

DENVER BRONCOS POSTGAME QUOTES  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

HEAD COACH GARY KUBIAK

(On injuries)

“Obviously Webster [Kayvon Webster] with the hamstring, Trevor [Siemian] it’s his left shoulder, and I don’t know anything else I can tell you. We felt like we could have put him [Siemian] back in the game, but we will go back and evaluate him. I really like the job Paxton [Lynch] did. He was handling himself and the team well, so we stuck with him.”

(On quarterback Paxton Lynch’s preparation)

“He’s really doing a good job. John [Elway] and I sat down and talked about it today before the game and I said ‘John, I think he’s really growing.’ I’ve been watching him practice and prepare. You never know until he gets thrown into fire. We need to get a little more tempo and we need to get out of the huddle a little better. Those are things a young kid struggles with, but I thought he handled himself well. He made some big third downs for us. He got the ball down the field, and I really liked the way he avoided some bad plays and threw the ball away. I thought that was impressive.”

(On how big it is to have the defense as a safety net)

“I mean obviously they get three turnovers and only gave up like 60 yards in the second half, but the good thing today is we struggled to run the ball but when we got the turnovers, we converted them. I think we were three-for-four in the red zone and in a game like that who plays best in the red zone usually wins. Obviously, the turnovers helped and playing well in the red zone helped us.”

(On how they handled the weather delay)

“Yeah, I don’t really know how to answer that. You don’t practice that as a coach. Our guys, our coaches, and our players handled it like a mature group. We stayed focused. We knew when it was time for us to go back out, we went back to work, knew what we needed to do, and went over the situation over and over again. My biggest concern for both teams was just player safety. You play three hours, you sit around for an hour and 25 minutes, and you jump back out there but it looks like both teams got out healthy and we finished the game, so that’s the most important thing.”

(On cornerback Aqib Talib’s performance)

“He’s playing special. Obviously, he’s having a big year. We’re only one month into it, which is where you got to start. I had him talk to the team last night. Aqib was a hell of a player. He’s really turning into a leader and obviously played big today.”

(On injury status of quarterback Trevor Siemian)

“I really shouldn’t say much. I’ve dealt with so many things in the last hour and a half. I just know we feel fortunate. We’ll go back and see where he’s at. It is his left shoulder, and we’ll see where we go from there. I’ll let you guys know more.”

(On progress made up to this point in the season)

“Obviously, it’s a good month. You divide it up into quarters and obviously we’ve had a good first quarter. There’s so many things we can improve upon as a team, that’s what

I'm excited about. We've got some injuries we got to work through. We're working through another one today, but we keep stepping to the plate, playing hard, playing well late in games, and that's what you have to do in this league. One week at a time, but obviously we got a lot of things we need to improve upon."

(On if Siemian could have returned to the game)

"It was my understanding with Greek, I asked Greek if he could go back in, and Trevor said 'Yes I can go back in.' I didn't want to, but I was told he felt like he could go back in. We'll go day to day and see what happens."

(On if quarterback Austin Davis would be ready to go)

"He's worked well. He's very bright, very smart, and knows exactly what's going on. Obviously he doesn't have much time with us on the field. He's working as a three, but he's played in some games and we continue to get him ready to play regardless. We've just been suiting two guys."

(On if the offensive system can plug in any quarterback)

"In this league, you better plug in good players. You got to have great players in this league and get them in a position to be successful. I think the kid (Paxton Lynch) came in and handled himself really well. We did run the ball better with him in the game, which is important in the second half in trying to keep him out of some tough situations."

(On injury issues in secondary)

"I feel like we're beat up there right now. Simmons (Justin Simmons) played with a cast. We expect Shiloh (Keo) to hopefully be back this week. Tavon will take a look at it when we get home."

(On performance of defensive end Derek Wolfe)

"Derek is playing really well. Just teasing with him in the locker room I said, 'You waited an hour and a half to go back out there and get one more sack?'. I think he had a sack at the end of the game. I'm proud of all our guys. It was a very crazy situation that we handled very well. We're going home with a W. That's all that matters."

(On how you handle weather delay)

"We try not to let them relax. Just stay on them and tell them what was at stake. We had a six minute game to play with a 20-point lead and we were going to make sure we took care of our business."

## QUARTERBACK PAXTON LYNCH

(On how he prepares to be ready as a backup)

"Like I said from the beginning, my thing had been prepare like you're going to play every game, so when Trevor came out with the injury I was prepared to go in. Obviously I was a little nervous just because it was my first time going in, but I was definitely prepared and ready to play."

(On if he was nervous on his first pass and if he settled down after his first completion)

"Things were moving kind of fast when I first got in there, too. I could have been probably better getting in and out of the huddle a little faster as well, but after that first pass I kind of settled in and found my rhythm a little bit."



(On his touchdown pass to wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders)

"Oh yeah, that was very exciting, especially for it to be to a guy like Emmanuel. Got me out of the pocket, moving a little bit down there in the red zone so I could have a chance to run it too. And Emmanuel just popped open and did his cartwheel."

(On if he got the ball after his first career touchdown pass)

"I think they went back and got it. There was a little confusion going on, but I think it's back home."

(On if it is harder to make a good pass when the receiver is wide open)

"You definitely don't want to miss, for sure. I know whenever I came out of the pocket and saw him open, I just made sure I got it to him and it was kind of spinning vertical like this instead of like that, but he caught it and it was a touchdown."

(On if his performance meant more being in Florida with his family watching)

"It was definitely exciting to come back here and have a lot of family and friends here to see it happen. I'm glad that they were here for it and I'm also glad I got the opportunity to. But to come in in that circumstance with Trevor (Siemian) getting hurt, you never want that to happen. When the guy in front of you goes down you just got to be ready, but Trevor is a tough guy and he'll be ready to play."

(On if there was a point when the nerves went away)

"After that first pass and those guys came to the sideline and were talking to me about, 'We got your back. Don't worry about that, just keep moving.' It gave me confidence in myself and I went out there and played well also. Those defensive guys help you out a lot when they're forcing three-and-outs, three-and-outs and turnovers and all that stuff, so it feels good to have a defense like that playing behind you."

(On if his first game lived up to his expectations)

"Yeah, I wasn't sure what was going to happen just because I didn't know, so whenever the time presented itself I definitely was going to be ready and I felt like I was. There was some things I obviously could have done better, but that's what next week and working on that is for."

(On if he starts preparing for Atlanta on the way plane ride back to Denver)

"I think that on the plane ride you just kind of relax and maybe catch a nap or something on the flight and then when you land, tomorrow we're going to watch the film of this and get moving forward on Atlanta."

(On if his preparation would change if he was named the starter for next week)

"Like I said, I've been preparing like I was going to go out there from the first snap of the first preseason game. Up until this point, I'm going to just keep preparing like I've been preparing and if the opportunity presents itself, I'm going to make sure I'm ready."

## QUARTERBACK TREVOR SIEMIAN

(On Head Coach Gary Kubiak saying Siemian could have went back in the game)

"Yeah, I was getting ready to back if I had to – if something happened to Paxton (Lynch), but fortunately he did a heck of a job and stepped in and managed to get a win, so it was awesome."

(On his injury)

"It was my shoulder. I just have a bum shoulder, so yeah, a little sore know."

(On if he thinks he will be able to play next week)

"I think I'm just going to take it one day at a time and see what (Head Athletic Trainer Steve Antonopulos) says tomorrow, but yeah, that's the plan. I'll be ready to play."

(On if he will have an MRI or something similar done)

"I don't know. Whatever (Steve Antonopulos) has me do tomorrow, I'll give it a shot."

(On if one of the players landed on him when he injured his shoulder)

"He just kind of grabbed me and then it was like, 'Oh shoot, we're going down,' and he just tossed me down on it. Just landed on it funny."

(On if it's safe to say the injury is nothing serious)

"Yeah, it's my left shoulder. Obviously, ideally you don't want to be hurt at all, but it's my left shoulder so I think if there is a positive that's it."

(On if it's frustrating after playing well the last few weeks to be talking about an injury instead of a win)

"Yeah, I think you can look at it that way, but I mean, that's part of the game. There's a lot of guys getting dinged up. That's part of the league. I'll just try to get better and take it one day at a time and go from there."

(On if he knew quarterback Paxton Lynch would be ready if called upon)

"Yeah, he's somebody who's done a heck of a job preparing and in practice so I'm not the least bit surprised he came out and had success. I know everybody has a lot of confidence in him, so I'm really happy on the way he came out and got us the win."

(On if he talked to Lynch in between series)

"Yeah, just here and there. I think the one thing you have to be careful of is too many voices in a guy's head, so I think (Quarterbacks/ Passing Game Coordinator Greg) Knapp did a good job with him the whole way through. I told him a few things I saw when I was in, but Knapp put him in control, I think."

(On cornerback Aqib Talib's interceptions helping him get a touchdown)

"With the assist, yeah. We were really fortunate to turn those into touchdowns. When you get (interceptions) you want to get touchdowns instead of field goals. We were really fortunate to do that there."

(On the defense taking pressure off the offense)

"I think we have a great team. You obviously don't want to rely on the defense all the time, but one has to pick the other up when something happens. And I think we've shown that a little bit through the first quarter of the season. Hopefully we can continue to do that and go from there."

(On if he knew he was injured immediately)

"Not right away. I ran another play and figured something was up. I went over to (Steve Antonopulos) and he said probably take five at least, so that's how it went."

## WIDE RECEIVER EMMANUEL SANDERS

(On catching quarterback Paxton Lynch's first touchdown pass)

"It felt good. Obviously we didn't do with the ball what we were supposed to do with it, but he came in and threw his first touchdown. I remember him coming in the huddle and telling me, 'I got to go at it, I want to throw a touchdown pass.' We were able to connect on a five-yard pass. That's the first of many."

(On the team's perseverance)

"At the end of the day, you see all these undefeated teams – you look out at Minnesota, Teddy Bridgewater went down, you look out in Philly, they got a rookie quarterback and these teams are [winning]. It's not about the quarterback position. A lot of people put emphasis on that position, but really it's about the team, it's about the chemistry, it's about the locker room, it's about the comradery. We have that here. We got guys that play confident, play for each other and that's what it's about."

(On if he had the same confidence in Paxton Lynch that he does with Trevor Siemian)

"Of course, of course. At the end of the day we got one goal no matter who is in there. We could lose me, we could lose DT (Demaryius Thomas), we could lose offensive lineman, defensive players, it's always all about trying to go out and get the win. That's what we prepare for, that's what we play for. So when Trevor [Siemian] went down, you don't want to see that, but at the end of the day we got to move and we got to go and get the win. We were able to do that"

## CORNERBACK AQIB TABLIB

(On how it felt to get two interceptions in Tampa Bay)

"It was special, man. I got a warm welcome off the plane, into the hotel, on the field. Got a warm welcome, and to be able to put on show like that in front of the fans that I still have in Tampa, man, it was special."

(On setting the pace defensively)

"That was the goal, to start on defense today – we haven't started on defense all year – and to start early. We definitely got that accomplished."

(On what happened on his first interception and if he was on wide receiver Adam Humphries)

"Vincent Jackson was my man. He ran under, he got cut by the inside guy and I knew they were going to run a 'follow' – it's a route concept called a 'follow,' I knew they [were] running 'follow,' so I kind of waited for Chris [Harris, Jr.] to run it and jumped it. Good call by coach, man. We had a good idea what they [were] going to run. Good call by coach. We capitalized on it."

(On Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston's confidence)

"Definitely, man. We were watching tape, we [saw] how confident he was in his arm so we knew we would have five to six opportunities today to get our hands on the football. I think we capitalized on three of them, so we'll take that."

(On what Winston does that offers the defense opportunities to make plays)

"He throws the ball into tight windows. He throws the ball out [of] guys' breaks so while they're breaking, he's going to throw it out of your break so you better win. If a guy [doesn't] win, if a defensive back wins, you're going to have a chance to make a play."

#### WIDE RECEIVER DEMARYIUS THOMAS

(On team winning despite losing its starting quarterback and having a weather delay)

"That's the main thing, just finding a way. We knew when Trevor [Siemian] went down, Paxton [Lynch] is going to come in, get some snaps and he came in and did a great job. It was mainly just giving him confidence if he needed someone to talk to. He came in the huddle and took over just like any other quarterback would."

(On Paxton Lynch's performance)

"He delivered the ball well. There could have been a couple more completion, but he did what he was asked to do. Come in and help us win the game. He took care of the ball, no turnovers. He delivered the ball and everyone was able to get some catches from him."

(On throwing away Paxton's first touchdown pass to stands)

"I'm usually throwing all the balls in the stands most of the times, even my balls. They went back and got it for him because you know his first touchdown pass. I was going to give him my touchdown [ball] because I actually kept it, but he'll be all right. He'll throw a lot more in his career."

(On having a strong defense to rely on)

"It's amazing. They always got our back and whenever we can, we got their back. They fuss about how many yards people put up on them and stuff like that. It's good to have guys like that because you work with them, and you see how hard they work and it pays off on the field."

(On teammates stepping up and performing)

"It says a lot. We have a great team, we have a lot of guys that work hard. The coaches put us in great positions. We just go out and do our job. We don't ask too much from nobody. Emmanuel [Sanders] does his job, I do my job, C.J. [Anderson], from the offensive line to the defense. Not one guy is going to win the game for somebody. It's a team and that's why we are so good."

(On Aqib Talib's performance)

"I told him he was going to have two picks and he did. I don't know if he believed me or not, but I said, 'you are going to have two today' and he did."

#### DEFENSIVE END DEREK WOLFE

(On cornerback Aqib Talib's performance)

"Aqib [Talib] is a great player. He had a point to prove coming back here. This is where he started and I'm glad he had the game that he did."

(On the team winning with four different quarterbacks in the last eight games)

"Yeah, it has something to do with how we prepare. Everybody prepares like they are going to play. Paxton [Lynch] prepares all week long like he is going to play. So he was ready to go."

## TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS POSTGAME QUOTES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

### HEAD COACH DIRK KOETTER

(Opening statement)

"Three turnovers in the first half. You're not going to win games against a Super Bowl defending champions and a team that's won eight in a row by turning it over eight times in the first half. Our defense did a good job in that first half, but our offense put us in trouble. And it's going to be tough to overcome those types of turnovers."

(On decision to punt on fourth-and-6 in the fourth quarter)

"I'd been watching our offense the whole game. I don't know why anyone expected we could make it on fourth-and-7 if they'd been watching our offense the rest of the game. I sure didn't expect us to."

(On offensive struggles)

"First off, Denver has a terrific defense. They're one of the top defenses in the league. Hat's off to them. Still, we showed we could move the ball, early in the game. We can't turn it over three times in the first half. You just can't do that. It was a combination of both, but obviously it starts with the caliber of defense Denver has. That's just not acceptable play for the way we played."

(On keeping quarterback Jameis Winston in the game)

"There's definitely a fine line, but you can't take your whole team out. You don't have enough guys. You can't take everybody out. We thought about it. We had plenty of time to think about it. We left him in."

(More on punt decision)

"I'm playing the percentages, guys. When we don't make it on third-and-7 and we've got the guy wide open on third-and-7, what makes you think you're going to make it on fourth-and-7? We're not going to come back and run the same play again. We were struggling all night. At that point, why would we give them the ball at midfield instead of putting them back inside and hoping we could get a turnover? We're hoping our defense could come up with the ball. We weren't playing well enough on offense. That's my decision. You guys can all tell me that I'm full of crap. That's fine. Shoot, I've seen a lot of offensive football. We were going to have a hard time making it on fourth-and-7. If we gave them the ball right there, what good was going to happen then? I made a decision."

(On if he is concerned about Winston)

"Very."

(On if Winston is regressing)

"He's not regressing, but we've got to take care of the football. We can't turn it over three times in a half. We just can't do that. You're playing a championship football team there."

Our defense was playing good, we were running the ball okay. Fairly balanced in the first half. We cannot turn it over three times in the first half. You're not going to win football games that way."

(On if Winston was calling for a pitch back when running back Charles Sims III fumbled)  
“I believe he was. That was not a smart play on our part. It sure appeared that way. Not by design. That’s not one of our finest moments right there.”

(On safety Chris Conte being called for holding)  
“That’s one example [of poor play]. The big story tonight was three turnovers in the first half. We didn’t do enough when we had chances.”

(On message to the team)  
“My message to the team was just that the defense did a better job tonight. Offense can’t turn it over three times. And I didn’t care for the way we finished the game. We didn’t finish it like professionals finish a football game when we went out after the break.”

(On reigning in Winston at times)  
“Absolutely. Not every play is going to be a big play. We went through this very similar thing first four games last season. Hopefully, we’ll learn the same lesson we learned last year and we’ll get on a little roll.”

(On Winston’s interceptions)  
“On the first one, we were trying to run a little rub play. We were trying to bring Adam [Humphries] back underneath the traffic. Talib was the one covering Adam. How he got through all the traffic and the ball got to him, I’m not quite sure. From standing on the side, that’s hard to tell. On the second one, Jameis actually got off his primary read and was working toward the backside, trying to get the ball to Mike [Evans]. When it left his hand, I thought it had a chance. I didn’t really see how Talib got in front of Mike. I didn’t really see that.”

(On how the Buccaneers finished the game)  
“When a team is lining up in Victory [formation] at the end of the game, you don’t start a pushing match. That doesn’t do anybody good. We did it on both sides. That’s not how you finish a game in the NFL. That’s not what we’re about. That’s not what our franchise is. Denver is a first-class franchise. We don’t need to be doing that stuff at the end of the game. We need to be saving our fighting for during the game.”

(On if the game got out of hand)  
“We were definitely talking to the officials during the game. There was some stuff on both sides. You always see things through your own rose-colored glasses. Shoot, I know the officials have a tough job. I know I could never be an official. We’ll see it on the tape.”

(On how Winston improved after a slow start last year and if he can do it again)  
“The only thing is, he decided last year to come out of it. He made a conscious choice to come out of it. He did a great job of that. We need it again.”

(On if he is still optimistic about the team)  
“I still think we’re going to be a good football team. We weren’t good enough tonight in a lot of areas, starting with coaching, my coaching. We’ve got to get better in a lot of areas.”

(On if Winston is pressing without running back Doug Martin playing)

“When you lose players — and we lost more tonight — it hurts your team. We talk to our guys all the time about taking care of what they can control, what their job is. I’ve never seen it work, when a guy tries to do more than his job. I don’t think that’s ever going to work.”

(On if Winston is doing too much)

“That’s hard to say. I’m not sure.”

(On injuries)

“We lost three guys in the first half. We lost Gerald McCoy. We lost Noah [Spence] and we lost Brandon Myers. Not sure exactly the extent. I just know the body part that they have injured, but the extent of it I won’t know until tomorrow. I know [Gerald] has a calf injury. I know Brandon has a hip injury. I know Noah has a shoulder injury. They couldn’t come back.”

(On if the Broncos were ready for the Buccaneers to run a screen to wide receiver Adam Humphries)

“Yeah, that’s why we hit the double move to Mike. We ran the fake screen and hit Mike up the sideline. That was a play that comes off of that. They jumped a couple of our screens and then we went to the little screen-and-go. That’s what you should do when you’re getting that kind of defense.”

(On if running back Jacquizz Rodgers is worthy of more carries)

“Yeah, maybe he is. He’s ready [to grasp the offense]. Sure he is.”

#### QUARTERBACK JAMEIS WINSTON

(On if protecting the football was the biggest reason the team fell behind tonight)

“Absolutely.”

(On his two interceptions)

“The first one was just a bad throw. The second one was just a great play.”

(On if he’s trying to do too much without running back Doug Martin in the lineup)

“At times, I do try to do too much and that’s a part of the problem. I’ve just got to do my job and let the players play.”

(On if he was calling for the ball from running back Charles Sims on Sims’ fumble)

“Just thought the play was over, actually. It wasn’t.”

(On if he agreed with the team’s decision to punt on fourth down with 7:30 remaining in the fourth quarter)

“I agree with whatever coach does.”

(On if he had a discussion with Coach Koetter about staying in the game at the end)

“Not at all. Never.”

(On if there is a reason he wants to be in the game at the end)

“The game is never over, until the clock hits triple zero. Never.”

(On if he's in a similar position to last year when he willed himself out of turnovers)  
"Yeah, I've just got to bounce back. You can't turn the ball over in the first half. Big reason why the defense gave up those points. Every turnover this year, really, has been on our side of the field."

(On if he feels like the team is stuck in a situation where it can't make the right play at the right time)

"Not at all, no. Not at all. Sometimes stuff doesn't bounce our way, but it starts with the offense. We've got to protect the football. Three turnovers against a good team like that won't do it."

(On his message to the rest of the team)

"Just keep fighting. It's never over. It's early in the year. A couple teams started off hot last year and didn't even make the playoffs. [We are] 1-3, we've got Carolina, so we've got to bounce back. I'm never going to stop fighting. I have the most confidence in this team and I'm always going to have confidence in this team, but I have to take the responsibility myself just to protect the football."

(On if there's any type of learning lesson he can take from a game like this)

"Protect the football. Don't give them the ball on your side of the field. That's the easiest thing."

(On how difficult it is when the Broncos "take away your screen game with Adam [Humphries]")

"I mean, just protect the football. I can't really talk on that."

(On if he was more aware of Denver cornerbacks Aqib Talib or Chris Harris, Jr. on the field)

"Well you know, we give respect where respect is due but we're still out there just playing football. It's our guys against their guys. They put us in a lot of one-on-one matchups – we did good at times and at other times when we [didn't] do good. We just can't give them the football."

(On if he needs to protect himself more in certain situations)

"I need to protect the football. That's what I need to be worried about protecting right now."

## LINEBACKER KWON ALEXANDER

(On how he's feeling after the loss to Denver)

"I'm feeling hurt. We've got to do better, we've got to pick it up. I know you all get tired of hearing the same thing over and over, but we've got to do better. We've just got to go in – you've got to do extra, we're not doing enough, we've got to do extra. The leaders have to step up."

(On how the team can do extra)

"We've got find something, we've got find a spark. [Whether it's] the preparation, staying after instead of going home, staying there with the teammates, bonding, or being with each other, something. We need to find that one little piece and when we find that, we can be where we want to be."



(On the team's injuries)

"It hurts, I hate to see people go down. I don't like injuries, period and especially with my teammates. It hurts, I'm going to pray for all of my teammates and even on the other side too."

(On offense)

"Our offense can be great. I've got their back 100 percent. I don't care what happens. I've got their back."

(On quarterback Jameis Winston)

"Jameis is a great guy, a great leader. Me and him talk about a lot of stuff and like I said, I've got his back, regardless of whatever situation it is. I love him to death and I love that offense to death, too."

(On what was said in the locker room during the lightning delay)

"To be honest, I didn't say a word. I was just focused, just trying to get back out there and make a play for our offense to get some points on the board, at least. We really didn't say [anything], everybody was just thinking and being focused. It never feels over to me. I never give up on anything."

#### TACKLE DEMAR DOTSON

(On the team's offensive struggles against Denver)

"It was a combination of everybody. Offensive line, tight ends, running backs, everybody can do a better job. I don't think it's a one-person point, but it's definitely a unit that's not getting it done."

(On where the team goes from here)

"We've just got to keep working. I think there's no magic solution, you've just got to keep coming back to work. It's almost like the same thing we've been saying year after year – just coming back next week and keep working. The only thing that's going to solve this is hard work and attention to details and more guys getting concentrated on their individual job."

#### WIDE RECEIVER MIKE EVANS

(On why the offense was not successful after its first-quarter touchdown)

"They were just better than us. We just couldn't do anything against them. They're a simple defense and we were getting the looks we thought we were going to get, we just couldn't beat them."

(On if the lack of success was a result of Denver's pass rush and secondary)

"Yeah, their secondary did a great job and their front seven did a great job."

(On if there is a sense of guilt when the offense does not produce when the defense is playing well)

"For me it is. Our defense played great. They've been playing great this whole year. As far as an offense, we have to pick it up, myself included, especially."

(On if the team is in a danger zone at 1-3)

"I don't think so. There is a lot of football left and we're just trying to get back on track with a win against Carolina on Monday night."

#### SAFETY BRADLEY MCDUGALD

(On the offense's early turnovers)

"Sudden change. It's something we coach, it's something we harp on. We can't control what the offense does. It happens, it's football. The football got turned over, it's our job as defenders to get on the field and prevent a touchdown. If they're already in favorable field position, we need to hold them to a field goal and that's our mindset and we need to do a better job of that."

(On quarterback Jameis Winston staying in until the end of the game)

"He's a fighter. He's going to stick it in until the end with us. He was just as much a part of it as anybody else was, so I wouldn't expect him, nor Lavonte [David], nor Gerald [McCoy], or anybody walk off the field. We're in this together for four quarters whether it's going good or for four quarters whether it's going bad, we're in this [together]."

(On the team's injuries)

"It's tough, but this is the NFL. Next man up, that's always the [thinking]. There's a lot of unfortunate situations in football, as you can see. Guys get injured, penalties, football placement, it doesn't matter, it's football and we just have to do a better job of overcoming these situations. We prepared for them, we talk about them, we practice them, so you can sit back and feel bad for yourself, but that's not going to help you get a win and you've just got to say, 'Next man up,' overcome it and keep getting better."

(On if losing Gerald McCoy sucked the life out of the team)

"I wouldn't say it sucked the life out of us. To me, when I see Gerald go out, it makes me want to play harder because now I know one of my brothers is down, one of my brothers is out of the game. He can't do anything but cheer from the sidelines so now I have to do even more, just because I want to do even more to let him know we're going to be good without him. I pray and I wish he was out there, but when he left the game, we just had to go harder for him."

(On if he thought they had an opportunity to turn the game when Paxton Lynch replaced Trevor Siemian)

"We would have liked to get the ball off of him, take some opportunities to pressure him, disrupt him a little bit more, but whoever is in the game, we're going to play them. Just because you're a second-stringer in the NFL doesn't mean you're not capable of winning."

#### DEFENSIVE TACKLE AKEEM SPENCE

(On the defense's performance against Denver)

"Definitely we went out and played a good first half of defense, we've just to get turnovers, get stops. Down in the red zone, we know we've got to hold them to three, but they're a good football team, they made some good plays out there, some good football plays. We just [have] to do better, get turnovers and give the offense the ball back, give them more opportunities."

(On the defensive holding penalty on Denver's third down at the end of the first half)

"That's just a tough call, that's just a guy playing hard. If he called it, he called it, but it's tough, but we definitely [have] to bounce back. They got four more downs and we have to stop them, that's why we play defense, that's why we get paid to play defense."

(On the team losing three consecutive games)

"It's tough, but you've just got to keep plugging, keep fighting. Guys just have to keep doing their jobs and we've just got to keep attacking as a defense and just stick together, that's the most important thing as a defense, sticking together. We'll get our outcome sooner or later."

###