

TENNESSEE TITANS VS. LOS ANGELES CHARGERS
WEEK 9 POSTGAME QUOTES
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INTERIM HEAD COACH MIKE McCOY

Alright there's no injuries to report. You look at the game, you come in, you walk off the field at the end and too many mistakes that we beat ourselves. You look at the missed opportunities that we had in the first half. Seven penalties in the first half, that's tough. It hurts your football team. You have seven of them. Last couple of weeks, we've been outstanding not having penalties in games and today we have seven in the first half. So that can't happen. And then, the big turning point, obviously, is getting stopped on the one-yard line and then letting the big drive go down there and score. So that's the difference. It's frustrating to look at it because of the missed opportunities that we had early in the game or some big plays the defense gave up in the first half. So that's part of the game. So, I'll open it up to questions.

I'm curious, in various short yardage situations, you guys continued to go to the direct snap to the running backs. Not something you had done a lot before. Is it something that you saw? Why did you continue to...

Well, that's all part of game planning. I think, as the offensive staff, when you go look at a game plan, how you're going to attack a certain opponent, there's certain things you always put in. So, when the staff put the plan together, they had a lot of—they thought this was the best thing to do.

Any read on why they didn't work?

The defense stopped them.

Did you see anything schematic that surprised you?

It comes down to execution. We've got to execute better in all—not just those plays but plenty of other plays during the game. I think our third down conversion rate was not great overall. So, there's plenty of things. It's not just wildcat that didn't work.

Did you feel kind of a big discrepancy in third downs? A lot of it seemed to be they were very short yardage on third down where you guys seemed to regularly be pushed back six, seven, eight yards?

Like I said, we had some self-inflicted wounds during the game where we let some things—unfortunately we didn't execute the way we wanted to, or penalties, certain things. You've got to eliminate that, and we had not had that problem the last two weeks. False start penalties, things like that, that's what gets you beat and makes it that much harder to win a football game and be successful in situational football.

How agitating is it that you get a special teams touchdown and a defensive touchdown, and the offense can't chip in?

Yeah, I should have mentioned that to start. Two great plays. Cody (Barton), the pick-six to start to energize. You talk about complementary football, that was outstanding. It's just a smart player reading, pattern reading something and getting the one thrown right in your lap, and there you go, touchdown. And then, we all know what Chim (Dike) does. That's who he is. You talk, you look at the game planning things, and (John Fassel) Bones told the team, if we block these guys a certain way, he's going to score. There's going to be a big return. But you just love the way he works every day, and it was a great plan there. So those were two big plays, so compliments to those guys.

How much tougher is it to accept when there's a play that could have changed the game for you?

Well, losing sucks any way you look at it. It's hard. Like I just told these guys, we talked about playing hard, tough and together. That's what they did. But we made too many mistakes in the game from the first quarter all the way to the fourth quarter. You can't just say it's one play here and there. The goal line stop's, obviously big, but there's plenty of other things that we had an opportunity to go out there and execute better, and we didn't.

Regarding the wildcat stuff, you said they and the staff and seemed to not include yourself in that. Were you not part of putting that together?

I'm part of everything. My name is on everything here. But when we put plans together and they go and install it to the offense, same thing on the defense, when they install it, I would say the same thing.

Numbers weren't great for Cam today. It seemed like he had been making incremental progress. Was it more pressure, do you think, that was coming on him, or did he just have a little bit of a...

I'll have a better answer for that tomorrow for you. I'll go watch the tape like we do all the time and kind of see some things. You look at the tape, you see certain things, or you watch the game and you might miss something, there might be someone in a throwing lane. There's certain things that might come up that we may not see, and we'll look at the tape and I'll have a better answer for you tomorrow.

Pass rush was as lively as it's been all year to get six sacks and still get hurt by Justin Herbert running and for it not to make a big difference in the game, how much did that hurt?

The big thing, we went in with a plan, understanding what we could do, how we get after the quarterback. But he's one of the best in the business of his ability to read things and get out and escape, and that's all over every game you watch this year, that's what he's done. He's one of the best in the business of making plays with his legs, getting out, all of a sudden there's a free runner. Somehow if you don't have the right rush lane, he's going to see that, and expose it and have some big plays like he did today.

When you have a time that hasn't had a lot of success, how much of this is just learning how to win, expecting to win at this point?

Well, I think everyone expects to win every time you step out on the field. I think our guys work extremely hard. We've got to play better on Sundays. I've told you guys this the last couple weeks, how practice has gone, certain things. But when you have the self-inflicted wounds, you don't execute a certain way for four quarters against a good team, that's what happens. We've just got to keep grinding. That's the only way to do it, keep working hard, and you've got to get one. You've got to find a way to win one and get on a roll. I've been around a long time, and you get that second half—bye is coming at a good time for everyone to get away and think about what we can do to improve moving forward here.

You mentioned the explosives on two of those, you guys were kind of in a cover two look, and Oronde Gadsden and Quentin Johnston were able to get outside there was that a miscommunication between the corner safety or what?

Well, there's certain techniques and certain things you've got to use. Like I said, we'll talk as a staff and everything tomorrow, and with the players and everything and go over all those things.

What's your stance on the push play on short yardage gains? I noticed you guys not using those on the third-and-short, fourth-and-short. Are you anti-using that play, or is it something that wouldn't have fit in those moments?

No, I'm all for it. I'm not against it by any means.

QUARTERBACK CAM WARD

You got the early touchdown with Chim Dike and the early defensive touchdown. How disappointed you guys weren't able to put up a lot of points yourself?

I'm really disappointed, especially because we know that's the biggest problem. We have to execute on drives and we didn't. So, special teams, defense, they did their jobs today and put us in a situation to win. Offensively, we didn't do enough to win.

How big a problem is third down?

I don't think it's a big problem. We've just got to execute being on third down. We were good in some situations, in some spots. Also, in some spots we were bad, I was bad at times, especially early on. But it just continues to get better every day.

A lot of those third downs, it was third-and-eight, third-and-10, something like that. How much difficulty does that add when it's not manageable?

It really doesn't add that much difficulty, especially versus a team like the Chargers, who don't do a lot front-wise. We kind of know what they're going to do. But I think that's kind of an advantage that we can have because we know what we're going to do. At the end of the day, we just have to execute. We didn't execute enough and that's why we got the result.

Teamwise, how do you navigate when you work on the Wildcat all week, you're confident it's going to work, but you get in the game and discover it's not working. How do you now navigate sticking with it and maybe bailing and changing to something else?

We've just got to continue to have the same process level that we got to that point. I think getting back to plays that, while we're in the range of the game, we can benefit from those, and we do it at times. Also, it comes down to the players making the plays. All 11 of us on the field on offense, we've got to continue to do our job each and every play. It's something just, whether myself or someone else, is not doing their job on one specific play and it hurts us. So, we've got to continue to get better. We also have to hold everybody accountable and hope everybody accountable and try to win when we come back.

Was the defense showing anything unexpected on those Wildcat looks or was it what you guys thought?

Not really. It was kind of what we thought. We just didn't execute as a whole 11.

How frustrating was that sequence there, so close to the end zone, and turning it over on downs?

That's really frustrating, especially the base plays that we run into those looks. We just didn't capitalize, and didn't get in the end zone. But that's a lesson that we're going to learn and we can't have it relapse up in the bottom. We've got to find a way to put some wins together and try to go on a run.

As you go through the bye week, are you going to think a little bit more about how you can influence the game running? You had a scramble today and then you ran to pass on the other gain on third down.

Even on the scramble, I should have ran it. I just got to buy time to throw it to Elic (Ayomanor) on the over-the-ball in the middle, he was wide open. So, I've got to continue to critique myself and get the ball in my playmaker's hands and let them make plays for us. I think that will have the offense just flowing.

But do you think that you can scramble a more at time?

Yeah, I think I can. It also depends on the rush, if I need to get outside the pocket or not. I just think at times, I've got to continue to do both. Run when I need to and then throw to my open guys.

In those critical situations like the goal line sequence, would you want the ball a little bit more often than not rather than turning around and handing it off three times?

I want the ball in my hand every play. But, we scored on that same play versus Arizona. So, I have all the confidence in those other guys. Tony (Pollard) will get in there next time, so I'm not really tripping about that. We've just got to execute that specific play that gives us the lead.

On the third and long pass, the one that kind of hit the ground, was that just a breakdown of mechanics or were you trying to rush that pass? What was happening there?

It was just a bad ball. I didn't think I needed to throw it how I wanted to, but also, I just need to have subtle movement in the pocket. Continue to get better at that and then give Van (Jefferson) a catchable ball.

How can this team use the bye week as a reset and what do you hope the mindset is when you guys come back?

I think it will be used for us as a reset to think about the situation we are in with wins and losses, and we've got to have the right mindset to go for it from there. We've got to try to get on the run after the bye week. I'm excited for it. We got a great group of guys on both sides of the ball. But the biggest thing for us on the bye week is for the offense, we have to be better. We haven't shown anything these first couple games, half the games we played this year. So, we've got to do better for the defense and special teams.

Do you feel like you need this bye week personally? We've heard so much about the rookie wall. How much do you need the reset mentally?

I don't need the reset. I can play every week if I'm able to, if I'm healthy to because I'm getting better every week. The game is the same for all of us rookies. It's just about us executing the game plan and not putting ourselves in a negative situations. There's too many times where I have a bad play, or a bad couple of plays, and it just derails the offense and I've got to do better at my job and help lead these guys and try to win when we get back from the bye week.

Is there any communication that you're planning to have with your teammates over the bye week or is it just going to be like everybody kind of do what they need to do when they come back the following week?

It's both. Check in on them once or twice. I can't bother them on their bye week. A lot of people got family, they got kids, they need that time. So, I'm going to continue to work out, get better, and try to put us in situation to win games.

Are you going away? I know the coaches encourage you, despite your lack of willingness to oftentimes get your head out of it. Have you found a balance between what they want and what you want?

It's not really a balance. My mind isn't going to leave the building. My mind isn't going to leave the football just because how much I have to continue to improve on. So, I just think it's a free week for me to get better at every little thing I need to do to stack some wins when we get back from it.

WIDE RECEIVER CHIMERE DIKE

The touchdown, how does that make you feel that you're able to contribute that way?

Oh, it's good. I mean, I think that—I'm more happy for our unit. We talk about it all the time. So, those guys work their tail off for me every Sunday. Finally do my job and finish off the run and get into the endzone.

John Fassel seemed to hint that he challenged you to end that streak. When we talked on Tuesday, he hinted at that. Did that happen? How was that conversation?

Yeah, in a meeting him and KB (Kendell Brooks), we talked about it as a unit, we've been increasing teams and having explosive returns, but you know we wanted to have a spark for the offense and the rest of the team and put it in a box, so to be able to do that it felt good.

How did that play develop through your eyes?

I caught it, I saw the gunners were both split, both of the zeros did a really good job. It was a one-on-one with their net, then he got missed and then popped out to the right. And I saw about three rip by and then a bunch of blue jerseys. I knew it was a touchdown.

Why are those the type of plays that continue to help guys in here when things may be struggling? Does it continue to help with the belief that there's greener pastures ahead?

Yeah, I mean, I think that when you look at the game today, in general, there's a lot of things that we got to get better at and we control them. Especially offensively, I got to clean some stuff up today, too. I didn't play my best game and I was not good enough. But at the same time, there's signs that we're improving as a team overall. We love these guys, love each other and all compete for each other, so we're going to keep doing that.

For the defense and special teams, it was seven points each, for the offense it was only six. Is it disheartening it all from an offensive perspective?

Yeah, obviously it's frustrating. We didn't score enough points to win the game. We didn't execute and play up to our standards. So anytime you do that, it's frustrating.

What's there to be worked on in the bye week?

Yeah, I mean, I think the penalties in first half were really big. I think just the negative plays, right? We're running the football really well, but getting behind the sticks is tough. And I'm sure we're going to look back and there's other things. But I think that comes to mind.

How quickly did you know on that punt return that you had it?

As soon as I got outside, I saw my blockers in front of me.

How good did that feel?

It felt good, especially for the other guys in the unit. They worked their tails off every single rep, they have a really hard job. So for them to finally get me in, they wanted to get me in for a couple of weeks. It felt good.

How much pride do you take in special team and the defense that scores some points especially when the offense struggles?

Yeah, I mean, I think any time you aren't scoring enough points, especially on teams, we want to have a spark. Offensively, we just got to keep improving. We kind of shot ourselves in the foot a couple times, especially in the first half. So, eliminate that and keep going.

LINEBACKER CEDRIC GRAY

That was a big swing moment. Offense gets stopped down there, and the Chargers go 99 yards, and score. That's a 14-point swing. What more could you guys have done on that 99-yard drive?

On the 99-yard drive, we just have to be more disciplined. We gave up some plays, and different things like that, so just got to be more disciplined.

How much does it sting? So you get to pick six, and you guys sack Justin Herbert six times and come away with an L. That's tough.

Yeah, man, it's definitely tough, but that's NFL football. It's competitive. Teams are going to be resilient. Teams are going to fight back, and make plays. We just got to find a way to survive these lows, and get a surge of our own and make our own plays, so we can win the game.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER DRE'MONT JONES

Looks like you all came on the field with a ton of energy after the offense got stopped on the goal line, just what was giving you guys that confidence and why didn't that really translate on that drive?

Just a belief in each other. We all got together and spoke about how we need to be together around these drives, create that momentum, create that turnover again, and just getting that confidence into us. So we got to just find ways to stop it though, because it wasn't a good drive, but it happens sometimes.

Do you felt like this was a day you were going to be able get to Justin Herbert like you did?

You don't know until it happens. I mean, I go into every game thinking I can get to a quarterback. I don't go into a game like, 'Damn, I'm not going to get him this game.'

How did that play out today?

I thought it played out real good. From pressuring them to hitting them, to sacking them, I thought we did good from top to bottom. Unfortunately, the biggest thing of them all, we did not win. And I want to win so damn bad because I mean we deserve more than one win. We work our butts off every week. I know we're capable. We just got to do it.

What do you hope the mindset is when you guys come back from the bye week?

We're just got to reset. A bad first half of the season. Hopefully we can turn this thing around. You want to finish strong note as much as you possibly can.

What can you just say about the difficulty with trying to get down, Justin Herbert? Hes's kind of slippery and he is deceptively fast as well.

You said the first two things that makes it hard, is him being fast. I'm not going to use the other word, but he's elusive. But it's hard. He's a bigger guy, bigger than most. And him being athletic is definitely is a dangerous thing for any defense. So it's tough, but I think we did a good job of doing it today. It didn't equate to the win, but got to fight.

As far as just the team, of course, you mentioned your record, but what keeps you going, what keeps you pushing forward despite what the circumstances are with your record?

The drive to win. I want to win so damn bad and try to be a better player. I put so much work into it myself. As long as I'm on that field, I'm going to give 150 percent every time. Even if I make a mistake, I'm just going to come back next play because I just want it that bad, just as much as I want us to win that bad.

What's made this organization mean as much as you said it does to you in the short amount of time that you've been here?

First and foremost, the locker room is great, the coaches have been great to us. I think they've done everything they possibly can to make sure we're prepared and ready for each and every game. And they're trying their best to take of our bodies from the food, to the training staff, to the equipment, like they all each and everyday, give their all. That's what makes me appreciate it so much.

TACKLE DAN MOORE JR.

How tough, sorry if you've already been asked about this, but a lot of those third and shorts that you guys couldn't push it forward, how tough is that for an offensive line not to be able to help convert?

Yeah, obviously that one on the goal line is tough for us, man. We're talking about after the game, we got to know that's a touchdown. Those got to be automatic.

A lot of Wildcats called today, was that something that was worked in the game plan this week and kind of talk us through what was like, I don't know, the approach there, I guess?

Yeah, it was, just try to spread them out, get them in space and utilize the backs that we have in the backfield.

What can you guys do better to help execute when those types of plays are called?

I think it's just 11 guys on the field doing their job.

You mentioned coming up short in that fourth down, they go down and score off of that. How tough was that to watch as that was happening?

Yeah, that was a pivotal moment. We knew as an offense we needed to capitalize on that moment.

What do you guys, so you got a week off now, before you come back, what do you do to kind of regroup and get the final stretch going?

Yeah, just kind of have a mental reset. Kind of look at ourselves in the mirror and see what we can do individually and then collectively, let that bleed into the team.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN PETER SKORONSKI

On the short yardage situations, how frustrating was it to come up short?

I can't speak to what exactly happened. I just have one set of eyeballs out there. So regardless, it's got to get in, you know what I mean? You have to be able to win those phone booth situations. And it's basically, it is a turnover and they went down and executed. So that was the difference in the game. If we got in there, we're might be still out there playing or we might have won the game, so. Disappointing, we'll see what happened on those. But you have to score from the one-yard line.

You guys have done a good job of cutting down penalties in the last couple weeks, but today a few more, I guess, especially in the offensive line as well?

Yeah, that's not good. They're penalties. I don't think I need to really describe why they're bad. The pre-snap stuff can't happen. I disagree with the hold, but it's also on me, the phasing with the back on the screen. So that's just the last thing that I can do in that situation in the high red zone like that, and put us back and we're fortunate to even get points out of that, honestly. So, it's just something that can't happened. We're not going to dig ourselves out of the hole by doing more penalties. Yeah, not good.

How much Wildcat did you guys practice this week and was that part of the intentional game plan going in for short yardage stuff?

Well, yes. It was part of the game plan all week and we have two really good backs who can make plays and I can't remember the specific results of some of the plays, but obviously probably not good enough. So the front has got to be better and execute and make the holes for those guys.

I know you mentioned stuff down at the goal line, but overall, one for nine was the final number on third down. How much does that just kill in offense when you're trying to generate anything?

Yeah, totally. I think it starts with being in third-and-long. I think that starts the first and second down. So, I mean, that's a huge part and then, you know, executing, picking up pressures, when we have our runs, hitting out runs, too, just being better at that. I think that's been a real challenge for this offense, is third down and you can't have a percentage as low as that.

So, you got a little bit of a break now, you got looking ahead for next week. Everybody is still adamant that when you come back, there's still games to be won?

Totally, there's divisional games, there's tough opponents, and we're only really halfway through. So, I think the break's coming at a good time. I think guys just need a rest. It's been a little bit

tumultuous, but the season's not over. We're still grinding. A lot of positives, defense, special teams, and a few things offensively too to build on. So, we have to keep working and try to get some of those.

Does that make it tougher, the two things you just mentioned, defense and special teams, does that makes it tougher as an offense knowing that if we could have just gotten like one more score?

Yeah, I mean, I think it goes to the missed opportunity down at the goal line. I think a missed opportunity like that is tough. But obviously, those guys did a great job. Chim (Dike) had a hell of a return. So, we want to play complementary, we didn't do a great job of that.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER JIHAD WARD

What will you focus on, during this bye week?

Stay away from football right now. Stay away from football. Think about the plays that we had the first half and the second half. It's about the summer football now, so it's going to start getting cold. That's when stuff gets critical. So everybody will just heal up, and we'll see how well, real soon.

How much tougher is it to take, when there's a play or two, here and there, that kind of swung the game? How much tougher a loss is, when there is a play here or there, that could have changed the game?

The best thing we can do is just keep fighting. And at the end of the day, I'm not looking at scoreboards, and all that. And I don't depend on different personnel, or special teams, or offense. It's not a blame game with me. I've been in this game for a long time. We just got to keep fighting every down. 'Next play' mentality. You know what I'm saying? So we can't be out here pouting. We're doing, what we got to do. It's next play.

It seems the pass rush has improved a lot. How much of that was the stunts and different things that Dennard (Wilson) was dialing up?

It was good. It was great, I ain't going to lie. Dennard definitely did what he had to do, on our rush plan. I feel the rush plan, was definitely excellent on that. So we try do, and we could have had more opportunities out there, but we just couldn't get it done. You know what I mean? Everything got a little 'eeeh'. So, you know, they got that one. I have to give it to them.

HEAD COACH JIM HARBAUGH

Any update on Joe Alt?

No, I don't have an update.

Just how tough is it to see him go down again? Obviously getting him back last week against Minnesota. How tough was that for you guys?

Yeah, feel that. Feel for him, feel bad for him.

How do you think the line played without Joe today?

Dug deep, found a way. I mean, just a gritty, great win. When it comes to— probably highlight, from talking about finding a way, how many ways did we find a way to win that game? Starting with the goal line stop, and taking the ball from our own half-yard line and driving it all the way down for a touchdown. And along the way, I mean, great drive-starter, hitting Oronde (Gadsden) on the corner route, play-action from our own end zone. And a big pick-up by Keenan (Allen) on the third-and-five from the 20. Incredible back-shoulder catch by Quentin (Johnston). And after he had the incredible touchdown catch. And two tremendous, tremendous throws. Just found a way. And the next time we had the drive at the end of the game by the offense. Also Tre' Harris. A big play -- Jaret Patterson had some big key runs. It was a gritty, tough win. And I love our fourth quarter personality. Things weren't going -- we made some mistakes early, but our guys never flinched, never buckled, and found a way to win the game.

The line's been decimated since training camp, it seems like every time someone comes back, someone else gets injured. Have you ever been in a situation like this where you're down -- particularly at the tackle position, you guys have gone through so many players. Have you been in a position like this before and how do you navigate that?

Just dig deep. Keep digging deep. And guys step up and that's what you do. Sometimes you could say get—the team finds itself in a situation where it's got its back against the wall. I mean, that's when you find out who you really are. Felt that's what our guys did today. Dug deep, gritty win, found a way to win.

Justin was the leading rusher today. Almost 70 yards against the Vikings. Do you look at that as a guy doing what he needs to do, it's all good? Or is it a concern if a guy's running that much?

First thing that pops in my head is, Justin Herbert, by now there's no other ways, I think, that he could impress, you know? But then every time I think that, then he finds a way to -- it's like another rung on the ladder of esteem.

He's that guy. He's that competitor. He's that kind of player that it's reserved for the great ones that find a way and they'll do it whatever the situation presents. But I mean, some of those runs, I mean, the physical nature of those runs, looked like Larry Csonka at times. What a player. What a player. Superstar.

The score was more lopsided than the final score or at least in our opinion. How big was that goal-line stand, to be able to switch, march down the field 99.5 yards?

That was huge. The defense rolled — great credit to all of our players. Elijah Molden made a heck of a play, just stepping in, stepping up, digging deep, making the play when it has to be

made. Yeah, that was huge. And then kept seven points off the board. That ended up being the difference in the score of the game. So how big was that? Huge. And what the offense did with the ball, 99 yards, 99.5. The chances of that are low, win-percentage-wise, I think. And they did it. So, keep building, keep stacking and onward.

Any update on Bobby?

No, I think that they reported it a groin. He had some ankle, too. There's ankle involved.

What's impressed you over the last couple of week, the way you're able to get after the quarterback?

We got pressure — they had a few sacks. They had sacks. We got sacks. That was big. Odafe Oweh, that was great. Tuli (Tuipulotu), Khalil (Mack), Daiyan (Henley), with a huge sack. And then just really, really started making plays when they were there. And our defense really dug deep and got the stops when we needed it, especially on the goal line.

Is Odafe Oweh, as advertised; four sacks in four games? Is that what you were looking for in that guy?

Yeah. That was something — he's given us a big boost in that area. Glad we got him. Fantastic. Odafe Oweh. The more sacks he gets, the better I learn his name. I'm learning his name like I know my own name.

QUARTERBACK JUSTIN HERBERT

Justin, the offense's response to the stuff at the half-yard line, going 99 and a half yards down the field. Was it more what they were giving you? Or was it more what your game plan was to just march all the way down?

Yeah, I thought that was a huge moment for us. I think the defense did such a great job of getting that stop and giving us a shot and going 99 is really tough. And I think it's a huge testament to the offensive line getting that push and being able to move the ball, especially backed up like that. The guys continue to make plays, and I thought that was a pivotal moment for us.

How did you respond to that pick six that early and just go the rest of the game to shut that out?

Yeah, it's always tough. As a quarterback you never want to put your team in a position like that, but it happened early. And I thought we did a good job weathering the storm and it was a weird, kind of a different game for us. A lot of uncharacteristic things, but I think there's going to be a lot of good learning from it and as long as guys hang in there, there's time and downs, I think we got a shot.

LINEBACKER DENZEL PERRYMAN

What does it do to a team at home, a shout out at the goal line, in terms of deflating a team?

I don't know what to do for them, but I know for us, it just gives us that confidence. I mean, gives us momentum and some energy. It was a great stop. Shout out to the D-line and everybody just doing their job, playing our brand of football.

Did you feel the air go out of the stadium a little bit?

I mean, I was too hype, so I really wasn't paying attention, just celebrating with my guys, man. That was about it.

What does it mean when the offense then goes 99 yards for a touchdown?

It means a lot, we're putting up points, we're winning. So to see that, and like I said shout out to the D line. It starts down in the trenches with them, and Elijah (Molden) made a great play, and I came in and just cleaned it up.

That was a nine-minute drive. Does that feel like an eternity for you guys?

Oh, it does. I mean, I looked up at it at some point. I was like, 'Damn, like, they're still in the third quarter?' I mean we rested and got the guys the ball back and they do what they do with it.

It kind of reminded me of the two-point conversion stop at Denver last year, that key play.

Yeah, a little bit.

When something like that, a momentum-changing play like that happens, what do you think it did for the offense?

Oh man, I'm pretty sure that gave them a lot of momentum, gave them some energy, and I know for a defense, I mean, that's six points off the board, three points off board, however you want to slice it up, we took points off the board. So that's just a great play, man. And like I said, give a shout out to the guys in the trenches.

You see him running at you in practice, but what kind of load would it be to bring down Justin Herbert at full speed?

Listen, Justin (Herbert) is my teammate, I love him to death. I accept those type of challenges, so I think I'm the wrong person to ask that question to.

GUARD/TACKLE TREY PIPKINS III

How did the offensive line perform today?

The most important part is we got the win. It's always tough, things happen in the game. You don't really want to see guys go down and things like that. Most important part we got a dub and can chalk it up in the win column.

How difficult is it to have different combinations each and every week and you guys still having to stay the course?

It's difficult, but I mean, that's kind of the nature of the position, right? I feel like the O-line room specifically have a lot of camaraderie. We got a lot of tradition and that's our standard is that when people go down, people step up.

How do you think the offensive line last month has maybe, I don't know if prepared is the right word. But just kind of charted the path moving forward to know that you have guys in the room that have done the job the last six weeks?

For sure. I mean, it's obviously helpful as guys get experience, and you have guys that have experience obviously helpful when these situations come up.

Does anything Justin Herbert do surprise you?

He's the best player I've ever seen. He's just unbelievable. When he gets in that zone, when he's running, he's making unbelievable throws. He does things that surprise me, but I just expect that at this point. He is just going to do his thing. You just got to let it happen. So it's pretty crazy. But yeah, we never take it for granted, that's for sure.