

#### PRESEASON - WEEK 2 WASHINGTON REDSKINS VS. CINCINNATI BENGALS

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#### REDSKINS HEAD COACH JAY GRUDEN

#### On what he saw from QB Case Keenum and the first team offense:

"Yeah, I thought the tempo was OK there. The big offensive PI [pass interference] – need an explanation for that one. But overall, the tempo was still pretty good. Still the penalties, it's the same old tune right now and something we have to get cleaned up. They're calling these games pretty tight, so we have to make sure we do a better job of avoiding these penalties somehow."

# On the offensive pass interference call on WR Kelvin Harmon:

"I don't know. All is know is I want Kelvin Harmon to do that every time the ball is in the air. That's why we drafted him because he is aggressive when the ball is in the air. If he can't do what he did in this game, then I don't know what he can do. I am going to continue to coach Kelvin Harmon to go up and go get the ball like he did tonight and good things will happen for him. We'll get the explanation hopefully tomorrow or the next day, but I applaud Kelvin for his effort going out and attacking the ball."

# On the first team defense's performance:

"Yeah, those penalties? Yeah. I think they did good, man. I liked the way they rebounded from the penalties. Josh Norman tried to catch the ball and he got illegal contact. Jonathan [Allen], the whistle blew and he, you know, probably needed to use better judgement there. But to recover from those penalties – I think four on the first drive – and to get the pick-six by Montae [Nicholson] was big time. I liked to see them respond, and then the next two drives, they were pretty successful."

#### On the touchdown pass from QB Dwayne Haskins Jr. to WR Robert Davis:

"Yeah, I liked it. The best part I liked was Dwayne handling the protection. He did a great job. Challenged him, gave him some different looks and he addressed the protection to give himself just that extra beat of time where he could look down field, step into the throw and throw a perfect ball to Rob Davis. Rob did a great job tracking it and making the catch. But it starts upfront, you know, they're going to blitz you. They're going to blitz us week in and week out on third down and six to eight. The Bengals did, and we picked it up pretty well. Dwayne did a great job with the protection and standing in there. It's not easy to stand in there, stick your foot in the ground and throw a 55-yard pass with people coming at you. I was impressed by that."

#### On T Morgan Moses, RB Shaun Wilson and DL Tim Settle:

"Yeah, Shaun hurt his ankle there late on the punt return. Settle just has a sore knee; I think he'll be OK. And Morgan has a slight hamstring pull, but he'll be fine."

#### On WR Terry McLaurin not playing tonight:

"McLaurin, he went up for a ball last week, landed on his tailbone – the back area. It was a little sore. He probably could have gone today, but we kept him out."

### On if the injury to McLaurin occurred before the Cleveland Browns game:

"No, the Cleveland game was a healthy scratch. This game was just a bit of a soreness. Nothing major at all. He's going to be fine."

#### On QB Dwayne Haskins Jr.'s performance:

"I mean, Dwayne showed flashes. There are a couple balls he rushed a bit. He missed a couple shots, he rushed a little bit, didn't put enough air under there. This is all a process for him. It's good to see him get out there and take hits here and there. Have him do the protections, get the running game going and calling the plays. The presentation that I'm interested in right now is how he handles himself, how he controls the players in the huddle with the leadership qualities that he has. It's fun to watch him right now. He's a work in progress, and he's going to continue getting better and better."

# On LB Cole Holcomb not playing:

"He had a little bit of an AC-joint injury. That's one of those things that if you just keep pounding, it's just going to continue to be there. We want to make sure we get that thing full strength before he goes out there. Hopefully, he'll be ready for Atlanta [Falcons] next week."

# On the challenge on the offensive pass interference call:

"I think I would have challenged them both again. The first one, offensive pass interference, the one on Cam [Sims], he was getting a bump and run. When you're pressed, you are allowed to release. Trying to get an inside release is legal. They didn't see it that way. The second one on Kelvin [Harmon], they called a push off on Kelvin. When it was in the air, I thought it was defensive pass interference which they did not believe that was. Like I said, that's something we'll have to talk about upstairs. I thought it was clear on the sideline. I saw it, so it was easy to see. I didn't have to have a lot of discussion with people upstairs on that one. Unfortunately, I was wrong. We just have to be very careful because they won't overturn it if it's not clear. The one to Kelvin – the last one – I didn't think was that clear, so we'll just have to wait and see. It's a tough deal."

#### On OB Colt McCov:

"With Colt it's all dependent on his leg. Starting isn't even in the equation right now until he's healthy. Once I get the word that he is one hundred percent healthy, then we'll start talking about the competition and he'll have to get back in there. I know what Colt is and what he is all about. He knows the offense, but let's get him healthy."

#### On how Haskins Jr. handled the mechanics:

"Good, things to clean up. There are some things that we just got beat in protection. Their defensive end made a good play on him on the sack fumble. It was a good rush. He was early on the ball and our tackle Donald Penn and the cadence got kind of messed up a bit. But overall, there's a lot to like and a lot to clean up as it is every week."

#### On if Haskins Jr. is making similar mistakes to last week:

"These are different plays and different defenses, so you'll never make the same mistake twice. You might overthrow a ball since things happen, but for the most part, I don't think there's anything scheme-related that he messed up. So we've got to get him protected better, and we have to be in better down and distance for goodness sake. We had second and 20 again about 13 times. There's no quarterback that has a chance in those down and distances. So hopefully next week, we'll get him in there and get a good drive together and get some positive down and distances and friendly for the play caller."

#### On his comfort level with the quarterback situation:

"I'm good right now. I think we have a lot of time still to get these guys back and recover. We'll come back Sunday ready to roll – Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. And then we still have another few days before our last preseason game. I like where we're at and where we're headed. We're in good shape. We just have to get some things shored up with the offensive line for sure. You know, get Jordan Reed back out there, get Terry [McLaurin] back out there. I think offensively we'll be OK."

#### On LB Montez Sweat playing his first game and playing with the first team:

"Well, it's a rotation. I think all those defensive ends, outside linebackers, they're outside linebackers in base and then they're defensive ends in the sub defense. So they'll continue to rotate – [Ryan] Kerrigan, Sweat, Ryan [Anderson], [Cassanova] McKinzy. That's the way you have to do it to keep them fresh. Same with the defensive line."

# On Sweat's performance:

"I have to watch the film. I didn't totally watch him. I watched the big picture – offense and defense – but I saw a couple good get-offs. I think he probably needs to get in a little bit better shape. He missed some time there with his calf injury. It think that's one thing he'll probably have to get working on. I think for his first game, he did pretty good."

#### On WR Robert Davis:

"Robert's a hard worker. He's strong and physical. We liked what we saw last year before his injury. Then he came back and worked extremely hard to get himself ready for this year. He's competing his tail off with those other big guys [Kelvin] Harmon and obviously [Brian] Quick and Cam Sims. It's a heck of a battle."

# On giving up a punt return touchdown for the second straight week:

"We have to look at the punt number one. How was it? Was there any hang time? Was it just a line drive to [Alex] Erickson, who is a heck of a punt returner. Then we have to get off blocks and we have to spread the field out and pursue and make somebody make a tackle. Tress [Way] was in position to make a tackle, but I told him if he tries to make a tackle and gets hurt, we're going to have a problem. So, he ran out of the way by my orders. We have to look at everything. The coaches do a great job out there. [Special Teams Coordinator] Nate [Kaczor] will do a good job of checking it out and getting them better."



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# REDSKINS QUARTERBACK CASE KEENUM

#### On the team's performance:

"I thought we did some good things. Again, I think there were some negative plays that kind of stopped our drives. There are always going to be some plays I want back and there's a few plays that I definitely want back, but I thought we did well. We popped some runs, got Adrian [Peterson] loose there early and then I think a few plays that we were close to kind of getting in a rhythm and that's just kind of preseason. You get to that point where you're almost there and then you're out of the game, so it's tough. You kind of get left wanting more, but I'm excited. I think we're better than last week and I'm looking to be better next week."

#### On his comfort level in the offense:

"I feel really good. I really do. I think it's been really good with [Head Coach] Jay [Gruden] and [Offensive Coordinator] Kevin [O'Connell] and just the communication there. It has continued to get better and better and we're past certain points and we're able to talk more in-depth on certain plays and I love the way they look at defenses and I love their philosophy. So, I think the more on the same page I can get as them, the better and I think every day we're taking steps in the right direction."

# On how much easier it makes his job when the team has speed at the tight end position:

"Guys like that, it's matchup nightmares for guys on the other team. Just finding ways to get those guys in space, mismatches and finding the right leverage in man coverage, finding the weaknesses in zone, the coaches are doing a great job of doing that and we haven't really gotten into any real game planning yet. It's just kind of putting some stuff together on the fly and I thought tonight we did some good stuff and put some good stuff on film, but I think we got some good stuff to learn from as well."

#### On playing with RB Adrian Peterson:

"I've handed off a lot in my career to a lot of great backs and it is different, it is a different feeling when you hand it off to him. I'm going to have to get used to it, I'm going to have to get on my horse because he is on his horse early. That's all I have to say about that."

# On if his progress thus far gives him optimism about where he can get between now and Week 1 of the regular season:

"I think so, yeah. We don't want to be at our best right now. Going into games I want to be perfect and I want to make all the right checks and all the right reads and all the throws and go score touchdowns every time, but this is a process. That's what training camp is about, it's about learning, learning your guys and we've got a lot of guys that can do some special things. I feel like we haven't even tapped into even a portion of our potential that we have as an offense."

# REDSKINS QUARTERBACK DWAYNE HASKINS JR.

#### On his first NFL touchdown:

"It was exhilarating. I enjoyed it. It was fun. I will never forget it. It was exciting for me."

# On what stood out about the touchdown play:

"I was more proud of what happened pre-snap than anything. I did a hard count, had rotation late and flipped the protection. I still got hit but Rob [Davis] did a great job of getting open. The corner and cover safety was low. I saw him back pedaling pretty slow and told him that I was throwing deep. He caught it and scored a touchdown. I wasn't worried about getting hit. After he scored, I was excited."

# On how that play works in practice:

"We have tried it but I don't think we have hit on it yet, at least I have not hit on it yet. I know Case threw a couple of them. I haven't gotten that play too much but I am glad that I got it."

### On the rest of his night aside from the touchdown pass:

"It was good. I was just trying to move the ball and make smart decisions. Don't put the ball in harm's way. I did great with my protections today and didn't miss at all. I'm just trying to put it all together and get better every day."

#### On avoiding mistakes:

"No, I just play. I am not really conscious on making the same mistakes twice. Before the game I am like, 'Alright, I am not going to throw two picks again.' That is what I thought and I didn't, so that was good. When I play, I just play. I don't think about making the same mistakes twice or just missing a throw. I just let it go and move on to the next one."

# On the improved protections:

"I think I was a little more settled down this week than I was last week. Just the first time playing in the NFL and that stuff. I felt like I was more in my element today."

#### On playing in FedExField for the first time:

"It was good. There was a lot of sevens [jerseys]. Might have been [Joe] Theismann, I don't know [Laughs]. It was good to be home. My parents came to the game and it was good to see them. It is great to be back."

#### On the reaction after the TD:

"I was hyped. I don't really get too excited too often but when I throw a touchdown pass I like to go off a little bit."

#### On if practice helped him make adjustments tonight:

"The reason why I did that was because I wanted to be closer to what the coaches were looking at. I play quarterback, I love the position and I felt that me sitting behind the quarterback during practice made it more realistic for me to get my own mental rep. That is what I learned at Ohio State. Just from listening to the play, watching the play, knowing what I am reading and where the ball should go each play. It is just like getting the aspects of it. That is probably why I threw a touchdown to Rob [Davis] today because Case got the play in practice, I saw it, took the mental rep down and executed it myself."

#### REDSKINS WIDE RECIEVER ROBERT DAVIS

### On the touchdown he scored:

"Honestly my read on that was to clear out the deepest defender, if I run past him he throws up the ball, if he stays over the top, we got other reads that we go to. He did a good job of giving me a chance to make a play for the team."

#### On the offensive pass interference calls:

"The refs made the call, we just got to continue to play. I feel like Kelvin did a great job battling for the football today. Calls are calls. We move on and go to the next play."

#### On scoring two touchdowns in two weeks:

"It is a blessing from God man, can't even explain it. I am firm believer that Christ can work miracles and I feel like He's really got His hands on me right now. I am just excited to be out here playing with my boys again and continuing to try and get better every week."

# REDSKINS CORNER BACK JOSH NORMAN

# On defense's energy and communication:

"We were flying around, guys out there making plays. They're hungry, you can see it. First day out."

#### On encouraging signs from the defense:

"Yeah, guys flying to the ball, 93 [Allen] was everywhere, shoot. As soon as I looked up he was there. Look around 94 [Payne] is there. Shoot, they lost weight."

### On the defense meeting expectations:

"Guys first day out, fresh out. Like for real for real, they were hungry, you could tell. They were tired of going against our offense, granted, they wanted to come and make their presence felt. Today, they really did that and they showed what we can become. We always say we want to attack the ball. We want to attack whoever has that ball and go straight for them, no matter if it's in the air or on the ground. With guys running to the ball, great things happen."



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#### BENGALS HEAD COACH ZAC TAYLOR

# **Opening statement:**

"Like I told the guys, it feels good to win. You've got to get used to winning. This week, as we get ready for the Giants, we got a seven day week that'll be like a normal week. So, I told those guys we've got to raise our standards in every area coming off this week because this week wasn't quite good enough, and we got a lot to improve on. I thought offensively, the first drive, I don't know how I feel about it because it was a string, I think eight penalties on the first nine plays. So it was very disjointed, but I do know we had too many penalties in the first quarter for us to go win a football game. So that was a bad way to start, and unfortunately, we felt like we had a good shot a touchdown there, the ball got tipped, and it goes the other way. So your feeling goes from about to score a touchdown on the first drive of the game to all of the sudden we are down 6-0, that's a tough way to start. So, you know, I just thought our guys just needed to rebound better on offense, take control, not so many penalties and get the ball moving. I thought defensively we really did a nice job in this game. Guys tackled better, guys played with more energy, those are things that we asked them at halftime, "Let's create some turnovers and let's be great tacklers." I thought they came out and did that. Special teams obviously stepped up and had a much better game. Great to see those guys, we still have to make the kicks that are there for us. But overall, I thought special teams and that defense, the whole unit played well throughout. I thought the first offense needed to start better but the next groups picked it up in the second half."

### On feeling out the offensive pass interference call and the review process:

"The one that got us was when they called a touchdown for us, but we didn't see a signal for touchdown. So I assumed he was down at the one and then all of a sudden the clocks running and we've been spotted way back because we got called for OPI. So those were, I guess, do a better job speaking with the officials and make sure we're all on the same page because they must review it very quickly to declare it was an OPI so that we can regroup and get ready to roll. But, I think the officials are doing a really good job of trying to over-communicate with you, just in general. Everyone's kind of working through this together and so the guys that have been on our sidelines have done a good job. They come up after each try and make sure we are on the same page, so they are in a tough spot; it's not easy. But they are trying their best to communicate with us."

#### On what happened on the touchdown play that was ruled an OPI:

"Well, we didn't need to throw the flag because it was technically a score and so we can't throw a flag on a score. We didn't realize it was a score; I thought he was down on the one. So we threw it and their comment was 'just get with us and see if you can review that or not." Obviously, if we knew that was a touchdown, we wouldn't have thrown it, everything is reviewable at that point. So they reviewed it and they deemed it was not DPI – I'm sorry, that it should not have been picked up for being OPI. They spot us back at first-and-20. That's just a confusing scenario that we worked through and it's good that it happened in the preseason."

#### On younger players having some jitters in preseason games:

"That should be no surprise; it's their first game in the NFL. Guys are going to be nervous. They get so excited and tired very quickly because all their nerves are running through them. [I] certainly thought those guys stepped up and responded tonight and we saw a lot of the early guys make some plays."

#### On the touchdown pass that QB Dwayne Haskins threw:

"Yeah, just a spilt second late. You're talking about the touchdown on the third down? Sometimes that's the difference on third down. We cause some of those pressures and you're vulnerable on the back end because you're counting on the pressure to hit the quarterback a little bit sooner and lucky for him, he got it out and made a big play."

# On performance of the receivers:

"It was. I think those guys have – we've been impressed by the receiver groups as a core. I think [wide receivers coach] Bob Bicknell and [assistant quarterbacks coach] Dan Pitcher have done a great job with those guys and being on top of the details because that's so important in the system is that guys are doing the little things the right way. So, it's still not perfect, but I have been impressed with that group as a whole. Those guys stepped up and made some big plays tonight."

#### On the touchdown to WR Auden Tate:

"Yeah, it's important to format to make plays that way that put guys into position that plays to their strengths. That was a great job by him, great job by the other two guys to create interference in a sense and him doing a great job of coming through there with aggressive hands. That was a great job by Auden, great job by Ryan [Finley]."

#### On the WR Damion Willis catch that didn't count:

"Well, Damion's got a knack for the ball. It's no surprise that when we put the ball down the field, he's got that radar where he can get underneath and go track those balls down. It's too bad that one got called back, because obviously it would have been a big play. It changes things and instead, we end up kicking the ball there. Damion has been impressive. With those young guys, consistency has been what we're looking for. Showing up in the run game. It's not just about catching the ball, it's helping our backs in the run game as well. So, those guys have got to continue to step up, but overall they've done a nice job."

#### On QB Ryan Finley starting 8-for-8:

"Well, it sounds like we're getting worse because we were I think 10-for-10 last time. We're regressing in that regard but again he was very cool and calm and you've got a lot of confidence with him in there and I thought he did a nice job. I really thought all of our quarterbacks did a good job with their decision-making. You know unfortunately for Andy [Dalton] the penalties get out of control and he's the leader of that group so he's got to step up and take control of them, which he does a good job of. Unfortunately for him, it's hard to get into a rhythm when there's flags every other play and so that was tough. But I thought the other two guys did a nice job."

#### On WR Alex Erickson returning punts in the 4th Quarter:

"Yeah, I think that he just wanted Alex [Erickson] to get another return. You know he hasn't gotten too many of them yet and he'll be the returner, so I'm glad that they put him back there."

#### On his confidence in CB Darius Phillips:

"Yup, we got confidence in Darius [Phillips]. He's still a young player, he's improving. Obviously we had some miscues last week but he had a good week in practice which I think everybody saw and then he bounces back. You know you have just got to keep picking these guys up and have confidence in them. I think Darius [Phillips] knows that we do and he had a great return there to start the game. That was good to see from him and Alex [Erickson] is just a guy to get back over the hump and get the confidence back. He's a good return guy and we'll keep giving him a look."

#### On the run game:

"It's a little easier to tell tomorrow, to be honest with you. I know Joe [Mixon] had a good one when we got called for holding. It's good to see those guys in there, they're difference makers so it's a little easier to call the run game. I thought Jordan Ellis did a nice job. He was our last man standing. We were out of backs. He

was in there, we tried to give him a break at times, but he kept fighting his tail off and getting some hardearned runs. We felt like we got better at the run game as the game got going. Our guys got in a grove a little bit and that's typically the way it goes and he does a good job of grinding those out."

# On HB Trayveon Williams' injury:

"I don't know yet. We'll find out a little more probably tomorrow."

# On C/G Trey Hopkins' performance and finding a starting center:

"Sooner better than later. We'll keep looking at all these positions. Billy [Price] is still fighting through that foot injury so we want to make sure Billy gets back up to speed and we're still evaluating that left guard. We'll watch the tape and keep making evaluations and take our time on making a decision."

#### On K Tristan Vizcaino's 57-yard field goal:

"It's a consistency that we need now. We've got to make extra points early in the game. We've got to make the field goals that are there, but he did a great job. It was good to see him come through and kick a 57, 58 (yard field goal). That's impressive, that's something he can do. Happy for him."

#### On how he thought G Michael Jordan performed at left guard:

"We'll see. That's one you've got to watch the tape. When you're calling plays, you're thinking of the next play. You're not necessarily evaluating [what the battle was]. [Offensive line coach] Jimmy [Turner] will probably have a better feel for it and we'll talk about it tomorrow."

# On the first defense's performance:

"They really stepped up. They did a nice job. They played physically, the way we wanted. Defensively, we feel we did a lot better."



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# BENGALS QUARTERBACK ANDY DALTON

#### On the interception:

"Yeah, if the ball doesn't get tipped it's a touchdown, so unfortunately he just went the other way with it. It is one of those things, the ball doesn't find the ground very much when they get tipped. I mean it's exactly how you draw it up. We had a great play call and unfortunately it got tipped."

#### On finding a rhythm:

"Yes, it was kind of weird. I don't know how many yards we had on penalties on that first drive. We had way too many penalties. It is one of those things we have to look at ourselves. We can't have that; we can't set ourselves back. So, it was tough to get in a rhythm there."

# On watching young receivers:

"I thought those guys played great. Damion [Willis] had a couple really good catches. [Auden] Tate had a couple that were really good, obviously with the touchdown. That was a really good play. There is that competition there and these guys are really starting to raise their level of play."

#### On the offensive penalties:

"Yes, there were too many penalties and we set ourselves back. We didn't get any kind of rhythm. It made it tough. We put ourselves behind the chains and it made it hard to convert. It's one of those things we have to correct. We can't have those penalties. We can't shoot ourselves in the foot like that."

#### On the interception being a TD if it is not tipped:

"It's a touchdown. Unfortunately, we have a great play call, great play. Ball is going exactly where it needed to go, it just happens to get tipped. That goes to show you it's a game of inches. You never know what's going to happen. If he didn't tip that ball it's six points for us, Unfortunately, it got tipped and they brought it back."

#### On the interception play call going to Trayveon Williams:

"Yeah, he ran a great route. He got open and it's unfortunate it got tipped."

#### On who tipped the ball:

"It was right at the line, I don't know who got it, one of those interior guys."

#### On Head Coach Zac Taylor's experience as a QB being helpful:

"For sure, I think that we have so many QB's on the staff, and so many guys that have that experience as a QB. Little things that happen they know what you been through so it definitely helps with all of that experience in the room."

#### On finding a rhythm:

"We didn't really have a rhythm and then we got down because of the penalties too. Some of them were kind of going both ways, but we set ourselves back and made it tough, I feel like there was a penalty called on every play at the start of the game, it was weird. We can't do it; we have to be sharp on our assignments."

#### On that tipped pass being low:

"No, the ball was going exactly where I needed to, on time and rhythm. He just happened to deflect the ball and it got to Nicholson. If he didn't touch it it's a touchdown on our end, so I guess it's just a good play on his part."

# BENGALS QUARTERBACK RYAN FINLEY

### On his overall impression of the game:

"It was a lot of fun getting out there. I thought [we] had some really good drives. I was in there, I thought Jordan [Ellis] ran the ball really well and just really balanced, made it easy to call plays. I thought it was fun for Drew Sample to get his first touchdown and then banging that one on [Auden] Tate, that was a really good catch by him. I thought guys played really well, it was a lot of fun."

#### On the touchdown to WR Auden Tate:

"Well pre-snap I knew I was throwing to him. So just give him a chance. He's a huge body. He's got great hands. So if we put it anywhere in his area code, he's going to come down with it. Really good catch by him."

# On building chemistry with the young wide receivers:

"I think that is one of the really awesome things about what we are doing on offense right now. We have a lot of receivers that know a lot of different positions and are playing at a high level. So when those guys get back, it's going to be awesome."

# BENGALS WIDE RECEIVER ALEX ERICKSON

# On the feeling of returning a punt return for a TD:

"It just shows how hard it is. Never take it for granted I guess. No matter if it's in the first quarter of week whatever or the fourth quarter of preseason game two. I guess it's all the same. If you're going be out there, you might as well give it your all and make a play. We were able to do that, and it ended up being a big play in the game. Obviously where we're at, and I know it's just the preseason, but we're trying to win every single game. We're trying to build a winning culture here, and the only way to do that is by winning games. So it was good to get the W tonight. Sometimes it's all the phases. The special teams showed up big tonight, and it helped us win the game."

### On taking the chance to return almost every punt:

"Yeah it's one of those things too. Preseason, you get a lot of advice, you get a lot of opportunities and then, from your own standpoint, you want to get comfortable back there. You know it's one thing catching it at practice, but when it's live bullets, it makes a heck of a difference. For me, personally, I want to make sure I get a few live reps in because when week one comes around it's all going to be up another level speed wise. You want to be comfortable catching it, you want to be comfortable in traffic, you want to get your eyes right on the defenders, so you can set guys up and things like that. It's all about getting the feel back and getting the flow. We were able to do that tonight."

# BENGALS TIGHT END DREW SAMPLE

#### On the 57-yard field goal:

"Oh, 100 percent. Going back to practices at Washington [University], games at Washington, he was the man. I'm sure, I know he was bummed, I think he missed the first one and then he came back and just nailed the second one, that 57-yarder. Definitely, I knew he was capable of that and I was really happy for him to make that."

# On if he is surprised Tristan [Vizcaino] can hit from all over the field:

"No, I mean he's got a leg on him, so that doesn't surprise me at all. For him, it is awesome and obviously it was able to help the team out too."

#### On hitting the game winning field goal:

"I think it was just kind of understanding what you're going into. You kind of get the first game jitters, speed, there is just a lot that goes into it. I think even just the preparation part, the differences between college and the NFL. Kind of knowing what was going to happen more definitely helped. Another week in practice I think helped too."

# BENGALS KICKER TRISTAN VIZCAINO

# On his journey to the Bengals:

"Really my agent got in contact with the team and I had a tryout in Cincinnati, I think a week before the end of the regular season this past year. I did well and got signed to a futures contract. Went through OTAs here and now, we are competing in training camp."

#### On how it feels to kick a 57-yard field goal:

"I mean, that one in particular didn't feel like I got the hardest hit on it, but I got enough on it to get the job done. Probably could've gotten a little more solid contact on it."

### On hitting the game winning field goal:

"It kind of comes with the nature of the position, right. You can't have high highs and low lows. You just have to stay pretty even, stay within yourself and I guess I translate it off the field."

# BENGALS LINEBACKER GERMAINE PRATT

# On what he feels he can improve on:

"Me being more discipline in the defense, more discipline and just being more sound and stuff."

#### On what he feels like the defense can improve on as a whole:

"I mean just being physical, playing hard and then just everybody doing their job. Come out and do your job. Make sure that the eleven people that's on the field do their job and just play hard for your brother."

#### On how he felt about playing on the same field as Adrian Peterson:

"That was good, just seeing him, you know, old guy, you know what I mean, that you watched growing up when he played for the Vikings and stuff. Then seeing him get out a little bit. That was like, we didn't want him to get out, but I see he still had it."



# PRESEASON - WEEK 2 WASHINGTON REOSKINS VS. CINCINNATI BENGALS

Thursday, Aug. 15 | 7:30 p.m. ET FedExField (82,000) | Landover, Md.



### **POOL REPORT**

# Q: Can you walk me through what exactly was the reason for the offensive pass interference call on Kelvin Harmon? What constituted the pass interference there?

Answer: Well, we're not going to talk about what constituted it, because what happens here is the ruling on the field was offensive pass interference. And remember in replay, we start with the premise that the call on the field is correct. And unless we have clear and obvious visual evidence to overturn the ruling on the field, we will not do that. In this situation, there was not clear and obvious visual evidence to overturn it, so we let the ruling on the field stand.

# Q: What exactly did you all see to call the pass interference? What constituted pass interference on that particular play?

A: So in this situation, the ruling on the field was that the offensive player comes up with a reception. That's your ruling on the field. We look at the ruling on the field, and then the defense challenges that there was offensive pass interference. We look at the play, we look at all the TV angles, and we ruled that the offensive player significantly hindered the defensive player in his attempt to get to the football. Therefore, we put a flag on the ground for offensive pass interference.

**Q:** How did you guys determine that the offensive player hindered the defensive player on that play? A: There was clear and obvious visual evidence that he pulls him to the ground and significantly hinders him. There's clear and obvious evidence that he pulls him back, and he significantly hinders the opponent's opportunity to make a play on the football.