NEW ORLEANS SAINTS VS. NEW YORK GIANTS
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SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES

- The Saints defeated the New York Giants, 34-27, at MetLife Stadium on Sunday, improving to 2-4 on the season, 2-1 on the road. New Orleans built a 34-10 lead through three quarters before holding off a late Giants rally.

- The Saints improved their record to 18-17 against the Giants with a series-record fourth consecutive victory, dating back to the 2023 season.

- The Saints return to action Sunday, Oct. 25, when they face the Pittsburgh Steelers in the NFL's first regular-season game in Paris, France, at Stade de France. Kickoff is set for 8:30 a.m. CT. The contest will be nationally televised on the NFL Network (locally on WDSU 6).

- The Saints totaled 319 net yards of offense, including a season-high 175 rushing yards and 144 passing yards. New Orleans scored four offensive touchdowns, converted all four extra-point attempts and held possession for 31:02.

- The Black and Gold had a season-high four takeaways after recording two last week against the Minnesota Vikings. Combined with the five takeaways against the Giants in the 2025 Week Five contest at the Caesars Superdome, New Orleans has five takeaways against New York in the last two meetings.

- QB **Tyler Shough** completed 16-of-30 passes for 144 yards with three touchdowns and zero interceptions. He finished with a 99.9 passer rating and added 32 rushing yards on five carries, including a one-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

- RB **Kendre Miller** rushed 20 times for 70 yards and added two receptions for no gain. He led the Saints in rushing attempts and yards.

- RB **Alvin Kamara** rushed seven times for 34 yards and caught two passes for 35 yards and a 31-yard touchdown. His 31-yard receiving touchdown in the third quarter gave New Orleans a 17-10 lead. Kamara became the sixth player in NFL history to record at least 5,000 career rushing and receiving yards, Joining Marshall Faulk, Lenny Moore, Marcus Allen, Christian McCaffrey, and Tiki Barber. Kamara would also become only the fifth Saint with 5,000 receiving yards.

- WR **Chris Olave** caught a club-best four passes for a team-high 43 yards and a touchdown. His 18-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter extended the Saints' lead to 34-10.

- WR **Devaughn Vele** recorded three receptions for 42 yards, including a long reception of 18 yards.

- RB **C.J Donaldson** rushed six times for 39 yards, including a long run of 17 yards.

- TE **Oscar Delp** recorded two receptions for 10 yards. He also recovered a fumble on a Giants kickoff return in the second quarter, setting up the Saints' game-tying touchdown drive.

- EDGE **Carl Granderson** recorded 1.5 sacks of Giants QB Jameis Winston, while EDGE Chase Young added 1.5 takedowns. The Saints totaled a season-high five sacks for 18 yards lost. Young's pass breakup on the Giants' opening possession helped force a punt. Granderson has four sacks on the season and young a team-leading 5.5 takedowns. Young's 4.5 sacks against the Giants are the most he has against any opponent.

- LB **Pete Werner** recorded a team-high 11 total tackles (five solo), one sack, one tackle for loss and one pass defended.

- CB **Martin Emerson Jr**. recorded seven solo tackles, two interceptions and four passes defended, tying his career-high in the latter two categories. His interceptions came in the third and fourth quarters, helping New Orleans limit the Giants' comeback attempt.

- S **Julian Blackmon** recorded four total tackles (two solo), one interception and one pass defended. His fourth-quarter interception of Winston gave New Orleans another takeaway and helped set up Olave's touchdown.

- S **Justin Reid** recorded four total tackles (two solo).

- LB **Danny Stutsman** recorded four total tackles (one solo) and his first career/pass breakup, receiving his third consecutive start.

- DT **Colby Wooden** recorded one sack for eight yards.

- The Saints defense recorded three interceptions and five sacks while holding the Giants to 84 rushing yards. New Orleans allowed QB Jameis Winston to complete only 14-of-26 passes for 152 yards, sacked him four times and picked him off twice for a 52.1 passer rating.

- K **Daniel Carlson** connected on a 58-yard field goal against the Giants and a 51-yard kick. Combined with his career-long 60-yard game-winning field goal in Las Vegas' 2025 regular-season finale against Kansas City, Carlson has made the two longest field goals of his NFL career. He also made all four extra point attempts for ten total points.

- WR/RS **Barion Brown** returned five punts for 68 yards, including a career-long 23-yard runback and two kickoff returns for 66 yards, including a 41-yard runback. Brown also had his first career reception for five yards, for a team-high 139 all-purpose yards.

- P **Ryan Wright** punted seven times for 294 yards, averaging 42.0 yards per punt with a net average of 37.3 yards. His longest punt was 53 yards, and five punts were downed inside the 20-yard line.

- LB **Isaiah Stalbird** forced a fumble on a Giants kickoff return in the second quarter, which was recovered by Delp.

- Donaldson and CB **Decamarion Richardson** both set career-highs with three special teams tackles apiece, tying for the team lead.

- The Saints committed seven penalties for 52 yards, while the Giants were penalized 10 times for 73 yards. New Orleans finished three-of-three in the red zone, while New York converted two of four red-zone opportunities.

NO Postgame (at Giants) Transcripts: Head Coach Kellen Moore
October 18, 2026

KELLEN MOORE: All right, guys, wild NFL games, they're always coming in different shapes and sizes. Proud of our guys to find a way to win this game. That's ultimately your number one objective, going on the road. And so obviously we'll extend this road trip here shortly tonight. But proud of our guys to find our way to win. And I think from a medical standpoint, (offensive lineman) Cesar (Ruiz) had a knee, he didn't finish. (Cornerback) Quincy (Riley) had kind of a neck at the end, I think we're okay. And then (cornerback) Kool-Aid (McKinstry) had a little bit of a migraine thing going on. So, everyone else we're ready to play and we're good to go, so.

Q: Kellen, in hindsight, how do you feel about the decision to start pulling your starters in the fourth quarter?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, obviously, looking back on it, obviously, they got things going. And they were able to score a lot, and we had to get back into that thing. It was just a couple guys that are kind of managing some stuff. And kind of the guys that are sore and trying to get a few guys out, and obviously it didn't work.

Q: Was that a quick decision for you after that score?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, after the turnover, obviously it was a 24-point game. And just trying to give a couple of our guys, it was really (offensive lineman) Erik (McCoy) and (quarterback) Tyler (Shough) and everyone else's playing, and then we had that fumble.

Q: With Kool-Aid, is that something that kind of came up at halftime, or when did the decision?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, just during the game. Yeah, we'll work through details of that.

Q: What changed with the run game, where you guys second half just really got to going?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, I think ultimately our guys, physical play, runners ran really hard. I thought they finished well. I thought, again, when you don't beat yourself with penalties and negative plays, you're able to get more rush attempts. And get into the rush game and some action game off it. Our guys just did a better job of playing in those mixed downs more.

Q: Did (offensive lineman) Jeremiah (Wright) bring a little something to that?
KELLEN MOORE: Jeremiah certainly, he's a really good blocker. He's a physical player. We saw that, obviously, through camp and all those different things. And we feel great about him. We feel like he can go and contribute and play. And I thought those other guys, though, (offensive lineman) David (Edwards), Ces (Ruiz), I thought those guys could be a step as well.

Q: What'd you like about (cornerback) Martin Emerson today?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, just physical football, playing corner in this league. You got to play physical for him. I think the stat I had was two interceptions, obviously, four PBUs, seven tackles, you're just getting involved in the plays. Just proud of him, just because he's had to navigate an injury, rotation, and you're kind of trying to find your groove, so to speak. And yeah, I thought he took advantage of those opportunities.

Q: Coach, he was back in the game, but he had a little bit of a moment over on the sideline after he collided with Quincy. Was everything okay there?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, he's got the wind knocked out.

Q: Coach, there was a report before the game that Shough had two broken bones in his left hand?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, I mean, his hand, he's battling. So again, he's doing a great job. He's, again, he's able to do everything for us, so.

Q: Turned the game around, ultimately, down 10-0 late in the first half.
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, I thought that field goal was big, and then really special teams. To me, all three phases at that point, that was a huge turnover, Stalbird to create that forced fumble. And then we were able to score right there, tie the ball game up, and then come out of the second half and just play, I thought, a really good middle eight right there, and so I thought it was a big important part for this game.

Q: Is this kind of what you envisioned with the three running back kind of split and kind of how it worked out today?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah. Yeah, just rotate those guys. They have different roles and opportunities. Some plays are specific to players, and some are just obviously based off who's out there, but they all ran hard. I thought Alvin's (running back Alvin Kamara) catch on the sideline, and then to kind of stay in bounds and get up field. I thought that was an incredible play. I mean, you guys obviously probably saw his statistics with his, he's the sixth player in NFL history now with over 5,000 receiving, 5,000 rushing.
Obviously, he's had a special career, and so just proud of all three of those guys.

Q: Obviously, you take the win however you can get it, but how do you contextualize the start and the finish?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, lesson and an opportunity for us, ultimately. Lesson is a little better when you win, ultimately. But yeah, I thought our guys, we talked about the ball going into the game. We created four turnovers. Obviously, we gave the one away, which was a critical one. We talked about the physicality that we have to play with. That was kind of an objective of ours. And to rush for 175, I thought was an important part for us. And then the details of this thing. Those are the three things we focused on. I thought the middle eight was a nice little chunk there. And we have to do a better job, obviously, on the back end of the game. But yeah, I love the way our guys were resilient and stuck with it all the way to the end.

Q: What did you make of Alvin today? Just kind of, I mean, just throughout the course of the game, running the ball, catching the ball, et cetera.
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, I thought he made some big plays, timely plays when we needed them. Yeah, I thought it was a good day for him.

Q: Just to clarify on Kool-Aid, did he go out of the game because he didn't have an injury designation during the game? So did he go out of the game because the migraine was affecting his play?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, I think it was just a collection of migraine and on the field. And we just gotta work through that. So that's kind of coming out of the game, hopefully, how it played out.

Q: Is it a Cesar's knee, like feared to be anything serious?

KELLEN MOORE: We'll see. He'll get the MRI. That's the goofy logistics. So, I think he'll try and get an MRI as quickly as possible before we get out to Paris and collect as much information as we can. But he was moving around okay in the locker room, so we'll just see.

Q: Just out of curiosity, how would you, if you had to sign somebody midweek? How does the logistics of a process like that work?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, make sure you have your passport, and yeah, obviously you're flying commercial across the pond (laughter). So, we'll see how that works. But we're excited about this opportunity. This will be a lot of fun going to Paris. We'll fly tonight and get there, and our guys are really looking forward to this. It's going to be an awesome setup, awesome opportunity.

Q: I'm sure there's a lot that you all get to do over the course, that you'll be doing over the course of the week, with this being the first game in France. But even without all that, would you have wanted to travel this early to acclimate?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, I think this will be great. It'll allow us to get acclimated and allow our players, we're already on the road, we're playing out here in New York. So, it allows us to continue this, get into our full normal routine out there. So our guys will kind of have a couple days to get acclimated, and then we just have a normal routine Wednesday on, which I think will be great for our players. You're not traveling at the end of the week, a long jet lag type trip.

Q: I know you've preached just wanting to just focus on individual game and one game at a time, but to have this coming on the heels of the three losses with the owner's comments this week, what was the feeling?
KELLEN MOORE: I think our guys just had urgency. Urgency, anytime you lose three games in a row, that's frustrating for everyone. No one wants that. Everyone wants the same goals. Everyone has the same objectives. And it's about guys sticking together and finding a way to get this one, and then we'll go from there. So just proud of our guys.

Q: I think we asked you this earlier in the week, but just in light of what happened overnight how are you feeling about going to Paris with the protests going on?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, the league and our organization has done a phenomenal job of setting all this stuff up, great communication. I feel great about it.

Q: And you touched on (linebacker Isaiah) Stalbird and that kind of changing the momentum of the game. Can you just kind of touch on the energy he provides in those special teams plays?
KELLEN MOORE: Yeah, our kickoff unit, I think specifically, is a really special unit right now. They're making big time plays. I feel like every week we have a highlight of our kickoff unit, getting the ball pinned on the 25, on the 27. It's always a big tackle. Isaiah tends to be that guy. (Linebacker) Chris Rumph had one today as well. And so I think that's a unit that's really special and they're doing a great job.

Q: You've placed in a business before on the idea of the team being able to travel away and be together. Does this week offer another opportunity for that?
KELLEN MOORE: No question. Will be great for our guys to spend some time together in a different place. They'll have opportunities kind of early in the week and maybe a touch at the end to experience France and Paris and Versailles and all the different opportunities that are around there. And it'll be great.

NO Postgame (at Giants) Transcripts: QB Tyler Shough
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Q: How much did you all need that after what's happened the last three games? With (Saints Owner and Chief Executive Officer) Gayle coming out this week and making those comments, how much was a win?
A: Man, you're never going to apologize for winning in the NFL. Doing that as a team felt really good. I think our process was there. Our play style was there. We got to put that away earlier as a team, and we know that and we're going to find a way to get that done, but man, it was a good feeling.

Q: What turned the game around? You were down 10-0 very late in the first half.
A: Like I said, we were just sticking to our process. We knew that more than anything, we can move the ball. They had a couple good third down stops, but we liked everything that we saw, so we just kind of kept pushing, kept pushing, and then it started to open up for us.

Q: To get the run game going today, just how crucial is that for what you all want to do, and did it open up things for you eventually?
A: One hundred percent. We were able to kind of put a full offensive game together, just run the ball, different actions, drop back on us to get into some different formations. Kellen did a good job having those schemes up for us, and then the running back and O-line played their butts off all day, man. We had plenty of time to throw and we were running at will at some of those times. They did a really good job helping. (Saints running back) Kendre (Miller) and (Saints running back) CJ (Donaldson) just did an incredible job today, so it helps us in every other way, off the field too and on the field.

Q: How significant is this win for the team? You've lost three in a row, owner's comments, you're going to Paris next week, how significant?
A: It's a huge win, just because we understand how good we can be, and we were shooting ourselves in the foot in those games, and this is a good stepping stone for how we can continue to build and put this together. Still wasn't a complete game, but against a really good team in New York, man, it's a huge win for sure, so we got to keep climbing and building off of it.

Q: Did things feel kind of disjointed in the passing game early? I think you started 7 of your first 18, and then it seemed like you kind of found a rhythm.
A: No, it wasn't disjointed, we just had a couple penalties that maybe would skew the stats, so we're seeing everything fine, we had some backed up stuff. Just some tough situations that we can't live in. So, again, I think we just had a good process, taking what we were given, being aggressive whenever we could, too, so.

Q: What was your vantage point at Alvin's touchdown catch and just making a bunch of guys miss?
A: Yeah, it was just Alvin being Alvin, man, he catches a flat route and houses it, so just a really good job by him and all those guys, flipping and flying, blocking downfield. You get that ball in space, good things can happen.

Q: Report came out this morning that said you have two broken bones in your hand. I know you didn't really want to talk about it earlier, but is that the case, and how has it been playing through that, and the brace and everything on your hand?
A: Yeah, just obviously something to manage throughout the weeks, but like I said before, it hasn't really affected me. It's getting better every single day, so that's the biggest thing, and continue to manage it. Again, it doesn't affect me throwing, doesn't really affect all that stuff, just a couple handoffs, change it up, but it's getting better, and we'll keep going.

Q: You talked during the week about how you felt like you needed to scramble a little bit more. There were no rushing attempts up against the (Minnesota) Vikings, it was 4-for-33 today. Did you feel like you made good decisions in that part of the game and how you feel like that impacted the offense?
A: I think there were a couple of times where I could have thrown it to the running back, jumped it out to the flat, but also just taking what the defense was giving me with my legs too. They did a good job covering some of those situations and I'm always going to try and be a threat with my legs too, whether that's in the run game or pass game as well. I'm going to keep trying to emphasize that.

Q: (Saints left guard) David (Edwards) in the locker room said that the run right before halftime down to the two-yard line, felt like that gave the offense just a lot of juice. Did you feel that as well?
A: Yeah. I'm trying to get a first down, touchdown every single time I can, and that's our play style. We're going to do everything we can that way. I don't care the scenario, we're going to go out there, keep fighting.

Q: Getting (Saints wide receiver) Bryce (Lance) his first career touchdown today, what did you see on that play that would enable him to kind of just leap over back?
A: Yeah, we just had a kind of rub concept. They missed a switch off and he was able to stay friendly there in the back line and was able to finish it. Ran that play, practiced that play quite a bit, and I was really happy for him and you could see the smile on his face just kind of being able to get one. I know we've been trying to connect on some for a while now, so we're going to keep going with him.

Q: And then for you to kind of leave the game and then have to come back in. Does that involve a mental reset at all? Is it kind of hard to get back into it there, or do you just have to go out there and play it?
A: It's both. Obviously, it's not ideal whenever you come out of the game, you're anticipating that that's going to be it. But at the same time, we got to figure out a way to finish. I want to just go out there and play every single rep. A couple of those times we were close to converting, so it didn't really affect me mentally, but also at the same time we got to go out there and finish it. It's not good enough from that standpoint and we got to be better there.

Q: What did you make of Isaiah Stalbird's (Saints linebacker) play and what kind of impact did that have on the momentum?
A: Man, him, the entire defense, just showing up huge the whole day. Turnovers from a juice perspective, Stall (Isaiah Stalbird) (Saints linebacker) works harder than everybody in the building when it comes to just his physicality fundamentals. I'm really happy for him and our entire defense. We obviously got to figure out a way to put that out, that fire out, earlier and finish the game, and offense, defense, special teams included. At the end of the day, you get the dub and that's what matters, but we got to be able to finish it.

Q: Does it have an impact? I think it's just a few plays later, you were scrambling and got that 20-yard gain. I mean, does it have a carryover effect? You see something like that and then want to do something like that yourself sort of deal?

A: No, not at all. Just taking every single play for what it is.

Q: You started, I think 8-of-20 and then you found a rhythm 9-of-9. What changed? What allowed you to kind of get into a little bit of a groove?
A: I was feeling great the whole time. I think we just had a couple penalties earlier on that can skew the stats and then they just made a couple good plays, but again, it didn't change my process the whole time. We got to be able to figure out how to put our foot on their throats and finish that game off earlier.

NYG Postgame (vs. Saints) Transcripts: Head Coach John Harbaugh
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JOHN HARBAUGH: Appreciate you all being here. Appreciate the opportunity to go out there and compete and I'm proud of our guys for the way they fight. Disappointed in a lot of things that weren't good and some things that were really good. So, we've got a lot to work on and move forward with.

Q: What did you see with your running game today?
JOHN HARBAUGH: It was not very good, not very good.

Q: How do you weigh the situation the way (QB) Jameis (Winston) and (QB) J.J. (McCarthy) played? In terms of your evaluation, how much does that matter?
JOHN HARBAUGH: Well, how they played is kind of the main thing.

Q: What did you see from (QB) J.J. (McCarthy) when you put him in there?
JOHN HARBAUGH: I thought he came in there and did a heck of a job given the circumstances, you know, and kind of desperation time. It's different than normal football, but made some plays and got us back, gives us a chance to win the game and we're throwing the ball in the endzone at the end so that was good. You've got to compliment him on that.

Q: Is he your starter going forward?
JOHN HARBAUGH: I can't answer that now. The game just ended ten minutes ago.

Q: Would you consider that an open conversation?
JOHN HARBAUGH: Like I said, I can't answer it now. It's not even up for discussion or conversation right now. We've got to go back and go to work. I have no problem with Jameis whatsoever. I love the way he competes, I love the way he fights, all those kind of things. He was up and down today for sure, but those things will all be decided not ten minutes after a game.

Q: You got it to 10. Did you consider going for the field goal a quicker there?
JOHN HARBAUGH: We went for the field goal as fast as we could, as fast as we could. As soon as we could with a reasonable chance to make it.

Q: Before the eight yard loss there, before the sack?
JOHN HARBAUGH: No, we had a chance there to hit a couple of shots and maybe score a touchdown. So at that point, we were trying to get it done by 2:13. That's the time management there. We weren't able to quite get it done by 2:13 with the clock and all that. We still had a good chance, we had an opportunity. But in the ideal world, you'll get it done by 2:13, that's what we're shooting for.

Q: What about the kickoff, should the kickoff…
JOHN HARBAUGH: You want to kick it out of the back of the end zone, that's the goal. That's what we were hoping to do.

Q: That was the call? Why not just send it out of bounds?
JOHN HARBAUGH: Because we could send it out of bounds, but it's five more yards. We thought he

could get it out of the back of the end zone.

Q: What's the thinking with not taking a chance? I know you want it before the two-minute warning, but you're also giving up a chance to get a first down or potentially a touchdown. Before the two minute warning, you spiked the ball on third down. Why not run a play there to try to get a first down, try to get a touchdown?
JOHN HARBAUGH: It's really hard to get that play communicated and run quickly. I mean, if you can get a warp play, we call them, if you can get it up there and close to what it takes to clock it, it's good to do, but that's really hard to do. And get that operating, get everybody lined up and get the play run, especially when they're gassed and they're running around and get it organized. I mean, I would love to be able to do that. But to get that executed, it could have been chaos, it could have been disaster. We could have run a bunch of time off there, so we weren't ready to do that.

Q: Why prioritize getting the two-minute warning over then trying to score there? What's the thinking there? Two-minute warning- You could just let it go to two minutes and then you have third down, run a play to try to score a touchdown.
JOHN HARBAUGH: We're trying to get two scores and the two-minute warning is valuable if we can get it done. We want that two-minute warning to count for us. That's what we're trying to get done. That's the goal. So, I think that's good common sense clock management. We did the best we could with it.

Q: How much did the fumble at the end of the first half with (KOR Charlie) Jones change everything? You seemed to be in control the entire half…
JOHN HARBAUGH: It was big, big. I mean, the whole sequence there was big. I mean, we let him back in the game. And then we come back out and we don't stop him after half. That was 17 points. That started it. So, there's so many things in this game that the guys, I appreciate and I feel like we have what it takes to win a lot of football games. And man, these guys are going to fight and they're going to compete. And there's a lot of good things we can do. But we got so many stretches where we're not playing good football. There's so many stretches that are not winning football. We're not stopping the run like we need to at all. We're not keeping the quarterback where he needs to be at all. Way too many quarterback scrambles. We had a couple of things in coverage that weren't good. So defensively, we've got to play way better. And our guys know it. Way more consistently. Offensively, we're not executing well. We're not hitting basic plays like we need to. We're not running the ball well enough at all, to the other question. I mean, not even close to good enough. So, you know, what's our record now, 3-2-1? We're 3-2-1, we've got a huge game in front of us against a very tough Houston team that's getting healthy. And we need to go down there and play our best football. That's what we've got to do. And we have a chance. We have a chance to become a really good football team here. And that's what we're going to be fighting to try to do.

Q: When you look at (QB J.J.) McCarthy's mobility and athleticism, how much is that an asset to the team? And how much is that a reason why you acquired him in the first place?
JOHN HARBAUGH: I think it's a big asset for him. Absolutely. He's a very mobile quarterback. Absolutely. That's a plus for him. Sure. Big part of his skill set.

Q: I know you say it's not up for discussion, but when do you, is it tonight? Or tomorrow? When do you start thinking about whether you do make a change in what you do at quarterback? When does that process start for you?
JOHN HARBAUGH: Starts right now.

Q: When did you make the decision to bench (RB) Cam Skattebo as far as the running game goes?
JOHN HARBAUGH: We didn't bench Cam Skattebo.

Q: As far as not giving him carries?
JOHN HARBAUGH: No, it was not by design. All those guys were taking equal reps in the first half. We were trying to see who could make something happen, who could get a hot hand and earn it. Nobody has really taken the bull by the horns. Motor (RB Devin Singletary) really hasn't had a chance to take the bull by the horns. So, we thought we'd get him in the mix, too. So, we put four guys up and see if we can get something going with the running game. That was the idea. They were all pretty equal, I think, in the first half. Second half, we come out and now we're down by a bunch. And after the first series, we go into kind of a no huddle type deal. And that's where you start using your third down guys. And that's just the way it went. So it wasn't by design for him not to carry the ball. Just when he was in there, we didn't call any runs. So, you're not thinking about which back is in the game and how many runs they're getting. It's we're going to give them all an equal shot, give them a chance. See who's got a hot hand maybe, see who can get going with it. And we're not planning on being down by 24. That's for sure. Whatever we were down by.

Q: But clearly, his playing time was decreased. He ended up having six snaps.
JOHN HARBAUGH: Yeah, that's why I said, because you're balancing between four guys. Do the math. How many plays were there? And that was our plan. Now you can argue that. You can say, well, I don't like that. I don't like you divvying up the snaps between four backs. And I can tell you, I don't like it either. One of those guys needs to step up. Somebody needs to step up and be the back. And none of those guys have done that yet. And when one of those guys steps up to be the back, then they'll be the back. That's your answer. And that's as honest as I can be about it. And they know that, too. And believe me, they're all hungry. They want to step up. One of those guys wants to step up. Somebody's going to step up and take that job. We're going to see who it is.

Q: How much of that was a byproduct of the fumbling? Were you talking about just the overall?
JOHN HARBAUGH: I think it's been pretty clear, the whole story. I mean, there's really no more. I don't even know what else to say. I mean, that's like that's the best answer you could ever get on that in a thousand years. There's not a coach in the world that would give you a better answer than that. If you're not thrilled with that answer, I got nothing else for you, honestly.

Q: What were you going to do if you scored at the end?
JOHN HARBAUGH: We're going to go for two.

Q: What did you think of the deep pass to (wide receiver) Charlie Jones?
JOHN HARBAUGH: Thought it was awesome. I thought it was a great play. Thanks for asking a really great question. Appreciate that. Yeah, see him go up and make that play. And (wide receiver) Malik (Nabers) went up and made the play he made. (Tight end) Isaiah (Likely) made a play downfield. Just a great play. It was all very awesome. Very good to see.

Q: Can you think of any positives from this game with how hard they fought back?
JOHN HARBAUGH: Absolutely.

Q: What are the main positives there?
JOHN HARBAUGH: I think all those things, all those plays that were made and the way they fought back. I mean, it's self-evident. I don't really have to sit here and describe it. You guys watched the game. You guys are writers. Write about it, describe it in a really cool way. Do what you do. Be great writers and describe it in some awesome way or some whatever you think way.

Q: At the end of the game, were the J.J. plays designed for the J.J. package? And how much of that was him running the actual offense?
JOHN HARBAUGH: It was mostly running the actual offense for that circumstance, the no huddle

offense.

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Q: Can you talk about what happened? You guys are up 10-0 and all of a sudden, things just fell
apart there at the end of the second quarter.
A: It's play to play. It's always about winning the next play, and I, myself personally, just left a lot of plays out there that I could have executed better on.

Q: For the second week in a row, you and Darnell Mooney seemed to have some conversations in terms of passes he was able to bring, were they thrown in the right place, certain things. Can you just talk about what you and Darnell are still trying to work through?
A: Yeah, I think consistent communication, collaboration, leads to success. So us continuing to work our craft and build a better connection.

Q: Did you know when you were going to come out of the game for J.J. to come in? Was there a lot of conversation about that?
A: Yes, my quarterback coach had shared that with me before J.J. went in, and he did a great job.

Q: What you saw out of J.J., I'm sure you guys were commiserating in the sidelines a little bit there.
A: What I saw out of him? Man, he was able to rally us up, and he did a great job. I was proud of him, proud of what he did.

Q: How much back and forth, I mean, there's probably not a lot of time, but how much did you talk to him in between periods before when he was on the field?
A: We're always communicating based on the play and the drive. So it's pretty consistent.

Q: You guys seemed pretty in control until the fumble on the kick return Did something change? Were there major halftime adjustments that made it more difficult to move the ball in the second, or what changed for you?
A: The most important thing is the execution. And myself personally, we can't be moving backwards, and I have to do a better job of making sure that we are operating at an elite level.

Q: What are you seeing in the running game? You guys, again, weren't able to really unlock it the way that you were trying to.
A: Yeah, I think it's complementary. Obviously, I love pounding the ball, and it starts with the trenches, but we're going to continue to work that, and we're going to continue to find a way. It doesn't matter what we have. As a quarterback, I have to step up in any facet that's required for our team.

Q: John Harbaugh said he was going to, I guess, start to think about the decision about who's going to play next week. What do you want him to think about when he thinks about you and your potential to be the starting quarterback for this team next week?
A: That's him. You know, that's the decision that he'll have to make. What I would love is to just put myself in a better position to execute. And that just starts with me. Things that I can control, going out

there every single play, doing my very best.

Q: What positives can you take from today's performance?
A: I think you continue to see a resilient football team, never losing faith, never wavering. So, I'm just glad that our guys, they continue to rally together and continue to find a way to create a spark and stay in the game.

Q: I know players and coaches, they always want to watch the tape afterwards to really dissect things. Are there certain plays that you're looking forward to looking at on tape to really understand what didn't go right versus what did go right?
A: Yeah, I believe just all in all, it's a play-to-play game. And being able to focus on executing with elite operation is the most important thing in front of the quarterback position. And the decisions are over the outcomes. And when I look back at that game, there were some plays that I left out there that could have helped us.

Q: Do you miss Skattebo in the game? Do you feel like he could have made a difference?
A: Anytime we have our good players, everyone makes a difference in their own way. I'm glad that we all get to continue to stay hungry and continue to be motivated for more.

Q: The first interception, was that a play that you intended to throw to the sideline or was it just Malik cut it short? Just from your take, your initial take, what happened there?
A: I think sometimes we went into turbo. So, man, we were just in a position where the DB made a good play. It was a ball that was outside where I perceived that only our guy could get it, but it just seemed that the DB had made a good play on it.

Q: Jameis, you said you would love to put yourself in a better position to execute. In what specific ways do you think you can go about that?
A: Just play-to-play, just elite operation, elite execution. Making sure that we're staying positive on the chains on first and second down.

Q: You said the quarterback coach did a good job of kind of walking you through J.J. coming in. What did he say to you?
A: That J.J. was going in.

Q: Is that what you want in that situation? Just a straightforward decision, or do you want a conversation about it?
A: I would love to play, but the decision was made.

Q: As well as J.J. played in the fourth quarter, almost bringing you guys back, how difficult do you think he made that decision for John to have to make when he sits down and figures it out tonight?
A: I'm just happy he played well. At the end of the day, it's about winning. As long as we're winning, I think all of us are going to be happy with that. I can only focus on how I can improve and get better. Today, it wasn't good enough for our team to get a win. I'm looking more internally than outwardly. I think J.J. did a good job.

Q: There was no rain today. Did that affect you?
A: It was a beautiful day. It was definitely a beautiful day to play some football. It's unfortunate that we didn't get a win for our home team.