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DAN QUINN: Well, we needed that. We needed every bit of it, and I had a sense it would come down to the end. I visited with the team about over the last games from '24 and '25, and the first game here, how they are coming down to the end. Some were two minutes, some were four minutes. A turnover on downs and back-to-back interceptions, that's hard. It would have been really easy to lose the faith in that moment. And so to see us battle and stay in the fight, that's what I was looking for. So, I'm proud of how we responded. That was a big deal for us to get rolling with that. Offensively, it had been a long time since (quarterback) Jayden (Daniels) threw a pick, and to throw back-to-back ones, I was proud of him for coming back to respond and flipping it to go. You can get anxious when that happens, especially when that's not something to do. But I did really appreciate how he just kind of willed us back. I thought (wide receiver Stefon) Diggs was outstanding at the end of the half. I liked the drive the team had to work down and work it all the way down on the two-minute to go. And I thought, man, defensively not only keeping us in the game, I thought they won the game. To have stops like that at the end after the fourth down stop, touchdown to (tight end Isaiah) Likely, to come back on those interceptions. Very rarely you have two four-minute scenarios in a game. It just doesn't come up too much. There's plenty to do. There's a lot to clean up, a lot to get better at. But I'm definitely proud of the group. This is one that we had to have. Our guys make sure we have it. The complimentary football that I've been hunting was in a span of eight minutes. So, I'd like to do that for the entire game. That would make me feel better. But to see that happening, I thought that was something you've heard me talk about a lot and to see that on display at the end was big. Like I said, we've got plenty of work to do, but it's better to see us on third down making bigger differences. We'll do that.

Q: You guys have been in a lot of close games. Could you sense anything different on the sidelines about tonight with this one?

DAN QUINN: They've had a strong mindset throughout. But you do get tested a little further when it's back and again. And so seeing us go deliver in that spot, I thought defensively that was big. We had a good fourth down stop at San Francisco. But tonight, to get a stop and then get the interception at the end after letting up a big touchdown to Likely on the fire zone. I thought that took a little extra response. And so that was cool to see.

Q: Jayden has had a couple of games where he hasn't produced that like that at the end. How nice for you guys to see it tonight, shaking out the interceptions and going leading that drive?

DAN QUINN: Yeah. So, two minutes at the end of the half, two minutes at the end of the game, those were the ones. And so that was a good job by him. Like, okay, this is what happened. This is what took place. And then having a chance to go for it. There was a big count from there, but we captured a really smart play that won't show up on the stat sheet. But that's a difficult play, man. Is it out of bounds? Is it not? And so, and I was nervous about it (laughter). Hold your breath. That was one, the fourth down that they elected to take the delay. That was another one. So those were the moments. But I thought specifically, talking about Jayden at the end of the game, maybe a little more because of the adversity prior to that. And so that type of delivery was big.

Q: (Defensive lineman) K'Lavon (Chaisson) said that he could just see on everyone's eyes the last few minutes of this game, the will to win this, the desire, the hunger to win this. What did you see from your players the last few minutes of this game?
DAN QUINN: Yeah, I saw a lot of the same. Knowing that you had time, you had timeouts, you had opportunity there. It's challenging when there's no timeouts and time. But at this point, there was time. There was timeouts. There was spots for us to go hit. So, I didn't feel stressed on time or timeouts in that way but this was a distance that we could cover. But seeing Stef's score, obviously, was big. And then for them coming back, where is the field goal line? When can we stop it? So that's, I thought, good communication all across the board.

Q: Sonny Styles, his play at the end there, and then (linebacker) Frankie (Luvu) had that forced fumble earlier. Just the play of those two have been really strong this season.
DAN QUINN: Yeah, I just thought, seeing, you feel his speed at times. I thought (quarterback J.J.) McCarthy made some good runs on the ones. But making plays, it's never too big for him. And so, I love the combination that he and Sonny, I love the blitz paths early, I thought (defensive coordinator) Daronte (Jones) called a good game, being aggressive. Those are tough guys to match up on, specifically, nine and one (wide receiver Malik Nabers). And so there were some tough covers. And I thought (cornerback) Amik (Robertson) had some good ones. I know he got hurt on a double move. But I just like the aggressive style that they were playing. Overall, they weren't as big game as what they normally are. And so there was a lot of adjusting they had to go in the early parts of their season. They used the full back, use downhills. That wasn't as big of a deal today. And sometimes, as a play follower, that can be difficult. You're planning for one and they go to the other and how do you adjust. I thought (Defensive Coordinator) Daronte (Jones) did a really nice job of that.

Q: Do you feel like the defense is really starting to find their groove these last few weeks?
DAN QUINN: It's been the trajectory going up. I definitely want to look at the tape and see. But just those drives you don't like and things you want to see differently. But to see their confidence and communication increase, it's a big deal.

Q: Dan, what did you think of (tight end Ben) Sinnott tonight?
DAN QUINN: That was cool to see. Some big plays by him, not only just from the touchdown, but also on the play action, to make big plays. And so I was encouraged by that. Really was. And so for him to be able to deliver for his teammates, that was a big deal for him.

Q: Dan, last year Jayden didn't get to stack performances on top of performances. And now he has some evidence of that. How important is that for his development?
DAN QUINN: Yeah, I think it's critical, because the more times, the more reps, the more options you get, it's big. And so at times, I remember last year going, why are you playing him? Because he needs it. And not everybody got that, but Jayden did. And as he's going into this, those are the ones you learn from, you grow from. And it gets frustrating when you're going through a tough spell or something doesn't go like you like it, but those end up being the scars that you sometimes can learn from. And he's the type of competitor that does that. So specifically today with interceptions and then to come back, I thought that says a lot about him. Obviously, we have a ton of belief in him, but to deliver in that spot, that was a big deal.

Q: You said you had to have this game.
DAN QUINN: Yes.

Q: And you took some shots in the fourth quarter. What did you see from your team in terms of composure, knowing that this is the season?
DAN QUINN: Yeah, I did feel that, honestly, because going into it, we thought this is going to be all four quarters, all the way down. So there was not a spot of like, hey, let's get them down early, we'll finish them off. This was not that case. There have been too many close games, too many ops for that. So to be behind, that was hard. That's a hard spot to call, even for Daronte. They wanted to try to get the field goal, so to see that take place was a big deal. It was probably, it felt like the most adversity, but also probably the same most belief. And so it was like this great balance of both, and we definitely needed that.

Q: On the challenge play, what did you see, and I guess why did you challenge it? Did the players influence you at all?
DAN QUINN: The players did not. They definitely tried (laughter). (Inaudible) had a good look, and in that scenario we probably would have called a timeout. So as opposed to that, let's take our shot. If I lose it, I lose it. But it was worth it to go, just based on where they thought the initial spot was. The guys had a good spot, they were good at the sneak with (quarterback) Jameis (Winston), but we felt this was worth the shot here. I was likely going to call a timeout in that spot, even if they had gotten it, and try to get a stop clock. So as opposed to doing that, I thought that would be a better way to go.

Q: Dan, considering a lot of the endgame issues you guys have had, including the one against these guys, when you see Diggs stop at the one-yard line, what's going through your mind?
DAN QUINN: Well, he probably could have waited some more (laughter). No, honestly, I was thinking about how quick do you go when you're trailing? You don't think, okay, use all the time you can to score at the end. That's different than the half, where I thought the team did a nice job of waiting. So we weren't, you don't always score with five seconds left, but calling a timeout at 20 or 30 seconds, we still had timeouts. I wasn't stressed on the time there. So if we had scored, maybe it was like a run to the right with Jayden, if that had happened, that would have been okay. Just happened that it took another play to get there. But at the end, those are moments to think of. That's been a lot of the games. So you feel that competitor come out a little bit, I love the end of the half and the end of the game, I thought those were critical players.

Q: Defensive aggression from Daronte Jones. At the end of the game in that situation, even having the Likely play earlier on in the fourth quarter, who gave you all the confidence to stick with that aggressive approach to send those blitzes at the end?
DAN QUINN: Yeah. One, I think we have a lot of belief, and the players do too. These are our covers. We played aggressive in that style, trying to get the heat as fast as we could. That's harder. Sometimes it's big protections and you can blitz and they can pick it up. Other times when they're getting the back out or something, you can get there quickly and make the quarterback have to speed up. So I thought each game is a little bit different how you have to go about it. That would be an example. A little bit of a hot hand. Stay in it, stay in that spot. The easy thing would be to be nervous in that spot and to back off, but he's aggressive.

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Q: What were the emotions like for you in those last three series?
JAYDEN DANIELS: Yes, I threw two picks, got that out of my system to move forward about that. But it just shows resilience and the belief that the team has in me. I'm super grateful to have these guys. And no matter what, I'm gonna kick myself for those mistakes in those critical moments, but the defense picked it up. And still had the opportunity to go out there and win the game. (Wide receiver) Stef(on Diggs) ran a great route, I was able to give him the ball, and he did the rest.

Q: Mentally, what goes into it, because I see on the sideline you kind of reacted to it naturally, but how do you move on from that and lock it back in?
JAYDEN DANIELS: Man, I ain't gonna do nothing for me, I'm still dwelling on that – defense, everybody on the sideline, the defense is gonna give you the opportunity to go out there and win the game. So when I had the opportunity to go out there and win the game, take a deep breath, go out there and just capitalize on the moment.

Q: What was your reaction when you saw (linebacker) Sonny (Styles) get that tackle for the loss on third down there?
JAYDEN DANIELS: Had an opportunity to win the game, so super happy. He made a tremendous play, to be able to chase down (Giants quarterback) JJ (McCarthy), go out there and make that tackle.

Q: When you're running out to the huddle in that last series, what is going through your mind after you get that next chance?
JAYDEN DANIELS: One play at a time, yeah, just make some throws.

Q: What was the play to Diggs and what did you see on that throw?
JAYDEN DANIELS: Cover zero, and (inaudible), obviously, in those moments. I gave a little signal to Stef, and he went on the slant, and the rest is history.

Q: What do you think of his flourish at the goal line?
JAYDEN DANIELS: I didn't even see it, I ain't even going to lie to you.

Q: You obviously have the game to win when you huddle up, but the season is on the line, basically. So how do you keep from making the moment too big in that situation?
JAYDEN DANIELS: Yeah, I think you understand the magnitude of the moment, and you're not really thinking about the season. In that moment, you're really thinking about winning this game, and that's kind of just the biggest thing for me. I didn't want to let my team down in that

moment, so when they gave me another opportunity to go out there and win the game, I didn't want to let them down.

Q: How do you think the operation at center was with Nick (Allegretti) stepping up today?
JAYDEN DANIELS: Nick did a great job. Just the pocket they gave me all night, the communication, everybody being on the same page. We limited the pre-snap penalties today. Just the focus that we had on the short week is super tough, but the offense, our coaching staff did a great job of not overloading us too much, especially on the short week, because we didn't have a lot of time to go over there and try to get the perfect play. We just went out there and played ball.

Q: Do you know you've never lost to the Giants?
JAYDEN DANIELS: Yeah, I do.

Q: How big was this win for you and the team?
JAYDEN DANIELS: Huge, huge, especially now, like DA said, for our season. We go out there and now everything is right in front of us, and we've got to go out there and enjoy this one but also know we've got more games left, and we can't really dwell on this. We've got to get back to work and improve.

Q: After you threw two picks in that final drive, how were you able to mentally compartmentalize it to go win the game…
JAYDEN DANIELS: Yeah, I mean, onto the next play. I'll go back and, like I said, I'll kick myself on this plane ride back, kick myself probably for these next couple of days. And then as soon as we get back next week, it's onto a new week.

Q: How does this win motivate you guys moving forward as this is your first win on the road?
JAYDEN DANIELS: I think just the win in general, regardless of where we've played at. London, home, Paris, road – we just always want to win every game. So, you put a lot of work into these weeks, and it's a good football team on the other side, so we knew we could go out there and compete with them. We just had to capitalize on our moments, and we did.

Q: You said a lot in the offseason that you never got in a rhythm last year. Do you feel like you're in a rhythm now this season?
JAYDEN DANIELS: I do, I think I'm starting to get into that rhythm, and it shows. The more games you play consistently, the more reps you get, the more flow in the rhythm that you can. And it was tough last year being in and out of the lineup and trying to catch a rhythm. In football you practice more than you play, so you can practice all you want, but it's nothing that can replicate the game reps.

Q: Has it felt at all in this last minute of these games like, what's gonna happen next, and does this maybe exercise any negative thoughts about it?
JAYDEN DANIELS: No, negative thoughts, no. But this is the NFL, they get paid a lot of money to go out there and make plays and do stuff like that. So you've got to assume you're going to be

in the dogfight for 60 minutes or overtime, however long it takes. So, I kind of just go out there and really just compete and focus play in and play out.

Q: On the pass to (Treylon) Burks, what did you see, and I guess did you know there was going to be a pass interference?
JAYDEN DANIELS: I didn't, no. I wish I threw a better football. Yeah, but we got a PI, so I'm good with that.