

Kansas City Chiefs vs. Denver Broncos

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Broncos Head Coach Gary Kubiak



You said all week you got the team ready to go, what happened? “We haven’t given up that type of ball movement in a while. I think we gave up over 300 yards in the first half, the amazing thing was it still was a 21-10 football game, yeah disappointed. We didn’t play well in any phase to win the game, turned the ball over on special teams, offensively we got two possessions in the third quarter, I think next time we touched the ball there was seven minutes left in the game so you have to find a way to make the most out of your possession. We didn’t play well as a team. Congratulations to Andy [Reid] and the Chiefs they played really well, they have a really good football team.”

What do you do now moving forward? “My thought is this, I told the players obviously a big disappointment, we aren’t going to play anymore football so I told them on the plane ride home get it all out of your system. Next week is geared toward next year and our football team moving forward, it will be positive, go back to work next week, work their tail and we need to finish on a positive note. We need to move on to the next year. “

Do you have any thoughts on a defensive tackle throwing a touchdown pass? “It’s our job to stop them. They’re a good team and we know he can come in a game. They have plays for him. I don’t look at things that way, it’s our job to do our job and stop people and those types of things. Andy [Reid] has a lot of class, they’re a good football team. I don’t look at things like that.”

If next week is about next year will you change any personnel? “I don’t know, at some spots hopefully we have enough guys to go. We have some issues going on at some positions. We’ll see where we’re at. I’ll get back with them on Wednesday and we’ll see where we’re at physically and we’ll take a look at those things. I think I kind of know what you’re asking me but I won’t think about that until I get back.”

On the turn of the season: “I thought about that for a few days. We’re 7-3 in Week 11 and got an eight point lead with three minutes left in the game and that’s the night that they beat us. We could have come out of that game with a lot of confidence offensively with a young quarterback, a young running back, a lot of confidence. We came out of that game, we don’t get it done, it’s just been a struggle since then – especially offensively. Defensively I think we’ve battled our tail off. Obviously we didn’t play well tonight but that’s the NFL, games here or there that you pull off and play well can propel you to great things and sometimes they don’t go as well. Bottom line though we haven’t played well in the last four or five weeks.”

You mentioned a young quarterback, a young running back and hard offensive times, is that what is hurting your offense? “I didn’t say that. We’re not playing well enough offensively. I’m responsible for that, I have to do a better job. We’re not getting enough out of our opportunities so I take responsibility for that. We all have to work on that but I take responsibility on that.”

On the fake field goal at the end “It’s something we’ve been working on and we’d only try it if we got the perfect look. We got the perfect look and it didn’t work out. That’s all I can tell you. We ran it against what we wanted to run it against but it didn’t work out.”

On Trevor Siemian's production against the Chiefs in the first matchup versus the second "It's a little different animal coming in here. They're a good defensive football team in what they do, they're hard to make big plays on. I think they're atop the league as far as giving up big plays. We found some in the first game, tonight we weren't able to find them, no excuses we just didn't do it."

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Broncos QB Trevor Siemian



How much did the conditions affect your playing? "It was different. It wasn't ideal but obviously teams had to play with it, after the first couple of series, I got a feel for it, wasn't that big of a deal."

What do you think was the difference between a successful day against them the last you played and this time? "I think they played well, hats off to them, tough place to play and they played well. I obviously got frustrated, wish I would have played a little better but hats off to them they did a lot of good things."

Your feeling right now on being eliminated from the playoffs "It stinks, there's no other way to put it. It's frustrating right now but this is part of the deal. We knew we had to win the next two to give ourselves a chance and we didn't get it done, regroup this week and give it our best against Oakland."

Regarding the turning point in the season "I think a lot goes into it obviously, we had a couple of injuries it doesn't help. I think we played well at the beginning of the year, protected the ball, our guys were making plays, weren't turning it over, a lot goes into it but again obviously very frustrating."

You guys get down 14-0, does that add on the pressure? "I don't think so, I think it's so early at that point that it doesn't really change how you're approaching the game – you have three quarters left, down two scores, that's nothing. That wasn't a part of the thought process."

S DARIAN STEWART

What went wrong? "We got our tail whooped. They were more ready than we were. They came out of the gates, and we gave up three huge plays. It was a 21-0 start, and we never recovered."

Did they do anything different on those plays? "They had some plays in their first 15 schemed up, but at the same time we still have to stop them. We know what #10 [Tyreek Hill] likes to do, but it just didn't happen for us today. They were able to get some explosive plays."

How much does it hurt being eliminated from postseason play? "This thing hurt bad. We got to get ready for Oakland next week and just try to get that win at least."

CB CHRIS HARRIS JR.

On the realization that there won't be any postseason play for Denver this year: "We had a great run of five AFC West titles, I guess it's time for someone else to win."

On not being able to take advantage of keeping playoff hopes alive: "It's frustrating, but the way we played today, we don't deserve to be in the playoffs. They had a great gameplan. We didn't stop anybody today. We don't deserve to make it."

On this year compared to last year: "Last year was kind of the same. We just didn't win those tight games and this year we lost those tight games."

On his interception tonight: "Yeah, they finally came out and threw the ball downfield for once. That was our chance to make a pick. I don't think he threw the ball downfield at all. Anytime you lose a game like that, and a guy doesn't even throw it deep on the corners, it's very frustrating."

RB JUSTIN FORSETT

On missing the postseason: "It's tough. It's a hard pill to swallow. A lot of effort out there with the guys, but we didn't get it done in the end."

Did you feel like you were back in the game after your touchdown? "Definitely. The momentum was starting to turn our way. We were hoping for the best, but it didn't turn out that way."

On things not falling the Broncos way recently: "We shot ourselves in the foot too many times today. Whether it be penalties or turning over the ball or not converting on third down. Those things we can control, we didn't get it done today."

What did Coach Kubiak say in the locker room after the game? "He told us he loves us. It wasn't due to a lack of effort. A lot of guys were going out there battling their tails off trying to win a football game. The ball didn't bounce our way a few times. We didn't execute when we needed to down the stretch to get some points on the board. It's just unfortunate, a lot of frustration."

How tough is it to be a spoiler for next week's game versus Oakland? "It won't be tough at all. It's our job to play football and go out there and put our best foot forward. The men in this locker room are resilient men. They're fighters and that's what we're going to do. We're going to fight until the season is over."

OLB SHANE RAY

How tough was this loss? "It's real tough. This organization, all we know is how to get to the playoffs, how to win the division and how to try to get to the Super Bowl. Obviously, for us no longer be in the playoff picture, it's tough for us. The feeling is tough. I don't really know how to describe it. You can tell by everybody that this is not

Bronco football. This is not what we're used to. Now, we've got to keep moving forward and get ready for the next show."

Now, you're playing the role of spoiler next week. This is not a role you're used to. "We're just going to focus on us. We've got to get back, watch the film, see the mistakes we made, and get ready for the Raiders. It's the last game. I know I'm going to come out there and do what I love to do and that's play football. I can't speak for the rest of the season and next year. I'm just going to get better and keep playing."

You guys have been so good on defense. The fact they were able to score those three quick touchdowns on you, it's very uncharacteristic of this Denver defense. "Yeah. They came out in the first quarter and they hit us with some stuff. We missed some tackles. We made some mistakes and that cost us. We got down early. We tried to come back and fight. We started fighting. Turnovers are always difficult. As a team, we just didn't do what we wanted to do. We had a great week of practice. We came in here with the mindset that we were going to do what we wanted to do. But, it didn't work out that way."

When Justin Simmons got that big pick, you guys go down and score the touchdown. Do you feel like we got this? "Yeah. Justin made a big play on the ball getting that pick. And, boom we're right back in the game with a touchdown. At that point, we definitely felt like we were going to be able to close the game out. But, big plays killed us today."

Will you remember that trick play at the end of the game? Did that bother you at all? "Of course. You know that's Coach Andy Reid. That's what he does. He puts plays like that together. That won't be forgotten. It's not like we don't play each other twice a year. We'll remember this."

TE JEFF HEUERMAN

You had three receptions today. What was your mindset coming into today knowing that A.J. Derby and Virgil Green were both down? "Try and get a W. That was the biggest thing. We had to win to stay alive and have a chance [for the playoffs]. Unfortunately, that didn't happen. That was the biggest thing coming in."

You had some decent drives, but you weren't able to get it in the end zone. Why not? "Hats off to Kansas City. They've got a good defense. I think we've got to do better executing on offense. If I had to sum it up, I would say it was those two things."

You guys went back and forth in the first quarter. Then, you guys get the interception and punch it into the end zone. Did you feel, at the time, that you guys had something going offensively? "Yeah. You always try to have a positive mindset. You try to stay positive throughout the course of the game. Hopefully, you put a couple of drives together and get some yards. At the end of the day, it didn't turn out how we wanted it. It was a tough game, tough loss. It's probably the worst Christmas I've ever had."

Knowing that you guys are eliminated from the playoffs, how do you guys get your minds right heading into the game against Oakland? "Like Coach Kubiak said,

we'll come back in on Wednesday, grown men get up, shave and go to work no matter what happened the day before. That's how we're going to go about our business. That's how I've always done it. I think everyone here is going to do the same thing."

OLB DEMARCUS WARE

When you look at the final game, what's the key when you know you're eliminated from the playoffs? Are you playing for pride, then? "I think it's one of those games where, no matter what, you put 2016 behind you. You've got to look at 2017 and you've got to play your butt off. It is a pride game. It's the game where, no matter who's out there, you give it all you've got. Because, the thing is, you always play to compete and you always play to win."

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Chiefs Chairman and CEO Clark Hunt



CHAIRMAN AND CEO CLARK HUNT

OPENING STATEMENT "It was a great night all the way around. I want to tip my hat to the fans for coming out on a wet night. They helped cheer us on, on Christmas day. What a great victory. We're really, really excited as an organization and as a family to be back in the playoffs."

This is three times in four years of making the playoffs behind Andy Reid and John Dorsey. How does it feel? "When they joined us four years ago, we had high hopes. Andy was somebody who over his years in Philadelphia, had demonstrated that he can make the playoffs a lot. Certainly, he's lived up to all of those expectations. This season has been so much fun up to this point. I look forward to seeing how it progresses as we enter the playoffs."

You're not 100% in control of it, but how much of an advantage would bringing a playoff game to Arrowhead be? "We always want to play at home. We have great fans. You hear opposing players and opposing coaches talk about what a difficult place this is to play. I think you saw that tonight with Denver having a number of false start penalties. It's just a very difficult place to play. We want to bring a playoff game to Arrowhead Stadium. We want our fans to be able to experience that and we know it would be a huge advantage as well."

There were a lot of good plays tonight. Do you have any favorites? "It's impossible to have just one, but I will say the first quarter was pretty special -- that was a lot of fun."

You enter Week 17 with the opportunity to still get the No. 2 seed. What does that mean knowing this team still has something to play for on the road next week? "That's a credit to the team and the coaches to put us into position where Week 17 means something. We have

a chance to improve ourselves, a chance to grab the No. 2 seed, getting the bye that first week if it happens -- which would be great and then obviously getting the home playoff game.”

Seeing Tyreek Hill improve the way that he has, what does that mean for you as the owner of this team? “I’m extremely happy for him as a young man and as a member of the Kansas City Chiefs. He’s had a tremendous year and he’s helped the team in so many different ways. Clearly, he’s become one of the fan favorites. It’s very, very unusual to sit there on punts and hear his name chanted. The fans are almost anticipating a big play which pretty much always happens when he touches the ball.”

What does it say about the fans and this community to have them sitting out in the cold and the rain these past few weeks? “We have tremendous fans. When players come to Kansas City, they talk about how excited they are to play for the great fans and the sea of red that we have. You saw it on display tonight. They were a big edge in the game for us this evening.”

What did you see in the Dontari Poe pass tonight? “That was a lot of fun. I have to say, I wasn’t expecting it. I don’t think Denver was either. It wasn’t a very pretty spiral but it was pretty effective.”

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Chiefs Head Coach Andy Reid



OPENING STATEMENT: “Alright, as far as the injuries go, Spencer Ware has sore ribs, and we’ll see how that goes. He’ll have an MRI in the morning and just see how he is. [Chris] Conley came out for a little bit with a sprain ankle. Again, we’ll check that out this next week here or tomorrow. My hat goes off to the fans for sitting through kind of a messy game. They were great. They stayed all the way to the end, which was awesome. We needed them, and they got themselves a Christmas present. We got ourselves a Christmas present. It was all good. I give the guys a lot of credit for playing hard when they already knew that they had clinched a playoff spot. That’s not an easy thing to do, but they came out and played very aggressive. The three takeaways – I mean I could go through and name off a bunch of different things. It was a good team win all the way around. Gary [Kubiak] has done a great job with that football team. It’s become this nice little rival here. Both teams are playing well, so it becomes an even greater rival.”

Why were you able to get Travis Kelce going so well? “It worked out that way. He was singled up quite a little bit. It gave us an opportunity to get him going – where he’s been doubled quite a little bit in weeks past.”

You expanded Dontari Poe’s offensive role a little bit? “Yeah, you know, I’ve learned this over time here, you can’t score enough points against these teams. So, you can’t take anything for granted. We’re going to score as much as we can until we can’t do it.”

The jump throw was not part of the game plan I take it? “Yeah, it was part of it. Yeah, a little bloated Tim [Tebow] pass.”

What did you see from the defense this time around against Trevor Siemian compared to the last time? “Well, I think he has a great future. He’s getting experience right now. That’s a tough spot to be in. Not only are you following a legend, but now you’re counted on in a big way. So, every game, I think he’s getting better and better. They do a great job of bringing people in up there. I don’t see where they’re going to drop off here or any of that stuff. I just don’t see that. They’re too well coached, and their personnel department is just too good.”

Did Justin Houston have a set back? “Well, his knee is sore, and this is how this thing works. You’re going to have good days and bad days, so we just thought it was best if he didn’t play, and just rest him and let’s get it right. That’s why he didn’t play.”

Where would you rank your offense on the way they played on third downs and big plays? “I don’t know what the final stats were on it. I felt like we did a pretty good job with it. I think that’s a great defense. Again, they’re banged up just a little bit, but they’re still very good. Those two outside backers are as good as there is. So, I thought our guys did well. I thought they executed well. I thought Alex [Smith] had – get rid of that interception there where he got hit – that was a great day.”

There were questions all week about Tyreek Hill playing in the backfield – what did you see from Tyreek in the backfield? “Yeah, so we’re trying to expand every week a little bit more and more. He had some great carries back there. He’s an explosive player. He’s had experience at the running back position. We’ve tried to convert him here to wide receiver, and he’s done pretty well there. We wanted to put most of the emphasis on that first until he got a grasp of that. Then, you can add some things in here and there. I thought he did a good job back there. I think he had 90-some yards or so. He had the one long one, and then they started zero blitzing. They respected him and started bringing everybody.”

Was that something that you announced to the team that they made the playoffs before the game and that they were aware of? “No, I didn’t. You guys man. There’re no secrets. All they do is push a little button on the phone and a noise goes off, and they find out that they won or the group lost.”

With the win today, you entered tied for the top 10 in NFL history with wins as a head coach – what does it say about your career that you are up in that company? “Yeah, well it’s great company. I didn’t know that. Right now, I really don’t care. I don’t mean that to slam anybody. Let’s get more man, more, more, more.”

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Chiefs QB Alex Smith



Do you feel like you made some progress offensively today? “That’s a pretty good defense. I think statistically they’re the number one pass defense in the NFL, and arguably the premier defense in this league. To have the balance we did tonight – to run and pass for whatever it was, 230 (yards) each – yeah I think that says a lot about where we want to be as far as

balance, spreading the ball around, keeping them on their heels, different types of runs, different types of passes, things like that.”

Was there less double coverage on Kelce today? “Just at times. Any time it seemed like we singled him up in the slot he got doubled all day over there, they weren’t going to let him be one-on-one. Inside though we were able to kind of get some matchups there, especially on third down, get him singled up. He just separated all day. I thought he did a great job seeing leverage, winning, made some great catches and some great runs after.”

He made some nice blocks in the run game too? “Yeah, both runs, Kelce had huge blocks on.”

It seemed like he was the first guy you looked for after you scored. What did you say to him? “It’s an isolation play, if we get that look and the guy crashes it’s him and me on the edge. He’s a premier catching tight end in the league and to have two huge blocks like that to spring guys – huge block on Tyreek’s [Hill] run as well that got that going – he does a lot for us. I think obviously catching the football is the main thing but helping us win anyway he can, that’s just the kind of team we have. For him to do that I think sets a great example for the whole team.”

Can you critique Dontari Poe’s passing form? “One-for-one and a touchdown. I don’t think I can critique much – I can’t say anything. It looked good to me.”

Did some of the attention that Travis Kelce got open up things for Demetrius Harris? “Yeah, and it was something we looked for the last time we played them too, we thought we were going to get some opportunities to get him matched up. Kelce always got the safety on him all day and we were able to get Demetrius on some linebackers and he made some great plays today. So that’s certainly a give-and-take when we do have both of those guys on the field.”

How important is it for the offense that you guys have a player like Tyreek Hill that can get to the edge like he did tonight? “Yeah, I’m not going to do him justice up here trying to put it into words. Obviously he’s extremely talented. Durable, to do all the things we ask him to do – run, pass, special teams – that’s a lot of strain, not just mentally but physically. For him to be able to do it week-in and week-out says a lot about him. I think today a little more even, seeing him play running back, I know he played a ton in college, so a special player. There’s not many guys that have that skillset and then mentally as rookies can handle all the stuff he does. It’s really a credit to him.”

You finally feeling like you’re getting your wheels underneath you? “Yeah, finally got some runs. It felt like it’d been awhile. We’ve been joking in the QB room. I don’t know why, or what reason and there’s not one thing to point to why it hasn’t been there this year, but it was nice to get a few today – designed runs as well as scrambles.”

Obviously, you can still win the AFC West next weekend, but to get the playoffs clinched – is that important? “No, question. You can’t win it unless you get in. That’s the number one. That’s the first thing that we talk about. You have to get a ticket to the dance. After that, you can start worrying about byes, and home fields and things like that. Obviously, the loss last weekend hurt us in that situation. We’re going to need some help, but we’ll see. We have to take care of our own deal.”

It seems like this team is becoming more dynamic offensively. Do you see it that way? “Yeah, I think you want to be playing your best football this time of the year. You want to be getting better, and better and ascending. I think it’s credit to two things – the type of talent that we have. We have guys that can do a lot – [Travis] Kelce can do a lot, Tyreek [Hill], [Jeremy] Maclin can do a lot, running backs can run and catch. We have a lot of guys that can make plays. The coaches, I think, doing a great job putting gameplans together, taking advantage of

all those abilities. It's hard in this league to be daring. You're on TV, especially a night like tonight, you have everybody watching. To do things outside the box and our coaches do it and aren't afraid of it – to try new things and do new things. So, I think a combination of those things.”

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TE TRAVIS KELCE

Another day another 100 yards? “Merry Christmas.”

Did you see a lot less double coverage than you have been? “No, I’m not going to lie, that was probably about even double coverage. It was just kind of opportunities where Coach Reid was dialing up the right plays at the right time, catching them in the singled-up coverage. But for the most part of the game it felt like I was doubled-up.”

What about your blocks on those first two touchdowns? “Still working. Still working on it. There were some key blocks and there were a couple blocks where it was Bad News Bears out there for me. I’ve got to keep working on it – stick to the fundamentals that we do Monday through Friday and keep playing hard for the guys that are back there running the ball.”

Is that part of it a point of pride for you? “Oh yeah, without a doubt. That’s all it is, at the end of the day it’s a prideful matter – whether or not you’re going to be able to play to the whistle and block your man for the guy behind you.”

With the games you’ve been having and how Tyreek Hill has been playing, this offense seems more explosive. How important is that for you going into the postseason? “Without a doubt. We knew we had a special guy in Tyreek in training camp. He was kind of hidden in the draft because of some things. He’s been nothing but a grade-A character guy in the locker room and we love him for that. On top of that, his skill is unmatched on the field. When you’ve got an exciting guy like that, it helps out me and Jeremy [Maclin], Jeremy on the outside, me on the inside, to where you know they can’t double everybody. Somebody’s going to have a mismatch and 11 [Alex Smith] is back there doing his thing and making sure the ball gets in everybody’s hands.”

What did you think of Dontari Poe’s passing form? “You know I didn’t see it. I didn’t see it. I was blocking. I just saw the ball floating in the air and sure enough 8-4 [Demetrius Harris] went up and got it.”

You’ve been catching up with a lot of Tony Gonzalez’s records and tonight you passed his single-game receiving yards mark for tight ends? “Oh wow. I did not know that. Shout out to Tony G. I hate to do it on Christmas, Tony. It’s an honor, it’s an honor. 8-8 is the greatest ever to do it at my position and to even be in the same sentence as him, it’s humbling.”

You guys performed very well against a really good defense today, even though they had some injuries. What does it mean to have that kind of performance? “Every defense is a little bit different when you’re healthy. It’s hard to judge a team when guys are banged up but the caliber of defense they have is top-of-the-line. Every single play you know you’re going to have to be on your Ps and Qs, you’re going to have to be on your toes and you’re going to have to play to the whistle. Hats off to them for everything that they’ve done this year. It was a tough game for us, even though the score might not have looked like it, it was a grind-it-out type of win for us there in the second half.”

WR TYREEK HILL

Can you touch on the challenge Denver’s defense provided for this offense tonight? “We were going against one of the top defenses this week so nothing was ‘easy’ offensively. It all comes with practice.”

Take us through the touchdown run. How did it develop and what did you see? “It was a counter play. Travis Kelce did a great job sending his guy off and I was one-on-one with the safety.”

How does it feel to clinch a playoff spot tonight? “It feels great but we’re going for the No. 2 seed for our bodies. We just need to keep fighting and keep winning and we’ll be straight.”

DT DONTARI POE

How did it feel to get your number called on that touchdown pass at the end? “I was pretty excited. I was kind of ‘egging’ Coach [Andy] Reid on. I heard the play call and the fans started chanting my name and we were able to get it done.”

When the ball left your hand, how confident were you that Demetrius Harris was going to haul it in? “Real confident. The last couple of weeks when we ran it in practice, he was catching it all over the place when I threw it. I was confident he would catch it tonight too.”

What is this team’s mindset with one game to go and a playoff berth? “Keep working. We’ll go back to practice this week, get back in the ‘lab’ and keep working like our record is 0-0.”

What was Coach Andy Reid’s message to the team after the game? “Keep working, we have a lot to do. We are in the dance now, and we have some stuff to do when we get there so keep working.”

What was going through your mind when the play was called that led to your touchdown pass? “I am super excited because I know what is happening. You have to understand, these coaches do a lot of preparing to put something like that in. For me to go out there and have it actually happen, like they drew it up, was big.”

How many times have you practiced that play in practice? “A few, we have been practicing it for a couple of weeks now. Practice makes perfect and we got it done.”

What did you do that made the defense successful in shutting down Denver’s rushing attack? “Just playing, playing team defense. Everybody was gap sound and let’s get after it.”

DB RON PARKER

What did this secondary do to shut down Denver's receivers tonight? "We came in and played with what we took away from film study. We play Denver twice a year so we know them pretty well. We just need to come in and do our assignments and help every man do their job."

DL CHRIS JONES

Comments on making the playoffs: "It's a marathon, everyone just has to stay on task. We have so much ahead of us. We can still win the division. You know, our hopes are farther than the playoffs. We want to win the division and clinch the bye. Our mind is on the next game. We are on to San Diego. We are trying to find a way to beat those guys."

How much did you like seeing Dontari Poe throw a touchdown pass? "That is my dog. Listen, he scores, it is like we score. I keep on telling Alex (Smith), we are coming for his position, man. We aren't playing with him. We are not playing, we are quarterbacks. I keep on telling everybody. We are just big quarterbacks. We have the softest touch. Excuse the fumble I had. Excuse that, listen, I was running before I knew I had the ball. There are just some things you can't do. I can't do that but we are quarterbacks. I got hit off-guard. I fumbled the ball. Hey, it happens. Quarterbacks do get hit sometimes like that. As far as Poe scoring, I love that, that's excellent. I love that. To be 380 plus and to be able to move and do all of those type of things. That's amazing."

How important would it be to get home playoff games? "It's very important, very important. At the beginning of the season, that's all we talked about, making the playoffs. We have to make the playoffs. You then have to put yourself in a position to where you can play at home. It is hard to beat us at Arrowhead. It is very hard to beat us here. We would like to put ourselves in a position where we can have a game or two here."

TE DEMETRIUS HARRIS

Comments on his touchdown catch from Dontari Poe? "It was good just to hear the fans calling and cheering him on, once he got in there. We have been practicing and have had that play in our back pocket for a long time, so we just had a perfect time to call it. We kept our poise to sell the play and Poe made a good throw. I got a catch and touchdown."

How important was it to you to be such a big part of the game plan today? "It shows the trust the coaches have in me. The touchdown drop, that hurt. It felt like the end of the world but I kept my head up and my teammates kept me up. Once I had the opportunity to make another play, I made it."

What happened on the dropped touchdown pass? "My focus, it was too open. It was a great ball, it was just focus."

How good did it feel to have so many weapons working in the offense today? "It's great when you have everybody contribute. We've got so many pieces and so many plays and so we can put players everywhere. It is great when you have everybody meshing like that at the same time."

Was there pressure to catch the pass from Dontari Poe? "No, there wasn't pressure. It was just Poe, I told him to throw it up, man. It was Memphis to Little Rock. We are always messing around. He threw good ball where I could only get it. I just tried to high-point the ball and come down with it."

