



NEW ORLEANS  
**SAINTS**

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**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS VS SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**  
**SUNDAY, OCT. 9, 2022 • CAESARS SUPERDOME**  
**SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES**

- The Saints defeated the Seattle Seahawks 39-32 to move to 2-3 on the season.
- The Saints return to action on Sunday, Oct. 16, when they play the Cincinnati Bengals at the Caesars Superdome with the contest regionally televised on CBS (WWL 4 locally).
- With the win, New Orleans moves to 10-6 against the Seahawks in the regular season, including four straight wins dating back to Oct. 30, 2016.
- The Saints notched the first home win of the season Sunday.
- The 39 point total was the highest since scoring 52 points on Christmas Day, 2020 against the Minnesota Vikings.
- New Orleans finished with 437 total yards of offense and allowed 396 yards.
- The Saints had 26 first downs and allowed 15 to Seattle.
- The Saints went 8-of-14 on third downs (57%) Sunday, while the Seahawks converted just 1-of-9 (11%) third downs.
- QB/TE **Taysom Hill** scored two touchdowns in the second quarter and finished with nine carries for a career-high 112 yards and a career-high three rushing touchdowns, including a 60-yard score in the fourth quarter.
- Hill also recovered a fumble on a punt play in the second quarter than led to his second rushing touchdown of the game, also returning three kickoffs for 69 yards on special teams for 181 all-purpose yards.
- Hill threw a touchdown to TE **Adam Trautman** in the third quarter. This was Hill's first career game where he accounted for four touchdowns.
- He is also the first player since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger to register a kick return, two rushing touchdowns and a passing touchdown in the same game.
- Hill became the second player in franchise history with at least three rushing touchdowns and a passing touchdown in the same game, joining Archie Manning (October 2, 1977 at Chicago).
- Trautman finished with two catches for 32 yards and a touchdown.
- QB **Andy Dalton** started his 150<sup>th</sup> career game. He completed 16-of-24 passes for 187 yards, a touchdown, and an interception.
- Dalton passed Alex Smith for 28<sup>th</sup> all time in career passing yards.
- With his touchdown pass (a 16-yard completion to Chris Olave), Dalton moved to 34<sup>th</sup> all-time in touchdown passes with 228, surpassing Jay Cutler.
- RB **Alvin Kamara** finished with 23 carries for 103 yards and six receptions for 91 yards. With a game-high 194 total yards from scrimmage, Kamara now has 7,814 in his NFL career, as he surpassed WR Joe Horn to move into fifth place in club record books. It was Kamara's seventh career-100-yard rushing game. Combined with Hill's 112-yard rushing game, it marked the first time the Saints had a pair of 100-yard rushers in the same contest since Kamara and **Mark Ingram II** on November 12, 2017 in Buffalo.
- Kamara had a career-long 54-yard reception in the third quarter.

- WR **Chris Olave** left the game with a concussion in the third quarter and did not return. He finished with four receptions for 54 yards and a touchdown. Olave also had a forced fumble and a tackle on a Seattle fumble return.
- DE **Cameron Jordan** played in his 192<sup>nd</sup> career game, surpassing late defensive end Frank Warren for fifth-all time in Saints history and the most by a Saints defensive end.
- Jordan sacked Seahawks QB Geno Smith in the second quarter, bringing his career sack total to 109.5 and moving into a tie for 24<sup>th</sup> all-time with Greg Townsend Jr. Jordan had another half sack split with LB **Demario Davis** in the fourth quarter to get to 110 career sacks.
- Jordan finished with three combined tackles and 1.5 sacks. It was Jordan's 26<sup>th</sup> career multi-sack game, needing one on Sunday vs. Cincinnati to tie for the team lead.
- Jordan now has at least half a sack in three straight games. Jordan has recorded takedowns in three straight games for the eighth season. On Sunday vs. Cincinnati, he will seek to record a sack in four straight games for the third time in his career and for the fourth straight season.
- Davis finished with four tackles (two solo) and the split sack to increase his season total to 2.5, second on the team to Jordan's three.
- LB **Pete Werner** forced a fumble in the third quarter that was recovered by DE **David Onyemata**. Werner finished with seven total tackles.
- S **Tyrann Mathieu** made his 125<sup>th</sup> career start. He finished with five total tackles (four solo).
- CB **Paulson Adebo** led the Saints with eight tackles (six solo).
- K **Wil Lutz** made a 56-yard field goal in the first quarter. With that field goal, Lutz became the third Saint to have 700 career points, joining Morten Anderson and John Carney.



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(Opening Statement) “Pleased with the win. We have a lot of things that we have to clean up, but we had a good win.”

(On the strategy of with Taysom Hill) “Well, we try to put him in a position to do things that he does really well. Our guys went out and executed the play and it was good to see.”

(On the same play – if there was something they saw in the Seahawks defense that made them think they would use a lot of those type of plays) “We talked earlier in the week and felt like some of the run game stuff that we could do with Taysom in the game would be really good against this group. Taysom was really affective.”

(On if the Saints used Taysom Hill more than they thought they would) “Look, I don’t know if you ever know exactly how many snaps somebody is going to receive. It just depends on how the game is being played out, but I thought we were able to do some things in the running game and utilize him in those areas. Obviously, with what they were doing defensively and trying to stop the run game, we felt like there was an opportunity in the passing game and we were able to throw a touchdown there. Look, I’ve got to give the staff a lot of credit for the game plan they put together – they operated it very well and that was a big part of it.”

(On the progress of the offensive identity this week) “Yeah, I feel like we saw a little bit more progress this week. I felt like the second half last week showed a little progress, and certainly we would like to get everybody healthy and have all of our weapons out there, but I thought today was a lot more consistent in terms of what we were doing.”

(On the importance of being able to convert on third and short with Taysom [Hill]) “Look, you have weapons, and we feel like we can utilize an think we can do the things that those guys do well. I think any time you have a guy that can play the quarterback position and can affect the game with his legs, it creates a challenge for the defense because now you have to play 11-on-11 football and if you start creeping a safety too far into the box, he can still do some things in the passing game. It is a good piece to have.”

(On how encouraging it was to see Alvin Kamara come back strong after a fumble today in the second quarter) “It is really encouraging. I would say in there was a black eye offensively it would be that we turned the ball over twice, but yet, we still did enough things to overcome those things and Alvin Kamara brought a lot of energy and a lot of explosiveness to the offensive unit this week.”

(On how impressed he is with all the good things Taysom Hill is able to do) “That is a tough question because I have seen a lot of things out of him. What we saw him do today are things we expect we can get from out of that player. We are going to continue to find ways to utilize him.”

(On the thought of if the way they used Taysom today will continue through the season) “Certainly, our future opponents are going to look at this game and are going to have ways that they are going to try and defend it so people are going to make adjustments, but that has always been part of what we have been able to do here with Taysom and we will find ways to continue to utilize him. When it is effective and working we will keep doing it.”

(On if this is the script offensively they will have to use until Jameis Winston returns) “In certain aspects, yes, just being efficient. I think we were able to run the ball well, we got into a lot of third and manageable situations. We didn’t have a lot of negative plays, which moved us behind the chains a lot, so we were getting into third and manageable a lot and were able to convert third downs and therefore, when you are running the ball well, converting on third down, you are winning the time of possession battle. That was an explosive offensive that we played against and they have been that explosive against most teams that they’ve played, so we knew that would be a challenge in our ability to maintain our time of possession on offense was a big part of us getting that win.”

(On explosivity of this game) “Well they got behind us. A couple of those were at the end of the half, which is inexcusable, that can’t happen. Then the one there in the fourth quarter to lock it, we kind of got two doubles on that and he just got on top of us so we have got to work to clean that up. We will look at the tape and see what we can do better. I think the way we played defensively, but for about 4 or 5 plays, ended up being 28 points in the game so we have to clean that up.”

(On the 69-yard touchdown run by Kenneth Walker) “We misfit the run just a little bit. We have to put the pressure on. Hindsight is 20/20. I don’t know if I love the call, so we will evaluate it and see what

we can do better. I think you have to give our guys credit. Our guys came out and competed all day and in the end, we made enough plays to win the game. Even when guys were going down, we had guys step up and make plays for us.”

(On the challenge with the Chris Olave catch) “Well, there is a process that we go through in situations and so we went through the process. From our vantage point, there was three feet down before he went to the ground and lost possession of the ball. Three feet equals a football move so that is possession in the endzone and we felt like that should be ruled a touchdown. Our process worked extremely well in that situation.

(On the importance of that play) “It was seven points big. It was a big play, a big momentum play so the process worked there.”

(On why Taysom Hill hasn’t had a bigger presence as a pass catcher) “Each game there is a varying degree of elements that go into that. We have some plays up for him in the passing game and we have some plays up for him playing the quarterback position, so I think it is just a week-to-week deal to figure out how we use him and where he can be most effective.”

(On improving in pass defense) “Well I think [Geno Smith] has played very well this year. The pass early in the game to (Noah) Fant was right on the mark. I think he is playing extremely well and they are doing really good things with him. He has a lot of good weapons to throw the ball to. It is a really good offensive team. Usually, if you are really good on offense, a lot of time your quarterback is playing at a high level and I think he is.”

(On how important this win is): “It always feels good to win in our league, so it feels good. We wanted to go 1-0 this week – we accomplished that task, so now we need to move on to the next one”

(On Cam Jordan’s performance this week): “I am going to let Cam talk about himself, he is pretty good at that.”

(Status update on Marshon Lattimore): “No I haven’t spoken to the trainers. I know they were evaluating him on the sidelines and then at some point told me he was out. I haven’t received any other word on that.)

(On Olave’s big hit to the head): “I haven’t gotten to visit with him either. I saw him briefly as we walked into the locker room and he seemed like he was in pretty good spirits and was excited about the win, so he will go through the process and we will make sure we are following all the steps and we will see where he is at.”

(On differences of protocols today): “Nothing on the field that I noticed that was extremely different.”

(On Alvin Kamara’s leadership of the offense): “Alvin Kamara is not a really vocal person by nature, but part of being a leader is just coming to work every day. He was ready to go this week, feeling healthy, and was excited about playing. You could see it in practice, so I thought he brought a lot of energy to our team.”

(On low receiving numbers): “There is a lot that goes into it. Obviously, losing Deonte (Harty) early in the game and Olave put some stress on the receiver position and stress on the coaching staff to figure out what we can do and how we can attack them. We were having some success in some of our base packages and so we went a little bit more in that direction.”



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(On Taysom Hill's performance): "I mean, he's such a weapon, and there's nobody else like him. If you're a defense, you have to prepare for so much when you never know where he's going to line up. So, I mean, his performance today, it's hard to match all the stuff that he can do and all the stuff that he was able to do today to help us win. Yeah, he's special."

(On having Alvin Kamara back): "For sure, yeah, we really wanted to get him going. There are a lot of explosive plays from him in the run game and zone screen too. You know, big game, got us down there. Led us to four touchdowns so it's great having Alvin back out there."

(On Seattle's flag at the end when the Saints were kneeling out): "I don't even know what happened. I just know that they cared when we were taking the knee. I guess they were still trying to go hard in that situation and I think one of them ended up hitting one of our guys in the head. I don't even know. We got a first down and I had to take an extra knee at the end. I don't know."

(On preparing the game plan since becoming a starter) "Yeah, I think there's been a lot of communication with everybody and just how we wanted to play, what we're what we're trying to do and things that we like. So I think it's, especially early in the week, when you get that going and just the open communication with everybody, it definitely helps."

(On the offensive rhythm and keeping it considering the injuries) "I think we did a great job. I mean, you see the running game, Dennis Allen said in the end we had like 48 carries. I mean that's, I don't know if I have ever been a part of that. And our guys upfront did such a good job of allowing us to make positive gains, big gains on first and second down. It felt like we were, I mean a couple of times they we compromised a chance, but for the most part, we were in second and short, third and short situations. And so we got into a great rhythm and you never want to lose your receivers. Guys went down and that's kind of how we had to play with only three receivers left in line up, but I thought our guys did a great job."

(On Hill's role and the communication on where he'll be for a play): "Yeah, I mean, it's different personnel groups and groupings and everything. So I know when I'm still in there, I know when I'm going out."

(On Chris Olave's effort on the TD pass): "It was an unbelievable catch. The defender had his hand in there and he still found a way to come down with it. So I'm glad that we challenged it, glad it got ruled a touchdown. A great catch by him"

(On breaking the losing streak today): "Yeah, it feels great. We needed game to kind of get us back on track. And we've had some tough ones in the last couple of weeks. But this one was a good week for us to kind of get back in the win column. Get that feeling again and hopefully it gives us some momentum going forward. "

(On the false start call in the fourth quarter): "Yeah, I thought he was in the neutral zone. I think that's what he (official) said. He said that you never got into the neutral zone. I thought we had him."

(On the energy and dynamic of the offense when Kamara is there): "Yeah, I mean, Alvin is one of our best players. And so when you get to have that in the lineup and a guy with his energy and visibility and the things that he can do, I mean, it definitely gives the offense the energy it needs."





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#### DE CAMERON JORDAN

(On getting a couple of sacks and the win today): "I heard it was 1.5, but I like what you are thinking. At the end of the day, we want to put it on us. We needed to make sure that the defensive line was in Geno's (Smith) face early and often. I think we accomplished that."

(On watching Taysom Hill from the sideline) "Sean Payton said he was the fastest quarterback in I don't know how many years. It's exciting. We need it. Whatever it takes. It wasn't pretty out there, but we got the win. We need to clean a lot of stuff up. We can build off that."

(On the fear of going 1-4 after this week) "Every chance you have on this wonderful field of the game we play in the NFL is 17 opportunities. Each one becomes more increasingly important. We are trying to find a win whatever it takes. We didn't want to be 1-2. We didn't want to be 1-3. We can't be 1-4. We have to find a way to win. We found a way to win."

(On the last Seattle drive and if it makes up for some of the other plays given up) "I don't think it makes up for anything. The fact that we let one of those big gash runs happen. The (is) fact that we let it happen in the fourth quarter too many times. We can't make an excuse for that. We have to tighten up on some things. We can't let them score at the end of the half. We can't let them run (for) 60-yard touchdowns. They are a good team, but a lot of this stuff is self-inflicted. We have to fix that."

#### CB PAULSON ADEBO

(On playing well, but giving up the big plays) "Yes, in this game, it only takes one or two plays. We gave up some explosive pls in the run game that we'd like to have back. You have to be at your best on every single play."

(On the touchdown to Tyler Lockett) "I thought it was a good ball. I have to get better. I have to stay on top of it. I have to have better technique and make a better play on it."

(On Taysom Hill's play) "I play defense, so I can appreciate it. I feel sorry for the guys on the other side that have to try to take him down. I definitely appreciate him and all he does for the team."

(On growing from this game today) "Personally, I feel like there's a lot to get better at especially in this game (today). I have to hone in on that."

#### TE TAYSOM HILL

(On if he knew ahead of the week what plays he would be in) "Before the start of the week, we have Wednesday, Thursday and Friday installs. Once you get to Friday, then you know it may be a heavy week for me. Going into this game I had a feeling that I'd have certain number of opportunities."

(On if they adjusted during the game) "We made a few adjustments, but if feel that was an emphasis this week to get me more involved."

(On what he envisioned his role to be this year) "I feel like each week is a little bit different. Jameis (Winston) is a little banged up, so that limited me in terms of what the plan was supposed to be at the start of the season. I think every week I go in and prepare for what I am being asked to do. It is a fluid deal. I anticipate that at least for the rest of this season."

(On what it's like when you are having fun out there) "It's so much fun when you receive opportunities with your teammates. Those are the ones you remember and the moments that you cherish. The plays when your teammates come celebrate with you is what it is all about. Football is so much fun when you are making plays and winning games."

(On where this game ranks) "I think statistically it's probably my best game I've ever had in the NFL."

(On the last touchdown run) "That was a big play. They knew we were going to tun the ball on third and short. They were clearly selling out to stop the run. If you get past the first level of defense, then there is no one left. Once I broke through I knew it was a foot race. I think if I was five yards farther back, then I don't know if I would have gotten in."

(On the touchdown pass to Adam Trautman) "I was going to throw it. We talked at halftime. I think that was the classic we want to run the ball to set up the pass. Pete (Carmichael) and I talked at halftime and he said that was one of the first plays we were going to get to me. He dialed it up perfectly."

(On his perfect passer rating) "When you throw one pass it works out well. That was a combination of (Adam) Trautman recognizing the right coverage and running the right route. I was expecting a different coverage than we got. I suspect that he was too. He's a smart football player and ran it perfectly. The rest is history."

(On at the beginning of the week if he thought he'd have a game like this) "You always hope. I think as you prepare that you just take advantage of the opportunity. I knew I was going to get more opportunities this week, so I just did my part to prepare for when I came up. There's a lot of conversation about me right now, but when you can rush the ball for over 200 yards (that's a credit to an offensive line). Those guys upfront played very well. Their defense was being very physical and their linebackers were moving really well. I feel like offensively that we have been riding this tipping point and this was an ending that we were ready for."

(On the transition between multiple positions in terms of weight): "Yeah, it's been a little bit of a yo-yo, but I think at the end of the day what I've realized is that I weigh like 230 to 235 right now and I feel good at that weight, and I'm just gonna stay there until somebody tells me otherwise."

(On TD pass to Trautman): "Yeah, I mean, look, I started football games at quarterback and you know, we've won football games with me playing quarterback. So I think historically, what I've been able to do is set up a lot of my QB runs and I think we've seen that in how defenses have played me. But certainly it's nice to get a play like that off the ground and have it go well because they can no longer just key on one thing. So I think looking forward, man that makes it challenging for defenses."

(On the offense's confidence with Lewis Kidd and Landon Young and being able to project on defenses in a jumbo package): "Yeah, a lot of confidence. You know, we have kind of been talking about it. We carry plays like that every week. And you know, we say man, we're going to stay the course until somebody shows us that we can stop it. And you know, again, those guys come in and they've done such a great job up front to spring me for a lot of runs, a lot of touchdowns, and it's obviously challenging to stop with some of this QB run stuff."

(On how important this win was) "I mean, it was important. I don't want to overstate or undersell the importance of this win but one and three doesn't feel great, obviously. I felt like we needed a game like this just to get some confidence back and you know, the expectation moving forward is that we just keep this thing rolling. We know that we're really talented football team and we just need to continue to stack these wins."

(On having more rushing yards today than Alvin Kamara and if he can add running back to his positional resume): "I just work here and do what they ask."

(On what it feels like to be an essential figure in the game): "Yeah, I felt like the vibes on the sideline was really positive. I felt like we had a lot of confidence offensively. So when we went down there, the expectation was that we were going to go score and take the lead back. And again, I felt like offensively in this team like we know that we have a talented roster and we've just made some silly mistakes that caused us to lose some football games. And it felt like this was a game where everybody was playing really well and we were doing the right things and so as we took the field we had a lot of confidence that we're going to go score and put us in a position to win this game."

(On the fumble recovery on special teams): "They were in an unbalanced formation. So we have a little check that but that we make when they do that. I don't know, I just ended up in the right place at the right time. I don't know who ended up hitting him and causing the fumble, but that was obviously a big play. And I feel like you know, we've talked a lot offensively, we've had some struggles and knowing that we have a good roster, but we just had not put it all together, I kind of feel that same way about our special teams. And I felt like coming out and making a game changing play like that was really big for the unit as a whole in our confidence and moving forward. And then the kickoff return stuff. I was I was not anticipating that. Look, (Darren) Rizzi said he needed some help, so I was happy to do it. It had been a little while but it was fun to be back out there with the guys."



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(Opening Statement): “This game hurts all of us because we know we had a chance to win the football game. I would never take anything away from the Saints. They did a great job, a lot of cool things in this game to win it. We had our chances and had all kinds of opportunities to get it done. There were too many things that went wrong. We gave them another opportunity here and there. We made it too easy on them. These games are so hard. They’re so difficult to win. If you screw it up or give them something, you’re fighting against it the whole time. I know you want to know about the punt. That was a rollout punt. You might have to run something if the kick is not there. We were supposed to kick the ball there. All in all, really Taysom Hill had a great football game against us. We did not stop him, and our plan for the Wildcat did not work. He ran for over 100 yards on the day. That was truly the difference for them, I thought, in a lot of crucial situations he came through in a big way for them. It wasn’t new. They had done it. The things we tried to do, we couldn’t get it done.”

(On Rashaad Penny’s ankle injury): “He hurt his ankle, seriously. We’ll see. I don’t want to say anything because I don’t really know exactly until we get the MRI back. He’s got a bad ankle (injury). He’s in trouble. I’ll let you know more when we know all the facts.”

(On the Michael Dickson punt early in the game): “We were just changing the launch point. We have been working on that and practicing it for a long time. We went with it there. It got really cloudy up field like we don’t expect it to. He felt like he had a duck up, and he was hesitant to kick the ball where all the people were, so he saw it and took off.”

(On if the Seahawks were planning to fake a punt on the prior snap): “Yeah, that was the same thing.”

(On defending Taysom Hill): “When they went to their heavy guys, they took all their shooters off the field. I think they had only done that one time. We had dealt with it and all that. They did it a number of times, and it worked out for them in short yardage. They were able to break out a couple of plays. We just have to make the tackles. When you get there, there’s enough blockers to get guys on everybody, and we just didn’t finish plays. At the end of it, he’s a really good ballplayer and took advantage of the space and made some really good runs.”

(On Taysom Hill’s role today): “We know that he plays in their system. We count on it. We knew it was coming and all of that. It wasn’t any surprise in that regard. The surprise was that we couldn’t get him down. They made too much out of it.”

(On third down struggles): “That was the only place we struggled that affected us. I thought our guys moved the ball like crazy. Geno (Smith) was phenomenal again. There’s a couple of really big moments in the game, you get a chance to score a touchdown down there, we don’t get it. Then, we lose the ball in the turnover. You guys saw that was closer than I saw it. We thought his elbow was on the ground, but I couldn’t see. That’s a huge, huge turnover play right there. The defense had that situation, then we had the punt situation. It really put us in bad spots. The game shouldn’t have been like that. It really should have been without those things that we gave them.”

(On the two deep balls to Tyler Lockett): “Exquisite football. We’ve seen him do this so many times over the years. He had a huge game against the Cardinals, a couple of years ago, maybe last year, just making those phenomenal back of the end zone catches in traffic and trouble and all that. He is just a tremendous football player. He just continues to show it. He had a phenomenal day.”

(On the holding calls throughout the game): “I couldn’t see it. There’s a classic situation, and it’s happening all the time. When the ball bounces outside or scrambles are getting outside guys are really starting to flop like it happens in basketball. It makes it difficult on the officials. I don’t know



exactly what happened. They saw something there, you know. I can't tell you. I don't know, but it was a huge, huge call. There was a huge call over on the other side too. I didn't see that one either. I don't know what happened on that one. Defensive holding, we're done in the drive. That was huge."

(On the placement of the offensive lineman's hands during the holding call): "Isn't that what it looked like? That is what I thought I saw. I can't tell you. They (the NFL) gave us a big presentation about that. We didn't buy into it because we weren't sure how it was going to get called. If he was pulling away, we have to release. I really hope that we would all get on the same page with that. I'm not quite sure that we are. We were trying to release. We were trying to let him go."

(On Tariq Woolen): "He's (Tariq's) playing. He's just making stuff happen. He picked up a fumble too. Did he not? He's just having a fantastic start. That was a big time pick now. That was coming underneath a comeback route. Those are really hard to get and a phenomenal catch to make to finish the play. He's doing great."

(On Al Woods start to the day and his injury that took him out): "His knee flared up. He was having a great game. He was doing everything. It is really unfortunate because he had his whole family here, and everyone is right down the road and all that. Everybody was around. He was dying to go back in but couldn't quite get it done."

(On if Michael Jackson was injured): "I think we were resting him. We just were rotating. I didn't hear about him having an injury."

(On Ryan Neal starting at safety): "Well, I have to look at film. I don't know. I don't know. We felt like he deserved a chance playing some other combinations over safeties. Josh (Jones) got to play a little as well, but I just thought he deserved to be out there."

(On if Neal takes over as a primary guy): "I think we should say he is ready. He got to play enough in this game. You got to see him. He got to make his plays. You can see how explosive he is. This is the guy we have been seeing. We are very, very fortunate to have him. He will have a lot more to learn. There's a lot more coming at him. He's certainly showed everyone the explosion he has. The potential is there. He's a fantastic young man coming up. This is just his time."

(On defending the Wildcat): "Let me look at film. I want to make sure I see it. It's too obvious the situation was a Wildcat. That was glaring, and we will see how much the rest of it factored in."

(On Alvin Kamara's large run on the screen completion): "It was full blitz, and we didn't see him cross. We had a chance to pick him up, but we missed him. We went after him. Both the 'backers were going after him. I won't tell you much more about it, but we missed the chance to pick him up. That is as easy as it gets for them on that play."

(On Rashaad Penny's injury today): "This has been a journey for him and for us too. I fell in love with the fact that he emerged and showed us the great player he is and what he can mean to the game and to our team and all that. For it to come down to another setback, he will be back. It is a setback that it just breaks my heart. He has been having so much fun. He's been so rewarded and so fulfilled. He knows he belongs. He knows he can do it. He knows he can be an impact in this League. To lose that chance, it's similar to when Jamal (Adams) goes out. They put so much into it and care so much about it. To have it taken away because of a mishap's unfortunate. We're going to love him through it. I've talked to him. He's crushed."

### Seattle Quarterback **Geno Smith**

On success of deep passes to Tyler Lockett: "We made some plays. Tyler made a great catch. The line protected great. I was able to set my feet and was able to step into it. It was a good play right there (on the long touchdown)...At the end of the first half, we had about 12 seconds left, (and) really we were trying to get a play out of bounds. If they gave us the look we wanted, we were going to take a shot at the end zone. They gave us two man outside leverage, (and) it was the perfect call. We were able to make an adjustment for Tyler. He ran a great route and got into the end zone."

On the injury to Rashaad Penny: “Extremely tough. Penny is my brother. I love him to death. Gosh, I hate them for him. I know how hard he has worked. I know how much he has put into this. It sucks. We need him out there. He’s a leader for our team, a leader for our offense. We’ve got to pick it up. We’ve got to do it for him.”

On the play of Kenneth Walker today: “I thought Kenneth, as always, did a great job. That 70-yard run was amazing. He showed that explosion. He hit that thing (and was) gone. As he continues to grow and continues to learn, he’s only going to get better. It’s my job to help him get better.”

On how he (Geno Smith) felt today and how he handles the defense: “I felt pretty good. Obviously, (there are) plays that I wish I could have back (and) things that I wish I could do better. I’ll be super-hard on myself. (I will) hit the weight room tomorrow (and) hit the film room and get back to work.”

On not converting on third down today: “We didn’t convert. I need to watch the film and see exactly where the issues were. Mainly, we just didn’t convert them (unlike last week).”

### Seattle Running Back **Kenneth Walker III**

On what is on his mind after the loss: “I wish the outcome was different, but I know we can go back and watch film and correct what we did wrong.”

On his 69-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter that gave the Seahawks a brief lead: “I just read my keys and the offensive line did a great job of opening up the hole. I saw (Tyler) Lockett stay on his block as Charles (Cross) did. (It was) a great job on his block. They made it easier for me. From there, I just ran.”

On if he was surprised by the space he had on the touchdown run: “Yeah, a little bit. I was surprised. Those guys do a great job of blocking, like I said. I thank them for that.”

On how tough it is to see Rashaad Penny go down with injury: “It is tough. We did not talk much about it, but I talked to him on the sideline, and he just told me, like he always tells me to run hard (and) bring my keys. Somebody like that that’s been a big brother in the room to me, I just talked to him after the game.”

On how ready he feels to take over a starting role: “I’m ready. We practice it every day. I feel real comfortable with the offense. I’ve got older running backs in there to teach me everything that I need to know, so I feel real comfortable in the scheme.”

On if he is more comfortable playing now as opposed to earlier this year: “Yeah, I guess getting a feel to the newness of it. I do not think it took me a minute. I pretty much felt comfortable after training camp. We knew we had miscommunications on two plays, I believe (earlier). After that, I was pretty much (fine).”

### Seattle Safety Quandre Diggs

On playing at home next week: “It will be good. We don’t have to do any long road trip, and we get to see our fans, so I think it will be good.”