



REGULAR SEASON - WEEK TWO
WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM vs. NEW YORK GIANTS

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Washington Head Coach Ron Rivera

On the win:

“I feel fortunate. I was thinking about these guys as we were playing this game. I know last year that we had a few close games with these guys. The way that we respond, they are very resilient. This team reminds me a lot of last year’s team, the way that they stuck around and kept fighting, good things will happen eventually. That is what happened today. We made a lot of mistakes and missed a lot of opportunities, but we were resilient.”

On his message to QB Taylor Heinicke in the last 2-minute drill:

“All we have to do is get into field goal position. I felt we had a good shot at it, and we got that opportunity.”

On the pressure on defense:

“Things go hand in hand. When you are not getting the pressure, you have to be able to line the coverage. It works hand in hand and that is something we have to get corrected, especially in third down situations. We had some opportunities, and we just missed some opportunities to make plays.”

On if he feels a sense of relief after this win:

“Very much so. I am not going to lie to you about that. We are very fortunate to pull this one out. This is a good football team, and they have some athletes and good football players. They made some plays and put themselves in a position to win as well. The unfortunate part of this game is somebody has to lose.”

On Heinicke’s performance:

“That is exactly how he played; he was very gutsy. The thing that was really impressive with him was the way that he bounced back after the turnover. Prior to that, he went down in three plays and scored a touchdown. Then he turned around and while we were trying to kill the clock, he made a bad read and bad decision. He should have put the ball in his (running) back’s hands in the flat instead of trying to throw the curl and [CB] James Bradberry made a heck of a play. But when given the opportunity, he stepped up again.”

On the defensive performance:

“Oh yeah, once I get the chance to look at the tape and really dive into it, we are going to correct some things. There are too many good football players for us not to play better than what we did today. That is the big disappointment because they are good football players, and we just have to correct some things.”

On if he learned anything about the team tonight:

“They remind of last year’s group of guys. They are still learning and still growing. There are a lot of young faces on the field, guys are making plays and sticking to it. But again, we can play better and we really should.”

On the penalties:

“Well, we’ve gotta be a little more disciplined. That’s the biggest thing more so than anything else, I think. It’s unfortunate. We, as a group, have to understand and realize that there’s certain things that we’ve got to be smarter about and penalties are one thing. We can control that for sure.”

On what he takes away from K Dustin Hopkins missing the 48-yard field goal, but making the 43-yard field goal:

“That you’ve just got to give the guy another opportunity, that’s how fortunate we were. They had a guy jump offsides and it was one of those things that created an opportunity.”

On Heinicke’s reaction on the sideline after he threw an interception:

“Oh, he was pissed. He was upset at himself, he really was. He slammed his helmet into the ground. It was one of those things that you just felt if we can just get the ball back in his hands. Listening to [Defensive Coordinator] Jack [Del Rio] talk to the defense, he told them, ‘Hey, if we get a stop here and get the ball back in his hands, we’ll have a chance.’ I really appreciated the way he put that to the defensive guys because they went out and they didn’t bow up and they did get the stop.”

On what he saw from Heinicke before he went out for the last possession:

“He had a good look in his eye, he really did. I will say this too, I thought that Scotty [Offensive Coordinator Scott Turner] made some really good calls. It’s one of those things that when you hear the play caller call a play with confidence, I think that really sets the tone for Taylor. I really liked the flow of the way Scotty called those last few series.”

On RB J.D. McKissic:

“Well last week, we ran the ball a little bit more. I think one of the things that we felt is that if we can get the ball in his hands, we can get some good matchups that we felt would be really positive for him. Going into it, I thought that was one of the really good parts of the game plan was to get him a little bit more involved and to see if we can create the positive matchups.”

On if Heinicke changed the play call where he threw a TD:

“Yes, he did. He got up there and he liked the front that they had given us, so he went ahead and chucked it.”

On what the win means:

“It just shows that if you keep working at it, you keep pounding at things, you keep going after things, you’ll get an opportunity if you can correct some of those mistakes along the way. I think that’s something that we’ll learn. I’m really anxious to watch this tape because there’s some really good things, and, again, you’ve got to give them credit because they made some things happen. The one thing we seem to come up against Daniel Jones every time is he freakin’ runs the ball and that sets us back a little bit. We’ve got to be better at that.”

On the second chance field goal kick and LS Camaron Cheeseman:

“It was huge, especially for the confidence of Dustin [Hopkins] more so anything else. Sometimes you get that second opportunity, and you can’t miss that one. It was good to see. Something like this might catapult him forward into a nice rhythm. As far Cheeseman is concerned, I know that he can make a positive snap in this clutch situation and that will carry over for him.”

On the defensive adjustments:

“We started to pressure a little more and those were things that really started to separate us and gave us more opportunities.”

On the maturity of the team:

“I agree Taylor [Heinicke] is just inexperienced. The more he plays football, the more sound he will get. But I do agree that there is some inexperience for a lot of our guys and maturity. When I talk about maturity, I mean the discipline portion of it. Like I said last week, we are a sound defense, and everyone has a responsibility. A lot of the things that are required on the offensive side is running precise routes and hitting

your target as a runner going downhill and those are maturity things. To your point with Taylor, this is about experience more than anything else.”

On Heinicke’s progressions:

“He does have the ability to throw the ball and make all of the throws. We have seen that. He has a lot of confidence and when he gets into a really nice rhythm, he can deliver a good ball. The throw to Ricky [Seals-Jones], he really went through his progression. If you get the opportunity, watch that again. I think Ricky at that point was his third option, and that speaks well to our protection. I think the line blocked pretty well today, so a lot of good things came out of that.”

On the fans tonight:

“It was cool, it really was. If we can get the fanbase engaged and get them back, but we have to start winning football games first and foremost. Today was a good start for us. If we can get the fans back and get them on our side, it will mean a lot to these guys. I thought they brought energy when we needed it, especially on the defensive side. The way they got going on those last few drives when we forced the field goals, it really created momentum for our guys. It was pretty cool.”

On what makes Heinicke a special player:

“Well, he has a little swagger to him and his teammates feed off of him. When you watch the way those guys do feed off of him, it is pretty impressive. If he can make some things happen and guys rally behind him, we can get some momentum and we will see what happens.”

On the Bobby Mitchell tribute:

“I think it is important that we recognize trailblazers and people that have helped make this league what it is today. You bring a guy in and he is the first, he should be recognized especially for how important he is to this organization. I was talking to [Washington Football Team Owner] Mr. Snyder about it and he really felt that it would be the right thing to do. He deserved to be recognized for his contribution to this organization, his country and society.”

Washington QB Taylor Heinicke

On the last few minutes of the game:

“It was a whirlwind to go down and have that two-play drive and send it back and score a touchdown and take the lead. The defense did a great job of getting the stop and getting us the ball. We had a chance to close it out there with a first down. Just the interception [CB James] Bradberry made a great play. He was with us in Carolina. Me, [Offensive Coordinator] Scott [Turner] and Bradberry in Carolina. He’s seen that play before. He jumped it and made a great play. But yeah, had a two-minute drill. We had faith in our defense to get the ball back and we knew we just needed to get a field goal and we practiced that situation a lot in practice. So I thought the guys were ready for it to come to fruition and for us to accomplish that goal in a game was huge.”

On his energy in two-minute drills:

“Well, if we go back and look at the college days at ODU, we ran a hurry-up offense and spread, so that’s essentially what a two-minute is and I did that for four years, so I’m very comfortable with it. Defense is on their heels; they get kind of tired. They start playing kind of base defenses and we’ve been practicing for that every day, so again, for it to come to fruition and for us to accomplish that goal in a game was good for us.”

On going tempo offense:

“Same thing last week. We went tempo and you can see those guys getting tired. Some guys don’t communicate the calls on defense, so some guys aren’t in position. So, when we go tempo, we start moving the ball pretty well. That kind of opens up other players to get the ball as well, so it’s something we do pretty well.”

On the touchdown before halftime:

“So, we called a play where, actually I don’t want to give this away. It was going to be a pass play and they called timeout and they come back and there’s a three-man front and there are only about four or five people in the box, so I was like ‘hey, if we don’t run and score a touchdown here, we don’t deserve to win.’ So made the check, and it was a touchdown, so I’m just glad [Head Coach Ron Rivera & Offensive Coordinator Scott Turner] have the confidence in me to make that.”

On his first win as a starter:

“It’s amazing. First start was what, two or three years ago in Carolina? I threw three picks and tore my tricep. It was just a brutal thing. That was my last start until last year against Tampa Bay [Buccaneers]. Coming into Tampa Bay last year, I had a good game but ultimately fell short. Finally get that first win, so it’s nice to get that weight off your shoulders and get the ball rolling.”

On the interception late in the game and how he maintained composure:

“It was really frustrating. Going down with a two-play, 75-yard touchdown go-ahead and to have that to happen. I really frustrated myself, but a lot of guys on the team came up to me and said, ‘hey, we’ll get the ball back for you. You’ll have another chance to score.’ So again, we practice that a lot. Defense did a great job of getting us the ball back and [K Dustin Hopkins] making that field goal, so it was a team effort.”

Washington DE Chase Young

On the win:

“We came out, got the W and at the end of the day, that’s all that matters. It feels good. A packed stadium. Then, you know, this long weekend. It’s bad when you just took a L. I’m glad we came out with this dub.”

On the last five minutes of the game:

“I don’t know how we did it, but I would say we did it together. I feel like we depended on each other. We just played with the cards that were dealt to us for real. We made a few mistakes. But at the end of the day, we just found a way to get it done. We got it done.”

On QB Taylor Heinicke:

“I say he is a baller. He came in last year and showed that he can sling it. You just give him camp with the whole team and all these practices, and he can come into the game and throw that peel. We have all trust in four [Heinicke].”

On the first half struggles:

“We just gotta go back to the film and look at it. While I’m playing, I can’t really see what is behind me. It’s definitely going to pop up on film over the weekend and we are just gonna do our best to correct it and try and get better.”

Washington DT Johnathan Allen

On the team’s performance following corrections needed from last week:

“Defensively, I would say we played very similar to last week. We did enough to get the win, but moving forward, we just have to do better. It’s not like the issues are we’re just not good enough, we obviously have the talent, we just got to focus on the little things, and honestly, thank God our offense was there to save us time and time again.”

On the two crucial stops in the second half:

“I got to give a big credit to mental toughness. In the course of a game like that, it’s easy as a defense to get down on yourself and focus on what you did wrong, especially with the young group we have. I really think we moved on; we move forward. Obviously, we’re going to look back on what we did wrong, but in the time and in the moment, you’ve got to make the plays to win the game down the stretch, and as a defense, that’s what we did. So that’s definitely a positive we can look at going forward, but again, we just have to do better.”

On QB Taylor Heinicke leading the team to a game winning field goal:

“You’re looking at a team who has 100% confidence in their quarterback. We’re 100% behind him. We truly believe we can win with him and I think he’s shown that time and time again.”

Washington S Landon Collins

On QB Taylor Heinicke in the last five minutes of the game:

“He was confident. We know he is a gamer. He came out there ready to play. We knew he had it in his hands, he was going to go out there and play ball. Everybody’s gonna make mistakes; but at the same time, it’s a game of inches and he came out the second time and did his thing.”

On if the team played a better second half:

“Just doing our job. Doing what we’re supposed to do. Playing what we’re supposed to play. Keeping eyes on our job. That’s all we have to do. That’s what we came in and said in the second half. We came in at half time and just did that.”

On doing his job as a safety:

“It’s not hard at all. You kind of just feel things out and feel the game out. You might get hit here and there; but at the same time, once you feel it out, you just go with the game plan.”

Washington RB J.D. McKissic

On the 56-yard play and his role on offense this game:

“On the play, we ran that play earlier. I had the option. I knew he was playing tight, and I was waiting for Coach [Offensive Coordinator Scott Turner] to call the out and up all night. Finally got the opportunity to run it. Something we had been working on for a while in practice and finally had a chance to hit it. He bit it, he took it out and got the 56-yarder.”

On QB Taylor Heinicke:

“He’s got that umph. He’s a lovable guy. We know he could do everything. He can pass, he can sit in the pocket, he also can run. He just wants to win. He loves the game. Like I said, he can do everything.”

On the two-minute drill at the end of the game:

“First and foremost, you’ve got to get the call from the o-line. You got protection. Second, you want to be available for the quarterback. On the two-minute, there’s going to be some pressure. The d-line’s going to go as hard as they can go, and the o-line got to hold up. He’s looking downfield. If they’re not open, I’ve got to be there to be available and make a play, keep the sticks moving.”

Washington WR Terry McLaurin

On watching K Dustin Hopkins kick the game winning field goal:

“We just wanted that to go in. We know how hard Hop works, and we got the penalty, so it gave us another chance and he sunk it and the other things don’t matter because he hit it when we needed it the most. So, it just felt good to get a win against these guys. It’s been a long time. I know I haven’t been a part of a win against these guys since I’ve been here, so that was a great team win, to come out like that in front of this great crowd. They gave us so much energy tonight, so tonight was really fun.”

On the confidence in QB Taylor Heinicke:

“When he came out in that playoff game, and he played the way he did, it was a unique situation for me because I didn’t practice that much because I was hurt. But he’s always ready for his moment and I love guys who are always ready for their moment, always prepared. He doesn’t complain about the reps that he gets in practice even when he wasn’t the starter; he just makes the most of his opportunities. That’s all you could ask for. He did a great job controlling the tempo tonight. He got us into hurry-up situations, he slowed it down, he made great passes, he took what the defense gave him, and he gave playmakers the chance to make plays. And when you got a guy like that you just want to continue to make plays for him. We’re lucky to have Taylor and I know he’s going to continue to grow and help us going forward.”

On feeling fortunate for the win against the Giants:

“I wouldn’t necessarily use the word ‘fortunate’ because I feel like that would kind of take away from the hard-fought game that it was. I felt like that was a very tough earned game in the NFC East, and that’s what those games are going to be like. That’s every time we get ready to go against an NFC East opponent. So, to come out and get a win on our home turf before we go on the road was huge. To be 1-1 and 1-0 in the division, that’s all we could ask for at this moment. So, we’re going to continue to learn from this game. I know we didn’t play the best clean game, but at the end of the day, we ended up with more points than them, so that’s what really matters. But we want to get some time off and try to get some guys feeling better and get ready for next week.”

Washington K Dustin Hopkins

On game winner and attempting two kicks to secure the victory:

“Thank you, Lord. How about that? You know, I saw the guy offside then I turned to [P] Tress [Way] and I said, ‘watch this’. Nah, I feel really fortunate, obviously, I’ve talked to you all about being process oriented. Honestly, the first kick, and this is the tough part about kicking, the first kick I hit much more solid than the second kick. But just the slight angle, you know what I mean, so obviously I’m happier with the result, like for myself, but also for our team and what that means for the implications will be later. You know, I hope but process wise, I’m always learning, always trying to get better, and just feel very fortunate and feel great about it.”

On dealing and being filled with emotions in the weeks leading up to this moment:

“You know, I said this a couple of weeks ago when it was my first time here and on my second, it’s nice to see you all. But yeah, circumstances don’t change who I am or who we are. I feel the same way, like the make or miss is not going to change who I am or what that means for our family as a whole but man, it feels good to win one. Like that feeling of something really going your way. I’ve had it to where you feel like you’ve hit a really good ball and it hits the post or something and you feel like you’re that close but to have something like this where you get the second chance? I’ve never. I don’t think I’ve ever had that happen. So it’s just like I said earlier just feel blessed and thankful.”

On the support he received from his teammates:

“I mean, we got a great locker room. We’d like to work when we need to work and have fun when we can have fun. But to have those guys pull for you, and we’ve put so much work in and we feel like we do have so much going for us as a team. And so to win one like that, and to get stuff hopefully start going down the right path is a big for everybody. It does mean a lot to me that guys support me and want me to do well. One of my favorite parts about playing football is just being a part of the team and yeah that’s another thing that I just feel really fortunate to be a part of the team where you can connect and relate to guys and learn about their families and who they are and route for them while you’re on the field. So can somebody out there check on my mother? she’s probably had a heart attack. Lastly, I want to thank my wife, through every circumstance she’s always next to me and I got a son who loves me no matter what. So yeah, love y’all.”

New York Giants Head Coach Joe Judge

Opening Statement: “First off, I’ve got to give credit to that team. They did a good job down the stretch, obviously more than we did to win the game. But, I saw a lot of improvement from our team the last four days getting ready for this game. I’m proud of the way they responded from the last game. There is a lot of things to build on going forward. But obviously in a game like this you can see the margin of error with the score. It was a tight game and there is a lot of little things that add up over time. We’ve got to clean some stuff up as a team, keep moving forward, keep learning from the negatives, building on the positives to put us on course to improve as a team.”

On the offsides penalty at the end of the game:

“Well, we have to address this to make sure that we keep putting players in position to prepare them properly and make sure we can work it, execute the right way. Obviously something we don't want to have, something that it's not acceptable. But look, we're not going to turn around and put this game on any one player and one play. There's enough things we can clean up as a team and we can play better going forward. We're not going to go ahead and isolate one incident and say that's the difference in the game right there. We got to make sure that we do a lot of things better for 60 minutes.”

On if the offense was intentionally conservative after the interception by CB James Bradberry:

“Well, there was a point right there we want to make them use their timeouts in a two-minute drive situation right there. Third down we had an opportunity for a completion to extend it over the middle right there, thought it was a good shot. Look, you got to stand up to make the two-minute drive on either side of the ball you got right there. So coming out of two minutes that what you prepare for and practice for. You’ve got to execute better, obviously in that situation they’re a good team. You’ve got to give credit to those guys on the other side, they executed when they had to.”

On what he thought about the defense’s performance late in the game:

“Well, let me look at the tape before I make a full assessment of anything right there. I’m not gonna make any blanket statements right now that’s gonna go ahead and throw anything on any phase of the ball right now. There are a lot of positive things going forward. There's some things we have to improve on going forward, but I see a lot of encouraging things. That being said, there are a lot of things that we have to correct off the tape.”

On what he thought about WR Kenny Golladay yelling at QB Daniel Jones on the sideline:

“Well, I just saw them hugging in the locker room. That is the first I have heard of it.”

On if he is worried about how his team is going to respond to this loss:

“No, we got a resilient team. We’ve got a mentally tough team. We got a team that sticks together. We got a group of men that look each other in the eye and tell the truth. We're very big on telling our players the truth and we’re very big on having our players be honest with each other and with us as coaches. That's what separates a lot of teams out there in terms of if you can overcome some adversity. We talk a lot about that as a team. The honesty is really what’s on tape. We’re gonna see a lot of things we did good and things that we’ll have to see on there that are not good that we gotta correct and gotta clean up. The important thing this time of year and all times of the year is that we keep improving going forward. We are a better team today than we were four days ago. Now was it good enough? No it wasn’t. So do we have to improve a lot? Absolutely. We have to coach better and execute better on situations down in the game. But in terms of our locker room, I got faith in the men in our locker room. I got faith in the coaching staff keeping these guys moving in the right direction. Our focus as a team never changes.”

On how disappointing it is that the team didn’t play good situational football:

“That's kind of part of it. We prepare for it and we need to make sure we do a better job preparing for it so we can execute going forward down the stretch. It's obviously something we want to keep on emphasizing. Situational football is a huge part of success in this league. Not just about calling battleship type plays and throwing things out there. We've got to make sure we're put in position to capitalize on plays.”

On what he said to DT Dexter Lawrence:

“Same thing I'd say to any player on any penalty. Pre-snap focus, post that technique, and discipline in how we handle things. The biggest thing for him is it's gonna be a tough lesson. It's a lesson you got to learn, a lesson we all have to learn as a team that we don't repeat the mistakes one by one. You've got to see that and make sure you clean it up. These are obviously things we talked about and coached. But obviously we gotta do a better job in the future going forward. I'm not going to put this on Dex. I don't put this on Dex. Dex is a good player, is a strong piece of our locker room. He's a good teammate, he's fun to coach, he's a productive force as a player, I'm not gonna put this on Dexter Lawrence. There's things we all have to do better as professionals. I'm not gonna put this on any one player or one situation.”

On the pressure that Lawrence will face after making that mistake:

“I'd say in terms of that pressure – guys, we all get paid pretty well. Pressure is part of the job, right? I mean, my son's playing high school football right now. He doesn't quite have that pressure because he's out there playing for fun. Every coach and every player we're paid very well at this level. It's the ultimate level of competition. It's the ultimate team sport. There's pressure for all of us. We can handle it. We prepare to handle it. We talk a lot about our team building and our leadership building that when things like this happen, we respond the right way as a team. So, in terms of the pressure he will be under, it's nothing that we don't prepare for already.”

On calling a timeout before Washington's touchdown before halftime:

“I got to watch the tape and to get your exact answer, obviously. We weren't in the right place or the right fit. We got to make sure we get that right. In terms of the timeout, that was just the situation to make sure we go ahead and get a look right there.”

On his emotions on the defeat:

“Well, look. Everybody goes through emotions every game. There's highs and lows. That's kind of the great thing about this sport, right? You get the opportunity as a coach to sit on the sideline for three hours and truly go through the highs and lows of the game. Look, my focus as a coach is to always state your highs. I say this all the time and you guys' kind of think I am giving you a coach speech. You come to my meeting on Monday when these guys get back, regardless of what the result was tonight, the meeting is the same meeting. This is what we did positive, this is what we have to correct, this is what we are going to be going forward, this is the focus of the team. You got to keep it here. I understand, on the outside world, it's that greatest of all time, worst of all time, that emotional roller coaster. Everyone wants to go ahead, it's doomsday or we are the greatest team in the world. That's just the nature of it. We got a week in between games. This isn't Major League Baseball, this isn't the NBA, this isn't where you turn around the next day and just play. So, we got to go and understand that the truth is on the table. Things we have to correct, they're right there in front of us. The things we have to do better as a coaching staff to put our players in a better situation, they're right there on the table. The guys we want to use to have success, they're right there in our locker room. We got to make sure that we keep focus on what the process is we're doing. In terms of fans having a gut punch, I love the fans. I appreciate all their support. The fact that they're having a gut punch on that, that means they're invested with us right there. That means they're staying with us right there and watching us fight and battle the emotional highs and lows of the game. I can tell the fans this: You're going to keep seeing the team fight for a full, sixty minutes. We're going to correct those disappointing things you saw on tape tonight. So, don't worry about that as a fanbase. That's my job, we'll get that thing done. Don't worry about that. But, I appreciate their support. I don't ask them for any cheers that aren't earned. I don't ask them for pats on back. I don't know why I'd do that. But, this is New York, and the

reality is it's a tough place to play and coach. That's the nature of what it is. You want to play somewhere easy, I'm sure there's plenty of other cities out there that don't care much about football and their sports teams, or by Tuesday they forgot you even had a game. The reality is, the great thing about playing in our city is the fact that they ride high and lows. That's the great thing about our fanbase. It's our job to make them earn our respect, it's our job to make them cheer, it's our job to bring them back off these lows. That's what we get to work for every week. We had great support today in-stadium. There were a lot of times, behind our bench at least, you had a significant amount of noise of Giants fans. That's a great feeling. I talk about it to our guys all the time, coming on the road it's you versus the world, and it's great, then you actually turn around and actually do hear your fans that travel with you. It's a strong fanbase, obviously, it's a national fanbase. New York is the American city, that's the reality of what it is. So, in terms of fans emotionally, I'm not sitting here trying to promise you rainbows and butterflies. The reality is we're going to go back to work. We're going to get this thing right, the way it needs to be. And keep building this thing to be the team we want to be."

On the final offensive possession:

"It had nothing to do with not trusting Daniel [Jones]. It was also trusting our run game as well. It was trusting the offensive line, the front. We talk all the time about the strategy of being in that situation. It's obviously one of those things you go back and forth on. Ultimately, you want to control as much as you can, control the points you have, not put yourself in a position for a negative play. Obviously, on third down, we threw that ball right there. We have a lot of trust in our offense right there to really make it look easy and go out there and run the ball one at a time. And that's not saying that's a right or wrong move. A lot of times teams do that and have a lot of success. We've done it before with plenty of success. We felt at that time it was the best thing for us. We had confidence in our running game, confidence in our offensive line, confidence in our quarterback to call his number on third down. So, in terms of how we do it, we finish that situation and we gotta turn around finish the next situation coming up."

On QB Daniel Jones' performance:

"Saw him do a lot of good things. Get the ball out on time. Throw some good accurate passes. Throw some good balls into tight coverage. Obviously, push the ball down the field. On [WR Darius] Slayton's touchdown, he made a heck of a head's up check. That was Daniel on the line right there communicating with Slay. He saw something he liked, took advantage of it, and obviously scored some points for us. These are the things I've talked about Daniel growing, progressing throughout his career. There are a lot of things that show up right there. I love the way he ran the ball. Very effective run force tonight. That's a part of our offense. I thought he did a good job with the ball security, getting down when he needed to protect it, getting out of bounds at times, sliding at other times. So, there are a lot of positive things right there. Obviously, he broke the one long run that we had the penalty, and we needed the touchdown – which was a big play for us, getting us down there. Three points instead of the touchdown we wanted. There are things to clean up on that play in other aspects, but in terms of the way Daniel played tonight, I thought Daniel came back and responded the right way and had a good game."

On the pass defense:

"Well, I think, first off, we have to do a better job at that right there. That's going to come from a lot of different aspects. We will watch the tape, make sure we have it narrowed down. Me and Pat [Assistant Head Coach / Defensive Coordinator Pat Graham] will have a long train session, going through the tape on the train ride back. That will be a focus moving forward getting fixed. We got to keep improving as a defense and the offense and the kicking game. You've got to credit those guys. He's a good quarterback [Washington QB Taylor Heinicke]. We tried to keep this guy inside the pocket. I'll say this, this guy made a lot of good plays down the stretch. They have good talent on the other side. They have 17 [WR Terry McLaurin]. These guys are really good players. Their backs are dangerous. Obviously, they're a very talented team. I talked about that early in the week. This is not a team, by any measure, that we were going to take lightly. They're a divisional opponent, very talented. And this guy going out there, we knew was a very aggressive quarterback

getting down the field. So, we have a lot of things we need to clean up as a team overall. But there is a lot of positive going forward. My message to the players is: Go back, get some rest, and we're going to get back to work on Monday and talk about things we got to clean up and get better as a team. We got to keep addressing that. Again, at the end of the day, it's got to be week, week, week, week, week. The goal is to be the best team we can be at the end of the year. Along the way, you're going to have success doing that. If you don't do well, you won't have success. We got to make sure we keep doing the things that are necessary for us to have success and not limit those opportunities."

Giants QB Daniel Jones

On if he agrees with the play calling on the final drive:

“Yeah, those are situations where you need to run the ball to make sure the clock goes. They were some of our best runs, so I certainly agree, and we’ve got to execute better.”

On what he saw on the final third down:

“Man-to-man coverage, trapped up with someone underneath and we’ve got to give Shep [WR Sterling Shepard] a better ball.”

On if he was okay with throwing that last pass short of the sticks:

“Yeah, catch and run or catch and break a tackle, but yeah I’m alright with that.”

On what happened when WR Kenny Golladay was yelling at him on the sideline:

“I think he was frustrated with the situation, but I don’t think it was to me or anyone in particular. We’re all good. I love Kenny, I thought he played hard and did a lot of good things out there.”

On what situation Golladay was upset about:

“Just plays. I’ve got to do a better job of finding him in some places and we’ll work through it.”

On what Golladay was yelling about:

“He was just frustrated. Frustrated with the situation and we’ll be better from it.”

On if part of the conversation was about Golladay wanting to get the ball more:

“Yeah, I think that is part of it. You certainly want the receivers that want the ball, so we’ll keep working through that.”

On if he is okay with his receivers talking to him on the sideline publicly about wanting the ball:

“I think there are lots of ways to communicate and we’ll work through it. I think there are a lot of emotions to the game and I certainly understand that. Me and Kenny have a great relationship and I know we can communicate and do what we need to do there. I appreciate his passion and emotion.”

On if it bothers him that one of his teammates was trying to show him up on the sideline:

“I will say again, he wasn’t showing me up individually. It is part of the game. He is emotional, wants to win and we all do. I respect that.”

On if he talked to Golladay after the game:

“Yeah, we talked and everything is good. Like I said, me and Kenny have a great relationship and I’m excited to get back to work.”

On how the team can bounce back from a loss like this:

“I think it’s certainly disappointing and like you said, it hurts. We’ve got to get past that and get to work and put our heads back down and focus on what we need to do to improve as a team and make sure that we’re in a better position to win games. It is going to hurt and that is part of it, but eventually we’ll need to move on and get going moving forward as a team.”

On what it was like seeing OL Nick Gates go down with an injury:

“It was hard. He is a guy that works his tail off every day and someone everyone looks to, to be a leader. It hurts to see him go down like that. I’m certainly praying for him and wishing for the best.”

On if he was watching the ball or if he saw the flag on the missed field goal:

“Yeah, I saw the flag.”

Giants RB Saquon Barkley

On what he saw on the last two field goal kicks:

“I saw the miss and I saw the flag, but I don’t know too much more into that. I know people are gonna try to pinpoint that one play but at the end of the day offense, defense, special teams we gotta capitalize on those plays. There were a lot of plays out there that we didn’t capitalize on and that’s why we lost the game.”

On what he thought about WR Kenny Golladay yelling at QB Daniel Jones on the sideline:

“I didn’t see that.”

On if he thinks the offense should have been more aggressive after the interception by CB James Bradberry:

“No. I kind of personally take that one on my shoulder right there. I know the type of player that I am and two runs only getting three yards, I’ve gotta be able to make people miss and find a way to get into the endzone there.”

On if he feels like himself yet:

“I was able to get out there and play a full game. My body and my knee responded well, so I kind of knocked that rust off...I’ve got to continue to trust the knee, trust the system and as the system keeps going, I’ll continue to do better.”

On how he feels after playing that many snaps:

“Yeah, right now I feel pretty good. The adrenaline in just finishing a game, but body-wise my body has responded well. Obviously, we need to come out with a win and anytime you don’t come out with a win it is upsetting.”

On OL Nick Gates going down:

“Nick is a fighter. He is a captain for a reason. Obviously, I don’t know too much of what happened, but seeing him down you see the impact it had on the team. I will definitely try and make contact with him and see how he is doing.”

Giants WR Sterling Shepard

On if this loss was one of the hardest he has ever had to digest:

“Yeah, it’s a pretty tough one. You give it your all, you fight and it comes down to the tail end. See that first one miss and you see those flags, not a fun feeling at all. But we gotta get back in there, we gotta go to work and that’s the bottom line.”

On what he saw on the third down pass to him on their last drive:

“It was a look that Daniel had to put on my back shoulder. I feel like I come up with those catches. Something I pride myself on is making hard catches. So, if I would have gotten the first, who knows, but I gotta make those plays.”

On if he wishes the team was more aggressive on that third down:

“No, we’re going to run what is called. I have total faith in JG [offensive coordinator Jason Garrett] and whatever he calls, I have faith in my guys that we’re gonna make it work. I’m happy with the way the game was called and it comes down to execution.”

On how he explains the lack of discipline with penalties tonight:

“Yeah, I mean we’ve got to get in the film room, we’ve got to go to work in practice and that’s what it comes down to. Everybody in the league is good, everybody is talented and has talented players. It comes down to the small details and obviously we didn’t get those done today and it’s something that we’ve got to go back to the drawing board and get corrected. You’ve got to fix things fast in this league. If you don’t then you will get exposed.

On what happened between WR Kenny Golladay and QB Daniel Jones on the sideline:

“I think you guys have that all mixed up. Kenny was just heated at the situation. We needed some big plays and he was heated at the situation. We all love each other. That’s what happens in this game, your emotions get into it and you say what you’ve got to say and you move on. We all love each other, we dap it up at the end of the day, give each other a hug and keep on pushing. That is the way that stuff goes.”

On what he means by the situation:

“Just how the game was going. The flow of the game. Stuff happens.”

On how he felt QB Daniel Jones played tonight:

“I love the way he played. I feel like he made some good runs, made good decisions with the ball, was putting the ball on the money. Everything you could ask of him he did it tonight. He took care of the ball.”

On what he says to DT Dexter Lawrence after the offsides at the end of the game:

“It’s not on one person. We could go back to the beginning of the game and point out someone else. It’s a collective effort. We’ve got to execute early on. I feel like we came out, drove the ball great and I know the defense wish they had some situations back. You can’t just pinpoint it on one thing. It is an accumulation of a lot of small errors.”

Giants CB James Bradberry

On his outlook of the defense allowing scoring drives down the stretch:

“I got to look at the film tomorrow and I could have a better answer for you. But right now It’s tough for me to say since I haven’t watched the film yet.

On why the opposition was having so much success throwing the ball in the air:

“They’re a good offense, they got weapons. It’s hard to just have a standstill against an offense that have weapons, they’re going to move the ball down the field sometimes. Like I said, I’m going to go back and watch the film and make some corrections.

On how disappointing the loss is:

It’s very disappointing. Have to get back to focusing on getting a win, it obviously didn’t work that way.

On if he would rather the offense go for a ‘killshot’ after late interception than taking the field goal:

“I really don’t try to have too much thought on the offense and what they do. But at the end of the day I can’t control it. I don’t make any play calls. I play corner and that’s what they ask me to do and it’s what I give them.