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POSTGAME NOTES AND QUOTES
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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS VS TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS
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SAINTS POSTGAME NOTES

- The Saints fell to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Monday night 17-16, falling to 4-9 on the year. New Orleans will have a bye week next week and return to the field on Dec. 18 against the Falcons. The game will kick off at 12 pm CT and will be broadcast on FOX-8 WVUE locally.
- After giving up 72 yards and five first downs on the opening drive of the game, the Saints defense allowed just 78 yards and six first downs the rest of the first half.
- Defensively, the Saints allowed just 76 rushing yards and 3.8 yards per rush.
- New Orleans forced two turnovers in the loss after forcing only seven coming into the game.
- New Orleans forced five punts in the game.
- QB **Andy Dalton** completed 20 passes for 229 yards and one touchdown.
- WR **Rashid Shaheed** caught a 40-yard pass in the first quarter and returned a punt 42 yards in the second quarter. It was the longest punt return for the Saints since Jan. 1 of 2020. Shaheed caught four passes for a career-high 75 yards and carried the ball one time for zero yards in the game.
- WR **Chris Olave** notched four catches on six targets for 65 yards
- WR **Jarvis Landry** surpassed Marques Colston in career catches and tied Jimmy Graham at 713 career receptions. Landry finished with two catches for 14 yards.
- TE **Taysom Hill** caught his second receiving touchdown and eighth total touchdown of the season in the second quarter. Hill finished with three carries for 10 yards, one completion for 21 yards and two catches for 35 yards and the touchdown.
- Hill became the only player in the Super Bowl era with nine or more touchdowns passing, rushing and receiving.
- LB **Demario Davis** reached 775 career solo tackles in the first quarter Monday. Davis finished the evening with seven total tackles (two solo) and an interception. The interception was Davis' first of the season and his second as a Saint.
- LB **Kaden Elliss** tallied eight total tackles (three solo) after getting the start for the injured Pete Werner.
- CBs **Alontae Taylor** and **Bradley Roby** each put up eight tackles as well
- S **Marcus Maye** had six tackles on the opening drive of the game, including a touchdown-saving tackle on third down. Maye finished the night with 11 total tackles (eight solo).

- DE **Cam Jordan** forced his 14th career fumble in the third quarter that was recovered by DE **Carl Granderson**, his first career fumble recovery.
- Jordan compiled one tackle, while Granderson had four (three solo).
- K **Wil Lutz** surpassed Morten Andersen for the most points against a single opponent after putting up 10 points against Tampa, featuring three field goals and an extra point. He has now totaled 95 points against the Buccaneers.



SAINTS POSTGAME QUOTES 12-5-22

HEAD COACH DENNIS ALLEN

(Opening statement)

“Look, again – standing up here disappointed we lost a game that we had a chance to win. We gave ourselves every opportunity and we just didn’t get it done. We had a couple opportunities to make some plays and we didn’t make them. We didn’t convert on third-and-short. Frustrating.”

(On the third-and-1 incompleteness in the fourth quarter)

“Look, we had a pass play that was initially designed for the fullback in the flat on the other side. Andy [Dalton] thought he had a shot with a bullet to the “X.” Look, hindsight is 20-20 I wish we would’ve run it. Mark [Ingram II] hurt his knee on the previous play, and so we came up a yard short. That’s frustrating.”

(On if the pass play on third-and-short in the fourth quarter was the original call)

“That was the play call.”

(On if there were any play calls that stuck out to him initially after the game)

“When you don’t convert, you always look back and wish you would’ve done something different. If we convert there, we’re not talking about it.”

(On if the team did a lot of the things they preached throughout the week)

“It makes it tough because I felt like we had an opportunity to win this game and we didn’t finish. We didn’t get it done.”

(On the disappointment of a loss like this when the division lead is in reach)

“It stings, it sucks.”

(On how to get where they want to be on offense)

“I’ll go back and look at this tape – we’ll figure some things out. We had some opportunities that we didn’t make for whatever the reasons were, but yet we made some big plays too. We just have to be more consistent.”

(On the Buccaneers defense on a play call to Taysom Hill out of the backfield in the second half)

“We were trying to get Taysom [Hill] out of the backfield on a ‘7’ route. They did a nice job on it – they were loading up to stop the run.”

(On the last few defensive drives)

“The pass interference, obviously, was the biggest play. When you play Tom Brady and you have a chance to put him away, you have to be able to put him away. I felt like we missed some opportunities to put him away.”



(On whose responsibility is the 12 men in the huddle penalty)

“That’s a communication responsibility amongst the offense. That’s got to be something that’s got to be improved.”

(On the message in the locker room after a loss like this)

“It sucks, it stings, it hurts. We’re going to get a little time on this Bye [Week] to get rested up and recovered. Then, we will get back at work and getting ready for Atlanta. That’s what our job is. Our job is to get ourselves prepared to go play the best football we can, so that’s what we will do.”

(On the redzone performance tonight)

“It boils down to execution overall. That’s an area we’ve got to be better at because it hurt us in this game.”

(On the importance of the run game)

“We need to be able to run the ball better.”

(On if he has given any further thought to the current quarterback situation)

“I don’t think we go there right now. We just lost a tough ass game. I thought Andy [Dalton] played pretty well in this game.”

QUARTERBACK ANDY DALTON

(On suffering a tough loss and what the outcome came down to)

“It was. We didn’t make the plays when they were there and, at the end of the game, they did. That’s what it came down to. We had opportunities for that game to be very different than what it was, and I feel like I’m a broken record saying the same thing. We’ve just missed opportunities.”

(On if he can take anything positive out of the game)

“At this point with where we’re at in the season – there are only four games left, and it’s unfortunate that we keep having to say the same thing over and over and over again. The missed opportunities have hurt us. We’ve had chances in a lot of games this year, and when we haven’t made the plays when we needed to, it has affected the game and it’s been the same outcome.”

(On third-and-1 to WR Marquez Callaway)

“You know it was one-on-one over there and [we] tried to give him a chance. Unfortunately, we weren’t able to make that one.”

(On the performance in the red zone)

Yeah, I mean we had opportunities to score touchdowns down there and we weren’t able to make it happen. That changes the whole outcome of the game. We score one more touchdown down there and rather than kicking field goals... that touchdown at the end – it’s a different game.”



(On the loss being tough knowing the team had many positives in the game)
Yeah. You know there's a lot of good that we did, but being good isn't good enough, you know? There are plays in the game that you go back and see and say, 'If we would have just made that one. If we would have just made that one. If we would have just made that one, the game would have been a whole lot different.' In moments where you need to make a play, we need to make it."

(On the difficulty of almost getting over the hump but not quite making it there)
"Yeah. Before you walked in, I said I feel like I'm a broken record up here saying the same thing over and over and over again, and that's tough."

(On going up against QB Tom Brady)
"Yeah, I mean when you're in that situation at the end of the game, I mean, that's what Tom [Brady] has done his whole career. So, it's hard standing there on the sideline knowing what he's capable of doing. He has done it a lot."

(On what Head Coach Dennis Allen said after the game)
"We just [have] to stick together. There are four games left. This one hurts, it does, but we've got to make the most of it. I think the Bye [Week] comes at a time where there's going to be a lot of reflection on us, and what we can do better, personally, as each unit, and as a team and so, you know, that's just kind of where we are at."

(On the twelve-men-on-the-field call and if that is a quarterback responsibility)
"We've got to get one guy off the field. I mean, at the end of the day it's my responsibility. So, I've got to get it done. It's unfortunate because we had Trevor [Penning] in there as a jumbo and we weren't able to get the right substitution done."

(On the third-and-1 pass)
"It was one-on-one. We just weren't able to get a completion."

(On any specific plays standing out from the game)
"There's not one. We've got to make plays to convert on third down in some of these situations. There are some third downs in there where we had opportunities and just didn't get done."

LINEBACKER DEMARIO DAVIS

(On the positive takeaways from the rest of the game prior to the final two drives by the Buccaneers)
"You look at the tape and there are always positives and there are always things to clean up. That's just part of the game. [We've] got to look at it, take the good, correct the bad and move on."



(On what he saw on his interception)

“It was a play that we knew that they like to go to – triple slants. When my man went in, I knew somebody else was going to pick him up, so I knew that the number two receiver was going to try to get inside leverage on our nickel and I was going to try to get in that window. When I got in that window, the ball was coming, so all I had to do was catch it.”

(On if he felt like the team was in control throughout the game)

“You’ve got to play four quarters for a reason. We knew that they were a good team in the fourth quarter, so we were locked in all the way down the stretch. They just made more plays when it counted.”

(On what the message is to the team with the Bye Week approaching)

“Take advantage of the time, get healed up and get ready to come back stronger.”

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN JAMES HURST

(On if the team is letting games slip away)

“I mean yeah. When you have opportunities in the NFL and you don’t take advantage, the other team will because this is the National Football League. There’s too much parity, it’s too close every single week, the rosters are too good. And when you have opportunities, you have to [take advantage]. For us, speaking about this game, we didn’t get it done. Whether it was the penalty – that penalty was big [and] then there were a couple of opportunities – third and shorts that we didn’t convert and ended up kicking a field goal. And that’s on us, whether that’s offensive line, quarterback, running back, receiver – you just have to own up and have to know where. We have to be better and in the big moments you have to make the plays and we just haven’t done it.”

(On why he thinks they haven’t been able to capitalize on the big moments)

“It’s hard to put your finger on. Sadly, everyone’s kind of taken their turn. Whether that’s offensive line not being able to run the ball to run them out this game. Whether it’s a penalty, a drop, a misread – it’s kind of been all over the board. You just have to take it week by week. It’s really frustrating and it hurts now, like it should, but we have to take ownership. I know I’ve given that answer 80 times but [we have to] take ownership for your mistakes, find out where you can get better, [and] play for the guy next to you. That mindset has got to continue, do your job for the guy next to you, and we’ll fix some of those things.

DEFENSIVE END CAMERON JORDAN

(On what happened in the final two possessions)

“I mean Tom Brady was Tom Brady. He was meticulous and stayed to the plan of his dink-and-dunk mentality. He had the one prayer that he sailed out there and got bailed out with the flag and that was costly. I think the defense made some plays today and we have to be able to capitalize on everything. I think there was still some more out there. I think the tipped ball from myself, I could have had an interception there. That would have put us in a position to win. I think that Shy Tuttle got his hand on the ball, if we could have that turned that into another turnover. Whatever it is, we to have to put it on



ourselves to try to get another turnover. I think Double-D [Demario Davis] with that interception in a crucial situation was phenomenal. I think Carl Granderson was holding the edge the way he was supposed to because if they're going to run and cut up opposite of where I'm at then another defensive man has to make those types of plays. I think that guys had a plan of attack and I think Tom just stuck to it. Again, he just got the ball out as fast as he could because it wasn't like we weren't getting there. The last two games we were getting there and the ball was out. Can't stop fellas. So whatever it is, it's frustrating as hell to not come out with the win when you're up 16-3 in the fourth and you lose – whatever the score finishes up being. That's been sort of the story of the year and that shit's not winning football."

(On how you process a loss like this as a player)

"You don't. It hurts. You don't process anything. I gotta go into a bye week knowing that we should have beat this team. The first time we should have beat this team. This time – we should have beat Carolina. We should have beat a lot of other teams. We didn't. Right now this is the facts. This is what we're facing. We're beyond an uphill battle. We've gotta swing our way out of these last four games."

(On this win seeming to sting more than the others)

"I'm pissed off after every loss. I mean there's nothing in me that says this team doesn't have the talent to win and the fact that we're not proving it each time in and time out, it hurts even more. I think we had a good game plan. The last Tampa [Bay] game, they came to our house and it was 3-3 in the fourth quarter, now we were up 13 this time. We can't let that go. We've beat this team by holding them to nothing. You don't beat a team if they outscore you. Just not how that works. So whatever it has to be, it has to be on us. For the last four games, it will clearly be indicated by how we play. We won't give up. We won't do anything but continue fighting. But that's just it, we have to eliminate these mistakes. We have to be able to play perfect games. I don't know if that's possible to play a perfect game but we have to strive for perfection and it has to be whenever we get back as a team."

WIDE RECEIVER JARVIS LANDRY

(On missed plays that cost the team a chance to win)

"For me, as I look at the game, mine was one of the biggest [plays]. Tough loss."

(On what he could have done differently on that play to make the catch)

"I could've dove for it probably too. But I make those. I have to make that in that situation. In the moment, that was one of the biggest plays in the game. We still had opportunities later on in the game. We still got points on the drive, but seven is more than three."

(On processing a tough loss)

"I felt like we possessed the ball well. I just think that in critical points of the game, we had opportunities and didn't make the plays. You give a guy like Tom [Brady] time [and] he tends to figure it out as the game goes."



(On the performance of WR Rashid Shaheed)

“When his number was called, he made plays. He made plays on special teams, as well, to give this team a nice lift. That’s the type of player we all know he is and that [everyone else] is getting to see.”

(On his feelings going into the Bye Week)

“I’m ready to get to another [game] as quickly as possible.”

SAFETY MARCUS MAYE

(On the fight and heart from the team this season)

“Oh yeah, that is what we do. We have dogs on this team. We have players on this team. There is no quit in any of us. Anytime we are out on the field and getting the opportunity to play the game, we are going to play full speed.”

(On if the team’s heart will be tested late in the season)

“You have to find a way to dig deep – keep pushing. We have a few games left and have to find a way to keep fighting.”

(On whether he felt like the defensive ‘mojo’ was there)

“Yeah, like I said, we played a solid game. The offense played a solid game. The special teams played a good game. We just have to find a way to bring it home.”



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HEAD COACH TODD BOWLES

(On how the win felt)

"It feels good to get a win, you know. You beat somebody in the division, it's big."

(On Tom Brady's ability to lead the Buccaneers into the end zone twice with three minutes left in the fourth quarter after struggling for most of the game)

"Great job, great execution. It seems like we can only score at the last part of the ballgame. We sputtered around a couple quarters, but the leadership that Tom showed, the receivers did a great job, every one of them, running backs – Rachaad (White) and Lenny (Fournette) – the O-line got the job done and Cade (Otton) played well. They did good in the last part of the game."

(On the collective effort of the Buccaneers wide receivers in the end)

"It was just spreading the ball around. Tom did a great job seeing where they were doubling and going to the open guy, and everybody was executing well putting the ball back down, getting lined up, executing getting out of bounds and understanding what we needed to do."

(On the success the Buccaneers seem to have running an up-tempo offensive system, and if there has been discussion of using that tactic earlier in the game)

"We've done that a couple weeks ago earlier in the year, you know. It sputtered quite a few times in regular play, you know. In two-minute it seems to work, but we've done that before. So we've done that a couple times actually."

(On the fourth-down-and-seven play in the fourth quarter that resulted in a decision to punt)

"It was like six-something (minutes) left to play, we had a lot of time on the clock left there and we figured maybe we can get them backed up and make them punt and still get the same field position."

(On the fourth-down-and-10 decision to punt as well)

"Well there was a timeout. On fourth-and-10, if we don't get it on fourth-and-10, and they kick a field goal, we don't win this game because they go up two scores and we lose [19] to 17."

(On the perceived frustration between Tom Brady and the coaching staff by being brought off the field on both fourth-down plays)

"Well they were 8-of-15 on third down, they were 53%, which was decent, you know. But we got to make plays when they come up. We left some things out on the field, they'll tell you the same thing, we left a lot of plays out on the field. But it was a team win. They showed gut, they showed grit and they played together."



(On how Josh Wells did in place of injured RT Tristan Wirfs)

“Well Josh is a fighter, I do know that. I’ve got to see the film to see exactly how he did, but I know he’s a fighter.”

(On the decision to leave Leonard Fournette for most of the final drive then switching to Rachaad White to close out the drive)

“No, it was his time when he got in there, and then he got going once he was in there so we left him in there a little bit longer.”

(On WR Mike Evans being held without a target for the majority of the first half and if he had been involved in the offense earlier maybe the offense would have found a rhythm)

“I mean, we try to do that all the time. If they have it covered, we’ve got to go elsewhere.”

(On the fight of the team to be able to score touchdowns twice in the final three minutes)

“They play hard. They showed grit, they played hard, it was a complete team effort. Obviously, the defense got the ball back, the offense cashed it in, got it back one more time, they cashed it in one more time. It was a good team effort.”

(On how much of a relief it was in the locker room after such a win)

“It’s a relief because we beat them twice in one year. It’s been a long time since we beat them. The relief is that we won the ballgame, you know. And we went up on them a couple games. The other five games we’ve got coming up are going to be just as exciting, so we can’t be happy about this one, we have to get ready for next week.”

(On reserve CB Zyon McCollum getting increased playing time with several injuries to the secondary instead of Dee Delaney)

“Well Zyon has more speed. Obviously, the matchup with [Chris] Olave would have been a problem. Dee’s more of a zone guy – some of the things we wanted him to do. He (McCollum) missed a few tackles, but he did a lot of good things as well. For him to have not played in Nickel since training camp, I didn’t think he did a bad job. There are some things he can get better at in there, obviously. It’s a very difficult position, but he fought and he held his own.”

(On the trust that Tom Brady has in Rachaad White and whether or not he was calling a specific play for White late in the game)

“I don’t know if he was calling for it. I know we had it dialed up during the week, it was Rachaad’s play all week. He got him in there and he made the play.”

(On whether running the ball on first down has become predictable to opposing defenses and is stopping its progress from getting going earlier in games)

“Well I think we try to switch it up every other week to see what we’re doing and try to make it. But if you don’t get positive yards on first down, obviously people will try to load up the box. But we did quite a bit of play action on first down as well. So, you know, which we got the ball out some, and some of them they made plays on.”



QUARTERBACK TOM BRADY

(Opening statement)

“Just like we drew it up. Just like we drew it up.”

(On the last play of the game to RB Rachaad White)

“Yeah, it was great – great route by Rachaad, great catch. Byron [Leftwich] made a great call. So, we thought we threw a touchdown – I didn’t see the one we hit to Chris [Godwin]. I thought I threw it in about a quarter of a second – I was like ‘how is there a hold? I caught it and I threw it.’ That put us back on the 15 [yard-line], and then [we] still found a way, so it was a great team win.”

(On the role reversal from last week after coming back this week from a heartbreaking loss against the Browns)

“Yeah, it was good. We’ve had a lot of games come down to the end – some we’ve won, some we’ve lost, which is why we’re 6-6. So, not where we want to be, but we’ll keep fighting.”

(On the success of two-minute drives at the end of games)

“Yeah, we’ve been pretty good in no-huddle, two-minute drills. A lot of games come down to those types of plays – our guys made them. At the end of the day, our guys made the plays this week. Mike [Evans] made plays, Chris [Godwin] made plays, Cade [Otton] made plays, Rachaad [White] made plays, ‘Lenny’ (Leonard Fournette) made plays, Julio [Jones] made some great plays – everyone contributed. So, [the Saints] are a hard team to beat and just glad we won. [The Saints] have a great defense, they played us very physical like we thought – we made some mistakes in there, but we made enough plays in the end to win.”

(On beating the Saints for the first time at home and scoring a touchdown against the Saints at home since joining the Buccaneers)

“Yeah, it’s the truth. I’m glad we won. I was going to say it’s an insult, but it’s really not an insult, it’s the absolute truth. I wish we would have scored more points against them, but they make it really hard. They’ve got a really good scheme, they’ve got good players, they cover you well, they rush well, really good linebackers, just a tough game. But a great win.”

(On if that play was RB Rachaad White’s play all week)

“You know, he does a good job on that [and] we’ve worked with him quite a bit. Lenny” (Leonard Fournette) been in there a lot and doing an unbelievable job. I think we have two great backs, so we’ll keep using them both and whoever’s in there, I’ve got confidence in. And Lenny – I love Lenny. Nobody loves Lenny more than me, probably his mother, a few of his family members, but I’m probably right up there. You know, Rachaad’s doing a great job.”

(On if the team’s first-down runs are predictable)

“We’ve got to find a formula that allows us to score more points more consistently and I know we’re still searching through it. We’ve had a lot of guys in and out, and we’re trying to find some good formulas and we’re going to keep grinding.”



(On what the dialogue with the coaching staff was before the decision to punt on fourth-and-10 with 7:06 left in the game)

“There wasn’t any – at first we were going to go for it and then just decided to punt it. Ultimately, it was a great decision by Todd [Bowles] to punt it and if we don’t get it, they kick a field goal – we need two touchdowns, two two-point conversions, which is very tough, but our defense really stepped up and played great. They’ve played amazing all year, kept us in the game and allowed us to get the ball back there with a chance to win with two minutes left – that’s all you can ask.”

WIDE RECEIVER MIKE EVANS

(On his thoughts on the receiving corps as a whole in tonight’s game)

“I mean, we have a very talented group and everybody is always ready when their number is called. We did a really good job down the stretch making plays -- Scotty [Miller], Julio [Jones], Russ (Russell Gage), Chris [Godwin], myself, so we’re happy that we got the ‘W’ tonight.”

(On the sentiment that QB Tom Brady can always lead a game-winning drive)

“He gets better in those moments, like it’s crazy. Usually, before he got here, we were on the other side of those – teams coming back on us. Now, with him, we’ve been on the good side of those more often than not, so it’s great to have a guy like Tom [Brady].”

(On his thoughts on the rookies who scored in tonight’s game, specifically RB Rachaad White and TE Cade Otton)

“They’re really great players, really great young men and they help us win. That’s why they’re in there.”

(On his thoughts as to why QB Tom Brady excels in those late scoring drives)

“Well, I think it’s experience and it’s his skillset and his mindset – he just knows at the end of the game he wants the ball in the offenses’ hands and he demands to go out there and try to make plays.”

(On how the team stayed resilient despite trailing early in the game)

“Well one thing about us, especially the past few years with Tom [Brady] – we just keep playing until the end because anything can happen and we’ve seen that time and time again. We just keep that mindset: we want the ball in our hands at the end with a chance to win. Our defense did a hell of a job tonight stopping them.”

(On his thoughts on the final drive)

“I thought we were going to win the game, I felt like we did [well] the possession before – when we go hurry-up [offense] we’re hard to stop...”



DEFENSIVE LINEMAN AKIEM HICKS

(On his thoughts on the change of emotion in a short amount of time)

"I don't think that the energy really changed. I think we were always looking for that moment where things were going to pop. You know guys were pushing the entire time. When we came in here at halftime, that was one thing that wasn't down, was energy – guys wanted to play football and wanted to play it at a high level. So, I think that things just started to work towards the end and fortunately we came on the right end of that."

(On what the defense said to the offense after the defense held the Saints to a single touchdown in tonight's game)

"Keep going bro, never die, never quit. Guys pushing each other, guys keeping the morale solid because in situations when things aren't going right, it's easy to have that one thought which just changes your direction and your energy but guys didn't do that and I think that's why we came out victorious."

(On what it's like for him to watch QB Tom Brady drive down the field and secure the comeback)

"It just reminded me of my time in New England – [there's] something about the way he leads, [there's] something about the way he takes charge, [there's] something about how when everything is on the line, he is able to make that one play that'll make the difference. I have a lot of respect for him as a leader, not just a quarterback."

(On what was going through his head after the defense forced a three-and-out to give Tom Brady and the offense the ball back)

"I actually was talking to [Deadrin] Senat, I told him if anyone can do it, Brady can. So it happened."

TIGHT END CADE OTTON

(On being a part of two major comebacks vs. the Rams and the Saints this season)

"It's so surreal. There are times where I'm in the huddle and I look around and see who I am in the huddle with. It's just so unbelievable to me. At the same time, you hear the play, you line up and you have a job to do. That is the biggest thing I focus on is doing my job and doing it to the best of my ability."

(On the fact that QB Tom Brady trusts him with the game on the line)

"I think he is going to trust whoever is on the field and throw to the open guy. It means a lot to have the trust of the coaches to be out on the field in critical situations. I just want to keep earning that trust."

(On believing in themselves until the final whistle)

"Yeah, the word believe really stuck out to me at halftime. Things aren't going your way -- we are dead for three-and-a-half quarters and you know you just have to believe and trust your coaching and preparation and know that you can come to life at any minute. That ended up coming to fruition at the end of the game. I'm just super happy for our



guys and it takes a lot of character to keep believing. We've gone through a lot of negatives and a lot of adversity, but we kept believing and got it done."

(On QB Tom Brady getting the job done)

"It is so obvious he has been there before. He gives us all the confidence to know that we can do it. That the biggest thing is the belief and the confidence at the end of the game that we are going to go down and win this thing."

SAFETY LOGAN RYAN

(On slowing down the Saints offense over the course of the game)

"I mean we were giving up field goals the whole game. I think we had one drive of two plays where we didn't play well in the secondary and we gave up a touchdown. But for the rest of the game, no matter where we got on the field defensively and no matter how much [they] drove it – we bowed up in the red area, we bowed up on third down and we made them kick field goals. Ideally, as a defense, you want to give up as few points as possible. In those big scoring drives instead of giving up touchdowns we gave up field goals and that four point differential is huge, especially when you have a quarterback like Tom Brady, who can come back pretty quickly."

(On what the last-minute victory does for the team's confidence)

"I mean this game was a must win for us. For our division and for how our season has gone this far. We have a good stretch of games left and so we want to get in our form and make the playoffs. We have to grind them out. They have said the Bucs haven't swept the Saints in 15 years. It's my first year on the Bucs and we swept the Saints, so that is great. That was one objective down and now we have a tough team in San Francisco coming up."

(On addressing the team on Friday before practice)

"I think the message was that I'm a veteran and I have two championships, but regardless of that, I come to work every day and try to do my best. I came here to this team to win a championship. I missed a big chunk of the season and I was grinding hard just to be back with the guys. I had to play through some pain tonight to be there for the guys. So, I told the guys, 'Don't take this for granted. Young guys, you don't understand how hard it is – the opportunity we have to win the division right now.'"

RUNNING BACK RACHAAD WHITE

(On his thoughts on scoring the game-winning touchdown)

"I'm just grateful, honestly – coach called the play, we've been working it all week in practice. I was just grateful he called my name. I ran the route, I was in the spot I was supposed to be in, I see Tom [Brady] throw the ball, I was just going to catch it and do whatever I could to get in the end zone and that's what happened. So, I'm just very grateful and blessed."



(On if any emotion has hit him yet after scoring on a game-winning drive led by QB Tom Brady)

“It’s all still kind of a daze. Honestly, I’m just happy we got the win, that’s all I can think about. Regardless of how we did, I’m just happy we got the win.”

(On the conversation before the game-winning drive)

“I’m going to be honest with you, everybody was rooting together. A lot of vets were leading, a lot of guys were leading so they knew they would make plays -- they were bringing the rookies along. And Tom [Brady] was sitting on the sideline [saying] the halfbacks were going to play a huge role in this comeback and the end of this game and that’s what ended up happening, you know. The halfbacks, we played a huge role, as well as the wide receivers. Everybody stuck together, I mean I was on the sideline and we went out into the huddle and Chris [Godwin] kept saying, ‘you just gotta believe, you gotta believe.’ Nick [Leverett] kept saying it, our o-line kept saying it, so we just came together at the right time.”

(On how the team builds momentum from this win and if this could be a turning point for the team)

“Just building on it and going back to the drawing board – I mean we understand that we have a short week so I mean obviously we’re going to celebrate this but we need to have a short memory. And we know we have a lot of work to put in because as an offense we’re still not where we want to be. We’re just going to focus on that, watch the film and see what we can be better at and focus on the next game.”

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