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**Browns Head Coach Freddie Kitchens**

**Opening statement:**

“Not the result we wanted. I thought our guys kept fighting hard until the very end. We’ll get back to Cleveland and put our head back down, keep working and come out next week and give it our best shot against Baltimore. Have to get to 1-0 this week. That’s the only thing we’re worried about. Can’t do anything about this one. We can only help ourselves moving forward and get better moving forward.”

**On why he thinks they did not have their best shot today:**

“I thought we were ready to play. I didn’t do a good enough job getting them ready to play. I’ve got to do better during the course of the week of making sure they’re ready to play when we get to gameday. It felt like we were off balance defensively all day. They threw it; they ran it. There were a couple third downs I made some bad calls on offense, and it put us behind the eight ball when we fell down two scores, so we have to make the field goal. It was a group effort today. We didn’t convert some crucial third downs, which I think we were nine out of 14, but we didn’t convert some crucial ones that we needed to extend drives. And we didn’t get off the field. They didn’t have any third downs. They averaged almost eight yards a play, so we have to do a much better job in that area as well. Offensively, defensively, special teams, they made plays and we didn’t.”

**On if he is disappointed the team was not ready to play given the team’s playoff hopes depended on a win:**

“Our guys have done a good job of keeping their heads down and continuing to work. I think there’s a difference between mentally and physically being ready to play than just getting to the game and making the plays when they’re there to be made. We didn’t make any plays to get them off the field defensively, and like I said, there were two third down drives that I’ve got to do a better job putting our guys in a better situation.”

**On if he thinks the team was not ready mentally or physically:**

“No, I just think that’s the only thing you can say. Whenever you show up, you’re supposed to perform at a higher level, so I’m assuming I’ve got to go back and revisit what I did during the course of the week to see if I can get them to the game better on Sunday.”

**On what factors led him to defer on the coin toss:**

“Just trying to get a double score at the end of the half, to be absolutely honest with you. Trying to score before the half and then get the ball to start the second half.”



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**On what he saw on the replay of S Damarious Randall's play in the endzone that was called pass interference after official review:**

"I'll look into that. I voiced my opinion out there. I'm not going to talk about it in here though."

**On his exchange with WR Jarvis Landry on the sideline:**

"Listen, I love Jarvis Landry. Jarvis is my kind of player as far as (being) fiery, and things happen; and it's not a big deal. I'm pretty sure it's not a big deal if you ask him. It's an emotional game. I love Jarvis."

**On if the third down before K Austin Seibert's missed field goal is one he wanted back:**

"If we didn't get it. I'd like to have it back if we didn't pick it up."

**On what he thinks the loss means for his future as the Browns' coach:**

"I don't care about my future as Browns coach. I'm going to show up Monday, and I'm going to do the best job I can do Monday. And that's tomorrow. That's the only thing I can control."

**On if he has received assurance from ownership and General Manager John Dorsey that they support him:**

"I'm pretty sure that ownership and John Dorsey would like for me to do my job and keep my head down and keep working. That's what I'm going to do. I'm not worried about anything else other than that."

**On the national report that ownership and management are in his corner:**

"Again, I'm going to work tomorrow to try to get the Browns better. That's the only thing."

**On WR Larry Fitzgerald and what he has meant to the Cardinals franchise:**

"Larry (Fitzgerald) is a tremendous person and an exceptional player, and I feel very fortunate that I was with him for 11 years. I saw him work every day. I saw him grind every day. I saw him get himself ready to play during training camp and show up every Sunday and play. I don't know the last time he's missed a game. Just impeccable in everything he does."

**On making a concerted effort to get WR Odell Beckham Jr. the ball:**

"I don't know, we call plays that we think are going to work, and where the ball goes is in his (Baker Mayfield) read. We had a couple opportunities there, and we just keep doing the same thing. I thought we moved the ball fairly well today. We were nine out of 14 on third downs. Nick (Chubb) ran the ball well. Odell (Beckham) made some plays. Jarvis (Landry) made some plays. We just didn't do enough."



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**On what he thinks went wrong defensively:**

“Anytime you average almost eight yards a play, there has to be some missed tackles somewhere along the way, and I think we had a lot of missed tackles. I think we had them in the backfield a couple times and didn’t come away with a missed tackle, and it actually ended up being a positive run for them. So, we have to take those opportunities and correct them and get better at them.”

**On if the Cardinals offensive style created strategic problems for the Browns:**

“No, I don’t think so. I thought we had some people in position to make plays, but we’ll see what we can do differently as coaches. I think in several instances, we had guys there to make the play, we just have to make them. I have to do a better job during the course of the week to get them to the point where they can make that play.”

**On what was most challenging about stopping QB Kyler Murray:**

“He’s the player we thought he was. He’s a good player. He’s the No. 1 overall pick. He can throw the ball well, he’s pretty accurate, and then if it breaks down, he can run with the ball, so they didn’t surprise us with anything.”

**On QB Baker Mayfield’s performance and what happened on his interception:**

“I thought Baker was hooked up. He just threw the ball a little high right there that one time. I thought he was pretty accurate for the rest of the day. I thought he was pretty good.”

**On the decision to scratch TE David Njoku:**

“I put the people out there I think are going to give us the best chance to win, and that’s a week-to-week decision.”

**On if they went for Seibert’s missed field goal because it was just a two-score game at that point:**

“Yeah. It’s a 45-yard field goal. I expect Austin (Seibert) to make it. He expects to make it. Everybody expects him to make that.”

**On if he saw anything out of RB Kenyan Drake that surprised him:**

“He’s a very good player.”

**On if he has any updates on T Kendall Lamm’s injury:**

“I do not yet.”



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**Browns Quarterback Baker Mayfield**

**On his mindset after this loss:**

“It hurts knowing that we came in and they out-played us. It’s just frustrating. I’ll be able to tell you more after I look at the film.”

**On how it feels to put together a bad game all the way around:**

“We started slow. After that, we were playing from behind the whole game. That’s pretty much the tale of the tape.”

**On the inconsistent passing game this season:**

“When we get in a rut, we try and establish the run game, and we did that in the second quarter. We know we just fell behind after that. A few critical plays we need to look back on with third down conversions we didn’t make that ultimately could’ve turned this game around. That’s the frustrating part about not being able to execute in the pass game.”

**On the heated exchanges on the sideline:**

“Frustration. We’re not having success. Frustration is the sign of everybody wanting it. Our guys didn’t give up today. We kept playing even though it was well out of reach. It’s just frustrating. That’s all I can say about that.”

**On his opinion on deferring the decision to kickoff or receive after winning the coin toss:**

“I don’t really have an opinion on that.”

**On if their talent is better than their performance tonight:**

“We started slow, like I said. If you start fast, we can kind of control the game. We weren’t able to do that today.”

**On what he saw on his interception:**

“Ball was just too high. Patrick Peterson is a veteran player who understands concepts. He played behind it, saw the ball and played it well. I have to get through the reach next time or just make the throw.”

**On going up against Cardinals QB Kyler Murray:**

“Yeah, he won.”

**On if he was surprised by Murray’s performance tonight:**

“No, I’m never surprised by anything Kyler does. He’s a special athlete, and they ran the ball well and allowed him to do stuff all game.”

**On how disappointing it is to be eliminated from playoff contention:**

“I don’t think it set in yet, but very disappointing. I’ll say that.”

**On his relationship with Murray:**



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“He told me he had the bragging rights. That’s basically the end of it. We have a good relationship, so he was giving me a hard time. Just went with the punches.”

**On if Head Coach Freddie Kitchen has the faith of his players:**

“We just have to execute. Like I said, we have to look at the tape and see exactly where we went wrong. It’s just frustrating.”

**On having a talented roster but not performing:**

“Just execution, I think. Everybody has to do their job. Just because guys look good on paper doesn’t mean it’s going to happen. We have to go out there to execute and do our job. We’ll continue to push forward.”

**On if the team is close to reaching its potential:**

“We’re close to putting a game together. (We’re close) to what we know we can do. It doesn’t matter what the expectations are from the outside. We set a bar very high for ourselves. We didn’t meet that today.”

**On how they view the last two weeks without playoff contention:**

“See what type of men we have in the locker room. You have a job to do. You have to show up on Sundays and play. I know I’m going to do that. I’m going to get the offense ready to play against a very good Ravens team. We have that as the task at hand.”

**On how he felt he did today:**

“Some improvement, but a loss is always not good enough.”



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**Browns Wide Receiver Jarvis Landry**

**On how frustrating it is to lose in a poorly played game:**

“Very. They played a great game today. They dominated in pretty much every phase. That’s the moral of the story.”

**On how to explain the Browns’ losses with such a talented roster:**

“You can’t, that’s one of the things you scratch your head about. There’s a lot of guys in here that work hard and will continue to work hard, and that’s the biggest thing.”

**On his heated exchange with Head Coach Freddie Kitchens:**

“I just went and asked for the ball. Just trying to get involved in the game and help. That’s pretty much it.”

**On what he discussed with Kitchens on the sideline:**

“I just went to ask for the ball. I felt like I hadn’t touched the ball since the first quarter and we were inside of 10 minutes left in the fourth and I hadn’t touched the ball.”

**On the shovel pass trick-play:**

“It was a play we have a history with. We ran it earlier this year and we had success so we figured we would disguise it a little bit different and try to see if we could get the same result.”

**On if he was upset with the way he wasn’t getting the ball during the game:**

“I just thought that at that junction in the game I didn’t want the game to get too far out of hand. I was just trying to do whatever I can to help the team .”

**On if when he gets the ball the offense is better:**

“Yeah, just playmakers in general. I think you continue to get guys the ball, continue to get playmakers the bal we have success that way. I didn’t feel like I was really involved today.”

**On if the team respects Kitchens:**

“Everybody respects Freddie. I will continue to be loyal to Freddie and everything that he’s doing here. Just because we had a difference today, and it seemed like we had a difference today to everybody in the world, doesn’t mean that I don’t have respect for him. I still have tremendous respect for him.”

**On why the Browns aren’t playing their best football:**

“I don’t know, all I can really control is what I do when I get opportunities and do my job.”



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**Browns Guard Joel Bitonio**

**On what went wrong today:**

“We got our butts kicked in all aspects of the game. They came out better than us. We came out flat. We didn’t do much well today. It was one of those ones where everybody is just not feeling well.”

**On how disappointing their play was today given that they were in a playoff hunt:**

“I think we have to look at each person. Look at the individual and see what happened to bring that energy. It’s the National Football League. We’re grown men. You have to be ready to play each and every week. I’ve been in positions where we’ve been 0-14 here and you have to be ready to go. It’s your job. There’s pride on the line no matter what your record is, especially when you have a chance to keep playing games. It was just one of those things that we didn’t have today.”

**On why he thinks guys weren’t ready today:**

“I don’t know. You’d have to ask everybody individually. I thought we had a good week at practice. I thought we were focused. The game plan was fine, we just didn’t execute well enough. Then you come out and they go down and score. We give them the ball back and they go down and score again. We finally got the run game going a little bit, but we never got a stop and never converted when we needed to. I don’t know why we started so slow.”

**On what he wants to see out of the team in the last two weeks:**

“Just win. Baltimore is a heck of a team. They’re playing for first place in the AFC. We have to come out and protect our house against a divisional team and just win games.”

**On if this season is extra disappointing compared to others he’s experienced:**

“Yeah. We’ve blown a few chances this year early in the season but we had a chance to keep momentum. We’ll see what happens down the stretch but we had a chance to keep momentum and we didn’t do a good enough job. We pretty much laid an egg today. That’s not something you want to do when you’re fighting for your playoff hopes.”



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**Browns Linebacker Mack Wilson**

**On what made the Cardinals running game difficult to stop today:**

“I just feel that we beat ourselves. They came ready to play, and I feel like they executed their game plan very well. I just feel like we didn’t do a good job with that.”

**On how disappointing this loss is going into the final two games when a playoff spot was on the line:**

“It’s bad. It’s a bad feeling. It definitely leaves a bad taste in your mouth. We don’t know what’s going to happen next. All we can do is try to go 2-0 the rest of the season, correct the things we messed up on today and just move forward.”

**On if he’s able to enjoy his first interception:**

“I was excited I caught one but I’m supposed to do [stuff] like that. It is what it is.”





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**Browns Wide Receiver Odell Beckham Jr.**

**On how disappointing the season has gone given the preseason expectations:**

“It’s unfortunate. Obviously we want to make the playoffs but as long as there’s a chance we’re going to keep playing. All we can do is focus on Baltimore and winning that game. And then focus on the next and whatever has to happen happens. It’s just tough.”

**On how sad it is that the team’s playoff chances are almost out of reach:**

“It’s tough. We wanted an opportunity to make it to the playoffs. I guess we have to wait and see what’s going on with everybody else. All we can do it focus on the next game and just keep your head up. In retrospect, there will be many more football games. Just prepare for next week and see what happens.”

**On the inconsistencies on offense:**

“It’s just been unfortunate. There’s been a lot that’s going on. It’s just been tough for us. As a team we’ve stuck together. We just didn’t have the outcome we wanted.”

**On WR Jarvis Landry’s frustration on the sidelines:**

“I didn’t see it. When we have a guy like that who puts his all into this game, endless hours of rehab, his craft and his attention detail in the film room, he wants to be great. We speak legendary things and when you come out and you don’t have the same opportunity to do that, it’s tough. We love this game that much. We care for it, probably too much. Unfortunately we’re more than a football player, but it is our life. It’s such a short window of opportunities that every time we want to take advantage of it and make the most. I understand him. I just know he wants to be great.”

**On if he would consider sitting the last couple of games to rehab if they were eliminated:**

“It’s a decision that we’ll figure out when the time comes. But as long as ( Landry) is on the field, as long as these boys are out here, I’m going to go out there and give my all. I love football way too much to think about sitting out and doing all these things. I’m here for this team. We’ll see better days.”



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**Browns Safety Sheldrick Redwine**

**On his emotions following the loss:**

“It’s always an emotional loss losing any game. We don’t play to lose, we play to win. So every game that you lose hurts.”

**On the most challenging aspect of defending QB Kyler Murray:**

“We knew he brought another dimension to the quarterback position, being an elusive runner. He used his ability to the best of his ability to create plays.”

**On if the Cardinals’ hurry-up offense was more difficult to defend than anticipated:**

“We knew they were going to come out fast, that’s something that we practiced. It just helped them the way they installed the offense, having a lot of moving pieces and moving fast helped them.”

**On the overturned pass-interference call:**

“That was a tough play for us. We didn’t think it was pass-interference, but it’s just football sometimes it goes that way.”

**On the missed tackle with Browns LB Joe Schobert:**

“I’m going to put that on me, I should have kept my head up and wrapped up. ‘Scho’ was just trying to make a play. Like I said it was just another football play where something didn’t go our way. I should have kept my head up and wrapped up.”

**On other than the loss what the most disappointing aspect of the game was:**

“I wouldn’t say anything is disappointing. Like I said it’s a loss, we don’t want to lose. We’ll just go back to work when we get back to Cleveland, make the necessary adjustments and prepare for Baltimore.”



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**Cardinals Head Coach Kliff Kingsbury**

**On if it was a victory roar in the locker room:**

“It was it was. We’ve been waiting a while, six weeks, to get to say that. Excited for those guys. They played hard. We talked about (how) it’s our last stand at home, we needed to make a statement. Practiced well all week and really started fast and found a way to get it done.”

**On the 226 rushing yards:**

“We felt like we had an opportunity to run the football, whether it was Kyler (Murray) or ‘KD’ (Kenyan Drake) or ‘DJ’ (David Johnson). Something we’d seen on tape, we felt like we could come downhill and get that rolling. O-line did a great job of getting us started fast and we just leaned on them the entire game.”

**On how QB Kyler Murray handled the week leading up to the matchup against Browns QB Baker Mayfield:**

“He’s been great. He knew the previous weeks we took a lot of negative plays and coming off that bye weren’t playing as in rhythm as we had been previously and needed to get our rhythm back. He had his best week of practice and I had a feeling he was going to play really well and be efficient, and he was for most of the game.”

**On what it meant for Murray to defeat Mayfield:**

“It’s just about winning games for him. Those guys are good friends and they compete at everything. They’ll compete the rest of their careers. He wanted to get a win for his teammates.”

**On RB Kenyan Drake’s performance today:**

“He got it rolling early and did a nice job making plays, protecting the football and finding the end zone. We like what he can do in all phases and just have to keep giving him opportunities and putting him in positions to be successful because when you do he can make plays.”

**On if Drake’s workload in practice increased this past week and if it contributed to his performance:**

“I just got to give credit to the offensive line there. I think they did a great job with the schemes. Coach (Sean) Kugler and Coach (Steve) Heiden had a really good plan, and Coach (James) Saxon, and ‘KD’ executed. We wanted to get in a rhythm, we felt like we hadn’t had him in a rhythm. The drives had just been erratic the first two games back from the bye. This one we got to keep him on the field and keep feeding him and he got in a rhythm and played well.”

**On the importance of ending the home schedule with improvements:**

“It was important. We’ve wanted to play better than we have and win more games. One thing that I’ve said all along is the guys have played hard, they’ve showed up to work and they practice hard. Execution wasn’t always there on Sundays like we needed it to beat some of those good teams, but today they put in together and continued to play hard. There’s a lot of pride in that locker room.”



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**On CB Patrick Peterson and if he expected him to have performance well today:**

“I did. He had a different look in his eye in practice. He wanted to cover their top receiver and he asked for that. I thought he competed his tail off and it was good to see.”

**On if he thought Peterson was more engaged today than in recent weeks:**

“I’m not sure about engaged, but just he’s been trying to play his way back. When you miss half the season it’s not easy just to step back in, it takes time. I felt even in practice he’s gotten more and more comfortable and you saw it out there today. He was definitely excited to play against those guys, went to the same school and all those things, so that played into it I’m sure. He’s practiced really well and played at a high level today.”

**On if he thought this was one of Murray’s better games as a leader:**

“It’s been a work in progress. I’ve said it all along, he’s a young player. Every game is a new experience. He understands we need to close this thing out with him putting his stamp on it and being a leader and building momentum going into next year. It’s something he’s worked on and I can tell that he’s doing it more.”

**On Drake and TE Dan Arnold’s touchdowns and the difficulty in acquiring new players and getting them settled into a role:**

“Dan did a tremendous job. Coach Heiden got him caught up. They’ve been working around the clock to make him comfortable. He’s a threat in the passing game, there’s no doubt, and went up and made a great play. We had some other things that I didn’t get to in the game plan, but hopefully he can continue to feel comfortable there and we can use him more. And then, ‘KD’ has just worked hard and practiced hard. He hasn’t missed a beat. He hasn’t missed anything since he’s been here and that paid off today.”

**On if he thought this was Murray’s best week of practice all season:**

“I’d say all year. When you’re talking about leadership, command, and pushing internal communication, it was sharp out there all week.”

**On if he has had discussions with Murray about being a demonstrative leader:**

“It’s a unique experience. I don’t think anybody can be in his shoes when you’re 22 and you’re handed the keys to the franchise and you’re told to direct all these grown men, with Hall of fame players on offense and defense, and when you’re asked to be the guy it takes time. I think he’s starting to feel comfortable with the staff, the organization and his teammates. It takes time and we’ll continue to build.”

**On WR Damiere Byrd’s performance:**

“He played well. He’s been open a lot. We haven’t found him as much as I’d like, but he’s another guy that takes the coaching and every week he’s doing it exactly how we ask, and it shows up on film. Even when we haven’t gotten him the ball, he’s been open a lot. It was good to see him get some touches today.”



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**On if he expects to use RB David Johnson more on returns:**

“We’re going to take a look at it and see where that goes, but he’s a guy that’s done it before and he can definitely have an impact there.”

**On if he felt his play calling was more in sync:**

“I always like my play calling. I just think we were, as an offense, more in rhythm. We were able to extend drives and we weren’t moving backwards. That’s been a killer the last couple of weeks, lots of negative plays. When we’re on schedule we play pretty well.”

**On acquiring Drake and how quickly he knew he could be a productive player:**

“We had followed him through his career. I remember at Alabama and then at Miami I have some friends there that spoke very highly of him. I liked his skill set, the quick twitch, being able to catch the ball out of the backfield, making people miss in space. I liked all those things for our offense. When you see his practice habits and the competitiveness, we knew that we needed to get him in and get him rolling.”

**On LBs Haason Reddick and Tanner Vallejo’s injury status:**

“I haven’t checked yet. I’m about to go back there and check on them.”

**On if the last third-and-goal was drawn up for Fitzgerald:**

Yeah, they zoned it off. We weren’t able to give him the ball, but any time we’re down there, Fitz is a big target. He’s caught a bunch of them, so he’s a good guy to go to.

**On if he liked Murray throwing the ball away on that play:**

“Loved it. Probably my favorite play of the game because it’s growing up. With a bunch of those throwaways, we weren’t moving backward and we were staying on schedule.”

**On how big challenging the pass interference call was:**

“It looked obvious to us. (Christian) Kirk did a great job of going up for the ball and it was worth it at that point to take that risk.”

**On the process of challenging a play:**

“When it’s that blatant, there’s like eight people in my ear. But yeah, we have a system of a trusted person that makes sure we’ve had all the angles and good looks at it.”



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**Cardinals Quarterback Kyler Murray**

**On how nice it was to get a win:**

“It’s refreshing. Used to feeling that feeling. Not getting too high, not getting too low, but obviously we’re going to cherish this one. We play the Seahawks next week, a great team, so we got to be ready to play.”

**On what impressed him most about RB Kenyan Drake:**

“I think just how versatile he is. He really can do it all. He has speed, elusiveness, can make people miss and catch the ball. There’s not much he can’t do when put in the right situation, and I think you saw that in the first game against San Fran. Kind of funny, we talked about him going off last night, and he did.”

**On whether he is pleased with how he and the offense responded in this game:**

“Definitely. O-line played great, obviously the running backs ran the ball well. For me personally, just trying to get the receivers the ball and allow them to do what they do and make plays, and they did that. I think if I take care of the ball, that just allows us to be in a great position. Our defense played well today, backed us up all day, and I think we just played really good complementary football, which is what you have to do.”

**On what he talked about with Kenyan last night:**

“He hadn’t scored since the first drive since he got here. He had one (touchdown) all year until today, so just getting back on track and playing well.”

**On Drake going 14 games without a win:**

“Yeah, it’s tough. I would probably go crazy to be honest.”

**On what it was like playing against Browns QB Baker Mayfield:**

“He’s on offense and we’re on defense. I needed to cheer) them to get after him of course. I think we got him once. It’s always great to be on the same field as him, see him compete, see him play, because I don’t get to watch him a lot. Just us getting to play across from each other is pretty special, considering the fact that we’ve been through so much. It’s special.”

**On what it means to get the win over Baker:**

“It is what it is. We came to play today and we got the win and it was a good win.”

**On what he and Baker talked about after the game when they exchanged jerseys:**

“We couldn’t really say too much.”



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**On whether there was a time today where he felt like Kliff was in a rhythm as a play caller:**

“Yeah, honestly, that first drive. He kind of kept rattling off and I was like, alright, let’s run, let’s go. And we did that. We scored pretty quickly and I could kind of feel what kind of day it was going to be from that point on.”

**On greeting the special teams unit after the first touchdown and whether that is something he’s trying to do more of:**

“We haven’t scored that much. We have, but it’s different when you’re winning, and you could just tell today that it felt different from the get-go. When we score, I try to always show love when we do put the ball in the end zone.”

**On whether he thought he was going to score on his 35-yard run:**

“I thought I had a chance. The safety had an angle on me, that’s why I had to cut it back, but we executed that play well.”

**On what he has seen from TE Dan Arnold in the short time he has been here:**

“This past week if you were at practice he made a couple of freakish catches. He didn’t take the team by surprise but everybody was kind of on notice of what he was doing at practice. Running scout team last week and getting more plays this week, it was kind of fitting that he came in the game and got his opportunity and made a play.”

**On if Dan Arnold was his first read on the touchdown throw:**

“No. I’ve never had a guy that big that can do what he can do. It’s pretty nice.”

**On when he knew that the playbook was clicking for Kenyan Drake:**

“Probably his second or third week here. I don’t think it’s a very hard offense for him to grasp. Obviously now he’s pretty fluid in it. Feels comfortable. For him, he’s just playing fast right now. He’s playing well.”

**On if the team will get a victory Monday:**

“Yeah. I’ll be busy but it’s nice to have it in the back pocket.”

**On what was going through his head when the crowd starting chanting “Larry”:**

“I looked at C-Kirk (Christian Kirk) the first time it happened and just started shaking my head because everybody loves Larry. I’m with him every day. He’s a character. To be honest I don’t think it will be (his last season). That’s just what I feel like.”

**On how much time he spends watching the defense when he’s on the sideline:**

“I don’t know, it depends on what vibe I’m on. If I’m sitting down and we’re playing well on defense, I’ll usually try to stay down, if I stand up and something good happens, I’ll try to stay up.”



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**On if he was watching more today because of Browns QB Baker Mayfield:**

“A little bit.”

**On what he has learned from Larry Fitzgerald from a leadership perspective:**

“He tells me all the time, it is my team. That’s what he tells me. Whether he means it or not, I just take it day by day. Try to come in and get better each and every day and win on Sundays. That’s what it’s really all about and that’s what we did today.”





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**Cardinals Wide Receiver Christian Kirk**

**On the offensive game plan:**

“I talked about it a lot last week, staying on schedule and not taking negative plays. We did that this week. Not getting ourselves in third-and-long, not taking negative plays on first down. Obviously with the run game going, you can see how potent this offense can be. I said it earlier in training camp, this offense kind of feeds off of those explosive plays and those running plays. It just opens everything up and everything just kind of clicked for us finally.”

**On attacking the edges in the run game:**

“Any time we can get the ball into our playmaker’s hands in space, that’s what we’re looking for in that aspect of our game plan. That definitely helped open up those inside runs, just the fact that we were stretching them sideline to sideline and then we were able to run our power schemes. It just helped a lot.”

**On QB Kyler Murray’s emotions going against QB Baker Mayfield:**

“I don’t even think it phased him to be honest. Every time he broke it down this week, the word he would use was win. That’s how you know that the only thing that was on his mind was winning. To be honest, that’s been on his mind every week, but we knew we had to get this last one at home. Leave the fans with a sweet taste in their mouths leading into the next time we’re in the stadium next year.”

**On his favorite of the reverses and option plays:**

“It would hard for me not to say the one that I got on the reverse. I thought that was a pretty good play. It worked out well for us. We go into each week with at least four or five specials. It depends which ones get called off the sheet, but coach (Kliff Kingsbury) does a great job scheming those things up.”

**On TE Dan Arnold’s touchdown:**

“The first day he came in, he caught about two of those on practice squad and we were all kind of like... he quickly worked his way into the game plan.”



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**Cardinals Wide Receiver Damiere Byrd**

**On what it means to have a big role in this game and make some big catches:**

“I just wanted to show everybody that I could play. It’s a long season, being inactive anything can happen. I was able to stay the course, and whenever I got my opportunity, I was going to take advantage of it.”

**On how this kind of game affects the rest of his season:**

“We’ve been together for so long and the season is so long so being out there, not being out there one day isn’t really going to affect anything. That just puts more emphasis on throughout the week and at practice.”

**On what was working for the offense as a whole today:**

“I think we were able to get the ground game going quickly, we were able to hit the edge and we were able to make those big plays. Whatever they gave us we took.”

**On if he is thinking about next year and what kind of role he will have:**

“Not really. We just want to end the season on a good note. We’ve had a lot of ups and downs this season. We’ve showed that we can play well, and we’ve also showed when we’re not playing that things can go bad. We just have to focus on doing the right thing, one play at a time, one game at a time and whatever happens, happens after that.”

**On if he went into this week thinking he would have a bigger role than usual:**

“Not really. I come into every week knowing that if plays come to me, I can make them. I thought that for sure that we were going to be able make plays and stay on top of things and not get behind the sticks.”

**On if not being behind the sticks is the biggest thing with this offense:**

“I think for us, for any offense when you get behind the chains, second and long, first and 20, things like that are very hard to make it up in this league no matter what type of offense you have. If you can stay out of the third and long and make them third and two, third and three, you’re in such a better spot.”

**On if he was surprised he stayed on his feet when he got hit on the long reception:**

“Yeah, I wasn’t sure what was going to happen. Usually someone like me doesn’t stay up for that one but I did.”



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**Cardinals Tight End Dan Arnold**

**On if he felt Kyler Murray might be looking for him on his touchdown reception:**

“Yeah, absolutely. Anytime you get in the red, you’re going to be looking for jump balls and stuff like that. It’s one of those things where you motion out to empty and the defense probably knows you’re going to throw it up. Kyler is going to put the ball where somebody can make a play.”

**On if he was aware of his feet to stay in play:**

“I knew the sideline was pretty close. They didn’t give me a signal, so I was like ‘okay I don’t know about this’ so I didn’t want to celebrate too early. Then they gave me a touchdown signal, so it was good. It was close. I didn’t realize it was that close.”

**On what it was like to come in and learn the playbook the last couple of weeks:**

“It’s been interesting. It’s been a process, that’s for sure. There are some good coaches here. Especially Steve (Heiden) trying to get me caught up to speed. I think it’s been going pretty well so far. I’ve learned a lot. It’s a very different offense. At the end of the day you have to be willing to learn. I think it’s been an adjustment, but I’m starting to get more comfortable.”

**On if he talked to Kenyan Drake on what it was like picking up the playbook quickly:**

“Yeah, his was kind of a more stressful situation given the fact that he was playing that week. There has been a lot of guys in this locker room that can be someone to lean on to ask questions for sure. Since it’s such a young team everybody has been there so that’s one thing that’s nice about here. Everybody is willing to pitch in and give each other help. Everybody wants to see success for each other. That’s one of the promising things with this team.”



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**Cardinals Offensive Lineman Justin Pugh**

**On what was different today:**

“It was the first game we’ve played all year where it was just start to finish. We had a lot of good drives, Kenyan played a monster game, Kyler made all of the plays we needed him to make, so it was a full game for us, which was good.”

**On whether he had ever blocked for a guy who ran for four touchdowns in a game before:**

“I can’t say that I have. I think coach said something like in 26 years we haven’t had a guy go for four touchdowns, and he got his first win of the season. So, Kenyan finally got a win. That was huge for him, so I’m happy for him.”

**On the offensive line’s impact on Drake’s performance:**

“We did some good things. It’s everyone working in unison. The offensive line always gets the praise when you run the ball well but, you know, it’s both ends of the spectrum. We did a good job today but Kenyan ran so hard, it makes our job a lot easier. It was a fun one; today was a very enjoyable game.”

**On Kenyan Drake’s impact since joining the team:**

“When he came in on that Thursday night game after being here for like an hour, and did what he did on that Thursday night game, I knew he was a true pro. He’s learning more and more of this offense and he’s going to continue to get better and better and I’m excited for what he can bring to the table for us. It’s great for us. It keeps us multiple. We have a lot of backs back that can make things happen and today he was just on fire. He was running hard, you put the film on, and he is running guys over, he’s not going down on first contact and it gets us juiced up to block for a guy who does that. Everyone feeds off of it and it’s just a runaway train at that point.”



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**Cardinals Running Back Kenyan Drake**

**On how good the win feels:**

“I just feel like it’s the next game. That was my mindset this whole time. I wasn’t really thinking about it until it got to the point where people were talking about it. I feel like people are going to find something to talk about. I just focus on being where my feet are and taking advantage of the opportunities I was given and just playing ball. This game just happened to be a game where I was able to get under the win column for myself personally. It’s more about the team. The team was jacked up for this game and wanted to go out there and assert ourselves, and that’s what I feel like they did.”

**On his four-touchdown performance:**

“It feels really good. We talked all week long about playing a real dominant style of football. There were a couple of gift-wrapped ones where we were on the one-yard line, and all I had to do was fall forward. The O-line did a good job of just pushing the pile forward, and I was able to fall in with a couple other plays where I didn’t get touched going into the end zone. Sometimes it kind of just falls into your favor. I’m blessed to have this opportunity to play the game that I love.”

**On why they were excited for this game:**

“It’s the next game and next opportunity. We knew this was going to be the last time we play at home this year and play in front of these fans. We wanted to go out here and give them something to cheer about going into the offseason. We took it upon ourselves to play the ball we know we can play. Since I’ve been here, we’ve been in all of our games except for one. We just felt like we owed it to ourselves, the city and our fans to go out here and put a lasting effect on them, and that’s what I feel like we did.”

**On the last time he scored four touchdowns:**

“Probably high school. If I remember right, I have scored four touchdowns before. It’s really about this team and this win. I couldn’t have been in that situation without this O-line and Coach (Kingsbury) scheming up this game plan and trusting me to go out there and play the amount of snaps and carries that I had. I love this game. Every time I touch the ball, I go out there and I play with a fire just knowing that it could be my last play. I feel like that’s how this game plays as well.”

**On if he felt like this was a group effort:**

“When one eats, we all eat. That’s what I was telling them on the sidelines. These guys, they work their butt off to do their job. The least I could do is reward them for the job that they do because the person that falls into the end zone after a one-yard carry gets all the glory, but you have to let them know that it’s their time to shine too.”



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**On if his 137 rushing yards or four touchdowns were more gratifying:**

“The ‘W.’ That’s the most important thing. That’s definitely something that week-in and week-out through OTAs, offseason programs and training camp. We go out and get one goal, and that’s get a win. My performance doesn’t necessarily mean anything more than there’s a next game, and we have two more left. We’re ready to put our best foot forward to go out there and play the ball we’re capable of doing.”

**On being able to meet expectations the team has for him:**

“It’s been really amazing to say the least. I went from being in a situation where I was in a specific role, and I wasn’t getting the carries I felt like I could to help the team win games. I was able to come out here and fulfill a need for them at the time. I came in three days (before a game) and was able to go out and play ball. I didn’t know the game plan all too well, the whole package or the scheme or anything. Kyler (Murray) would tell me that this was the play. I’d line up on one side and run to the other side, and I just played ball. That’s what it was. Now being in my fifth or sixth game, I have the ability to read the defense because I’m not just focused on what my job is. Now I can look past that and look at the DBs and see if it’s a six- or seven-man box depending on if it’s two-high or one-high, seeing the rotation of the safeties letting me know that there might be pressure on one side and things like that. Kind of getting back into the schematics of the game itself.”

**On if he wants return to play for Arizona next season:**

“I’m taking it one game at a time. The things I focus on, you know the old cliché ‘being where my feet are.’ We’ll cross that bridge when we get there.”

**On if he thinks it is crazy that he has not won since the ‘Miami Miracle:’**

“It’s not really something I was really focusing on. It was a wild stat, but now that stat’s history.”

**On what it means for WR Larry Fitzgerald to win in what could be his final home game:**

“I wanted him to get in the end zone that last play. They went zone, so they didn’t free up like we thought it could’ve. I’ve known the guy for five or six weeks now, and he’s definitely one of my favorite people. I’ve never met a person that knows so many people. He just has a catalogue of ideas. He’s way bigger than the football player. His nickname ‘Larry Legend’ fits well because he’s just legendary in everything that he does. It’s a pleasure, and I really appreciate the opportunity to come here and see him in the flesh and get to know him a little bit better. Getting to know guys in that sense, like when I played with Frank Gore last year, getting knowledge from him and other guys that have been in this league a long time. That’s why we play this game. Being in this league and seeing the guys that played this game for a long time and played at a high level, you see why they are who are because of the things they do day-in and day-out from a physical standpoint. Just being able to be the men that they are is impressive, and I appreciate being amongst them.”



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**On what he would say to Fitzgerald to talk him out of retirement:**

"I feel like he has a lot more tread on his tires, the way he works diligently week-in and week-out. I feel like there're a lot of things he's accomplished, but he doesn't have that top championship yet, so that's one thing to play for."

**On how much the team is still adding to the playbook for him now or if he has it all down now:**

"The things that I try to focus on now are all the why of a lot of stuff. When I came in they were just giving me the game plan, giving me the plays that I needed to know. Now as the weeks kind of progress, I kind of see 'Alright, why is this play going this way?' or 'Why is this blocking scheme this way?' Things of that sort instead of just being like, 'Alright, they tell me what it is and I just run it.' So that's when you can kind of take the game to a whole new level when you get the why for things and understand that instead of reacting I can just play fast and just be like, 'Alright, cool, this is the play.' Now I see what the defense is doing and it kind of mirrors up with the things that coach (Kingsbury) has been talking about in terms of going out there and playing fast and making sure you put your all into every play."

**On if being able to focus more on the why came in this week or if that started earlier:**

"Every week I was trying to add a little bit into trying to focus on the game plan itself because I can't really try to focus on something they installed in training camp when it's not really relevant. But when you start to get to those things, obviously you can't do everything at the facility, you have to do things away from the game as well. So, I would just kind of look at the playbook. They have iPads where I can go through and look at different games from previous weeks before I got there and just seeing, 'Alright, that play looks familiar, this play looks familiar.' Just kind of getting the ins and outs of why the plays are ran in certain situations and understanding if it's third-and-one and he (Kingsbury) had an idea to call this play, and when he does, then I'm like, 'Alright, now I'm kind of on the same page from a cerebral standpoint.'"

**On if he felt like they were going to try to get Fitzgerald a touchdown instead of getting him a fifth:**

"I wanted him to get that. You heard the crowd. You have to get the crowd what they want."



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**Cardinals Wide Receiver Larry Fitzgerald**

**On what the win meant for morale:**

“You have no idea. It was like going to a funeral every day. To be able to see the guys compete and fight hard against a good Browns team that still has playoff aspirations, it shows you a lot of character and resolve with the men that you have in this locker room. It was fun to be able to go out and win. We executed in all three phases today and that was a great team win.”

**On if he heard the fans chanting his name down by the goal line:**

“Yeah, I did. I was hoping we were going to give it to Kenyan one more time, for him to get in there five times. That’s tough to be able to do and it shows you his dominance, the way he was able to perform in the passing game and the run game and really did a good job in blitz pickup too for us. All around, he had a wonderful game and it was a great team win.”

**On what has impressed him about Drake’s time as a Cardinal:**

“Just how fast he’s able to pick up the system. He’s been working his tail off, every single day he comes to work. I never like to follow him into meetings, though, because he made me late to a meeting one time, so I can’t do that, but I’ll follow him anywhere else. He’s done a great job for us, honestly, he’s been a wonderful teammate and we were very fortunate to pick him up mid-season.”

**On what balance does for the offense:**

“We’re very difficult to handle when we’re running the ball like that. When you have 100 yards rushing and you can keep teams off-balance and Kyler can do what he does best in terms of running those RPO’s and taking shots down the field and beating teams with his feet. He’s really a tough cookie to solve and I think you saw the very best of him today, being able to operate the system, I think that’s the future for the Arizona Cardinals.”

**On the fast start:**

“When we stay on schedule, no false starts, no holdings, not getting behind the sticks, we have a lot of great concepts. I think that was on display from the very beginning. We keep teams off-balance with the run and the pass and the RPO game and guys, when they get the ball in their hands, they can make explosive plays. You saw that with Damiere’s slant. Guys just have the ability to turn it on and it’s fun to see. Hopefully we can finish this season with that same mojo.”

**On playing with a bit more emotion for potentially his last home game:**

“I told you guys, it’s a job. I love what I do, but when it’s over, it’s over and I’m not going to lose any sleep. I’ve got a lot of great things ahead of me...everybody’s replaceable. There’ll be another number 11 here in a couple months after I leave. He might not be as handsome as I am though.”





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**On what beating a team in the playoff hunt says about the team:**

“We have high character men in this locker room. I’ve known that from the very beginning. It hasn’t equated to the victories and the success that I would like and that we all would like. But the men work hard, they stay together, they fight and that’s really the sign of a good culture being created here. With the youth of these guys here, the way they fight, that bodes well for the future.”



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**Cardinals Cornerback Patrick Peterson**

**On how his body is feeling:**

“I felt great, moved around all week. My legs are finally coming back to me. Coach Buddy (Morris) told me, ‘A superior athlete that misses one week is almost like missing two weeks.’ So now this is technically like my 10th week getting back in the swing of things, so my body is just starting to come back around and I’m feeling great.”

**On his interception and who he pointed to:**

“I felt pretty good. My boy Jay Feely (CBS announcer) told me I was going to get one today and that was for him.”

**On how the win feels as a team:**

“We’ve been there all year. We’ve been in close games all year and to finally have a win like this at home with the last game of the season here, it can give us momentum going into the 2020 season. Hopefully we left the fans with a good taste in their mouths and hopefully we can come back and continue building on these last two weeks and that can roll over into next season.”

**On if covering wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. gave him extra motivation:**

“No doubt about it. It’s my first time ever going up against Odell. It was a pleasure. One fellow (LSU) Tiger against another. It was a fun matchup; it was a fun game. I knew I was going to have a couple opportunities with Baker (Mayfield) being the gunslinger that he is, and I just wanted to make the best of the opportunities when they came toward me.”

**On if this was his last home game:**

“No. This won’t be my last home game here. I’ll be back.”