I guess maybe is a better word?

BRANDON STALEY: Anytime you're up 27-7 at halftime and you've got four takeaways and you end up winning the takeaway margin 4-0, it's going to be a killer. I'm hurting for everybody in that locker room. It's a special group of guys. This is the toughest way that you can lose in the playoffs.

Certainly with the way we started the game, that's the team that I know that we're capable of being and in the second half, we just didn't finish the game. We're going to learn a lot from this and, unfortunately, this is the tough side of things. Our season's over. But I love everyone in that locker room. This was a step for us and we're going to grow a lot from it.

Q. Is there anything that you think they did on offense that made the picture look a little bit cloudy for Lawrence in the second half?

BRANDON STALEY: No. They didn't do anything different than they did in the first half. We gave up a big explosion for a touchdown, which hurt us. I don't think we tackled as well in the second half. Like I said, there were a couple penalties that I think really hurt us.

Q. Do you think or do you worry that when they start coming back, your players might feel the weight of what's happened with this franchise in the past in the playoffs?

BRANDON STALEY: No, not at all.

Q. You talked all season about creating mentality to close to finish games. Why didn't that mentality materialize in this particular game?

BRANDON STALEY: I don't think we played clean enough football. I don't think we made enough winning plays in the second half where everyone's performing their assignment, doing it with the right technique, with the right type of energy. I just think there were a lot of little things in the second half that added up to a big result there. We got to learn how to come together and close a team out like that in the playoffs. Because it wasn't just one phase of the game it was all three phases that didn't play well enough in the second half and we had our opportunities. We had our opportunities all three phases to do it and we just fell short.



**CHARGERS QB JUSTIN HERBERT
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Q. (No microphone.)

JUSTIN HERBERT: Obviously a tough go for us. As an offense, we need to do more in the second half. That falls on us, offensively, and as a quarterback, I need to perform better. You got to be able to put up more than three points in the second half.

So I feel horrible for the defense for the incredible effort they put out there today. But got to be better as a team.

Q. You were kind of sitting at your locker for a little while. Do you mind sharing just what was going through your mind while you were sitting there?

JUSTIN HERBERT: Just thinking about the game.

Q. The running game in the second half, obviously when you have a lead like that, you want to be able to run the football and take time off the clock. How much do you feel like that impacted the offensive performance in the second half?

JUSTIN HERBERT: Yeah, I think as an offense, we need to move the ball better, through the air, on the ground. We just have to be able to move the chains. We didn't do that enough. We didn't score in the red zone enough. Only put up three points in the second half. So as an offense, that's on us. Not executing, not converting on third down when we needed to, some penalties. But tough go today.

Q. Did they change what they were showing you in the second half compared to the first?

JUSTIN HERBERT: A little bit. We got a lot of respect for the Jaguars and their defense, and they're a really tough defense. It falls on us for not executing in the second half. We were able to put up some points in the first half, but you got to be able to play four quarters as a NFL team.

Q. For you, this is your first playoff appearance. Kind of how tough is the finality of just it ending like this, the end the season?

JUSTIN HERBERT: Yeah, it's really tough because we think really highly of our team and that's a special group of guys in that locker room. They deserve better and it didn't go our way and that's the unfortunate part.

Guys put everything they had into it this year, especially this game, and you hate to see it go that way. But I know that everyone in that locker room who comes back is going to use this one for fuel for the next year, and they're excited to get back to work. Definitely tough to process, but got to keep it going and use this one as fuel.

Q. I know you guys have been dealing with injuries all year, but when you're going out there without Mike Williams, and then DeAndre Carter goes down and you lose your left tackle, at what point do those things become too tough to overcome?

JUSTIN HERBERT: We still have some pretty good weapons on the offensive side of the ball. To have a guy like Keenan Allen and Donald Parham, Gerald Everett, you know, they had big days and super thankful for those guys being out there.

All our guys are battling. Injuries are a part of the game and that's the unfortunate part. They're doing everything they can to be out there. It's definitely tough when you lose a guy like Mike and DeAndre, and Jamaree Salyer. But you got to pick up the pieces and keep going.

Q. One of the big plays late in the first half in the red zone, it looked like you had Keenan Allen open in the end zone. Is that one you just missed or maybe was there a defender in the way and you had to throw it higher?

JUSTIN HERBERT: Yeah, there was a couple defenders in the way. I could have thrown a better pass to him. That's one of those that you got to execute. But looking back, we'll have to watch the film and analyze that one.

Q. Another specific play to Bandy's jet sweep where you guys had a fumble exchange. Can you walk us through what happened on that play.

JUSTIN HERBERT: That's a play that we ran all week with DeAndre Carter. He goes down and [Michael] Bandy has to step up into that role. It's on me for not communicating that more clearly in the huddle. I could have done a better job of saying, Hey, this is the play, this is what we're doing, this is the kill. So it's on all of us for miscommunication.

Q. So you checked out of the initial play?

JUSTIN HERBERT: Correct. That was the play. We were going to run it down the middle, depending upon a certain look. We got it, so we killed to a second play. But I could have done a better job of going to him and telling him exactly what we needed to do.