



CLEVELAND BROWNS TRANSCRIPT

*Head Coach Kevin Stefanski
Cleveland Browns at Pittsburgh Steelers Postgame Zoom Interview
Week 6
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Head Coach Kevin Stefanski:

Opening statement:

“Injury wise, really got out of it OK. (QB) Baker (Mayfield) there, I just did not want to see him get hit one more time, and I put that on myself. Went into this game knowing we had to keep him clean, and we did not do a good enough job so that that starts with me obviously. He is a very, very tough player and I know he wants to fight, but it is a long season, we have a game next week and I did not feel like it was the right thing to put him back out there.

“Bottom line got beat. Credit to them. We did not do anything right obviously. Offensively, could not sustain drives and could not get a first down on third or fourth down, but again, credit to them. Guys fought. Then we have to learn from this and move on because you have another one next week, a division opponent on the road.”

On how much Mayfield’s injury contributed to his play today and if the injury was why the team made a QB change:

“Yes, [that is why we made the change]. I do not know if it contributed early. I know this, I did not do a good enough job allowing him to be put in those positions. It is something that I have to do way better. I can’t let him get hit like that.”

On if the Browns ‘have a decision to make’ for who will start at QB next week:

“No. Baker will start as long as he is healthy, and I think he will be.”

On why the Browns OL did not have as much success as previous games:

“I think it is an easy answer – I do not think it is the full answer – but I give [the Steelers] credit. They did a good job. I am sitting here saying, ‘What can I do better?’ I know there are a few things that I would like to improve next time, but to their credit, they rushed the passer and did a nice job. There were a couple that for coverage or for whatever reason the ball did not get out so the guys were fighting, but I am going to figure out how I can do better there.”

On if he would call this ‘a sobering loss’ and how the Browns compare to the Steelers and Ravens, given the two losses:

“I just look at this game. If you want to call it sobering, that is probably a pretty good word. We lost this game. We are going to react to this one and figure out how we can do better for the next one.”

On if he was surprised by how often the Steelers defense pressured Mayfield:

“That is what they do. I do not think they changed who they are. I think we need to point the finger at ourselves, starting with me. What can I do better that is schematic? There are a bunch of different things that I can do better to make sure we do not put ourselves in that spot.”

On what he told Mayfield after his interceptions:

“I will watch the tape and then continue to coach him off the good stuff and off the bad stuff. We are not built to turn it over. He knows that. Again, I am going to figure out what I can do better and help him out because I did not help him out today.”



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On WR Odell Beckham Jr. showing frustration on the sideline:

“Just normal frustration when you come out and you get beat like that. You just have to make sure one [loss] does not turn into two. That is this game, and then we have a big one next week.”

On if the Steelers did anything schematically different up front that he did not expect:

“I want to look at it before I can give you a real good answer there. Based on what I saw from the sideline and just looking at the surface, I would not say they did anything out of the ordinary, no.”

On what the Browns learned from their Week 1 loss against the Ravens and how they will apply that following today’s loss:

“With any loss, you can’t let it linger. You learn from it and you move on. We will watch the tape tomorrow, we will have everybody in and we will watch it, what can we learn from it and then move on. That is the simple answer, but I just think you can’t dwell on these things. The next one is coming.”

On if the Browns’ losses coming to two divisional opponents says anything about the Browns:

“I could really only speak to this one. We got beat today by a good football team. Credit to them. We have to do better next time.”

On putting Mayfield back in the game after halftime following hits in the first half:

“I checked in with him. I checked in with the medical staff. He was cleared. It does not mean he was not sore. He was cleared to play. The second play, we run a screen and he gets hit. Again, point the finger at me, please. That is not good enough.”

On if the Browns fully felt the absence RB Nick Chubb today for the first time today, given the team was not as successful in the running game:

“I do not think that is fair. We will get Nick back when he is ready, but we are going to ride with the guys we have, and we have plenty of guys that I feel strongly about. Our team feels strongly about the guys we have. We are not going to make any excuses.”

On why the Browns were not successful on third and fourth downs:

“Name it. I did not do a good job there. We did not get people open. I need to figure out a way to get some easy ones for the Q. We just did not have people open.”

On if he felt good about the gameplan coming in and if the Steelers took away those plays:

“Yes, I think that is fair. We will have to figure it out next time. Bottom line is the plan was not good and the execution was not good. It is one of those deals when you get back, you learn from it and you move on.”

On if he thought it would be tough to run bootlegs and outside-the-pocket passing plays entering the game:

“Every game, we look at how they play and what run concepts and what pass concepts will be good versus them. They played pretty wide on the edges, and they are pretty aggressive. I felt like we had a plan to try to move the ball in the run and the pass.”

On if Beckham, Mayfield and WR Jarvis Landry missing practice time this week disrupted the offense’s rhythm:

“I would not go there. We are not in the business of excuses. I just did not get it done today, and we have a big one next week.”

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QB Baker Mayfield:

On his performance and if his ribs injury played a factor:

“Obviously, not good enough. I have to see (Steelers S) Minkah (Fitzpatrick) coming down in the robber coverage and helping out. I have to take care of the ball. Just did not get enough on the second interception. (WR Rashard) Higgins was open on the sidelines. I just did not get enough of it. It has to be one of those where it is him or nobody. Not good enough.”

On where the Browns stand compared to the Ravens and Steelers, given the two losses by large margins:

“We just got outplayed today. That is what happens when you do not execute. Great teams, like I said after the Ravens game, great teams capitalize on your mistakes, and they did. That is why the difference is that drastic.”

On how the injury affected him during the game:

“It did not.”

On if there was a discussion about not playing in the second half after taking a big hit to end the first half:

“I got off the ground and was ready to go. I will be alright. There was no discussion. I was ready to go.”

On not having as much protection as recent games:

“I think I have to do a better job of getting the ball out and protecting those guys. When you play a team like that, we knew that their strength was in their pass rush. We knew that. It was very apparent in watching the film. I have to do a better job of getting the ball out quicker, and we just have to execute better.”

On his performance this week after saying last week’s performance was the worst of his season:

“I do not know about the rankings and whatnot, but it obviously wasn’t good enough to win. I have to take care of the ball. Like I said, the first one, the pick-six, just have to see that coverage. I have to see Minkah. He is trying to be around the ball. They want to get him around the ball and involved, especially on third downs. Have to take care of the ball. The other one, just have to put it to where only Higgy can get it, and if not him, then it is out of bounds. A couple of basic things that I will be looking back on and need to fix it.”

On what the team did to come back after the Week 1 loss to the Ravens and how that can apply now to come back after today’s loss:

“You do not want to let it landslide. You do not want to let one [loss] turn into two. We have to learn from these mistakes, learn from this and move forward. We have another division opponent on the road next week so we need to watch this film, learn and grown from it and move forward.”

On if he wanted to stay in the game when Head Coach Kevin Stefanski took him out:

“Of course, I did. That is the nature of being a competitor. That is just who I am so yeah, but I do not make that call.”

On if he understood Stefanski’s reasoning for taking him out:

“Yeah. I am focused on the here and now, and I am thinking in the moment that I want to get out there and have some success. In his words, he has a big picture mindset so just have to roll with the punches.”



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On if the Steelers losing LB Devin Bush to injury was a noticeable loss for their defense or if Steelers LB Robert Spillane did a good job filling the role:

“I am not sure the severity of the injury, but Devin is a great player. He made a lot of plays for them. That is a tough loss, but they did a good job with their other players stepping up and filling that role.”

On how he will manage getting the practice time needed while healing from his injury:

“Do the same thing I did last week – bust my ass through rehab and get physically ready to play.”

On WR Odell Beckham Jr. showing frustration on the sideline:

“We are all very frustrated. We want to win. We do not come out here just to get stats and do all that. We come out here to win. It is a frustrating loss for us knowing that we just did not play well and let a great team capitalize on all those mistakes that we made. We are all frustrated.”

On what makes the Steelers run defense so tough:

“They just fly to the ball. They play good team defense...”

On how discouraging it is that both losses came to division rivals and that they were not close games:

“Not discouraging. No matter the score, it only counts for one. The good thing is we play both those teams again and we can learn and get better. It is onto the Bengals now and we have to continue to get better.”

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LB B.J. Goodson
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LB B.J. Goodson:

On the frustration following the tough loss:

“Everything is about how you respond to things. What happened, happened. We will get better. We will learn from it. We will come back, and they have to see us again.”

On if the team has a big gap between the Ravens and Steelers after getting beat by a wide margin by both:

“Here we are only worried about us. Obviously, we are in the same division so everything matters, but as far as just getting better and bettering ourselves every day, we just have to get back to the drawing board, look in the mirror as ourselves as players and as far as everybody and just come back and just be better next week. We can’t get hung up on today because the great teams don’t do that. We have to get back to work and get better.”

On if there was a lot more trash talking or physical play during today’s rivalry game:

“Just another ball game. A hard fought game. Another ball game.”

On if he could sense that DE Myles Garrett was getting frustrated as the Steelers typically ran plays away from his direction:

“When I am out there, my job is to direct 10 guys so being able to pay attention to a detail like that at the time, no.”

On how comfortable the Browns defense was with this week’s gameplan:

“We were very confident in the gameplan coming into today. We just have to execute better and do a better job on our end.”

On why was the Steelers running game was able to have success today:

“We have to get back to the drawing board, watch the tape and go over it. Certain things were obvious. We obviously saw certain things on the sideline, but we just have to get back to the drawing board, get better, learn from it and get better.”

On how disappointing was it to not have success against the run after doing well in previous weeks:

“It is not just a game, but it is a game, and it was a hard fought game. We did not come out with the victory today, but it is a long season. Like I said, we get a chance to play these guys again, and I am looking forward to it.”

On how confident he is that the Browns know how to respond the right way following the loss:

“Very confident. Look at what we did bouncing back from the Baltimore game. I have all the confidence in the world in all of the guys and ready to get back to work.”

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WR Jarvis Landry:

On frustrations following today's loss to the Steelers despite several offensive players battling injuries this week:

"There is no excuse. I think we all still prepared well. We stayed extra on Friday and Saturday to make sure that the things that we missed we were up to par on. I would not say there were a lot of MEs (mental errors). It goes back to the two things that lost us the first game – penalties and turnovers - and we had a lot of those."

On if the two losses to the Ravens and Steelers show there is a significant gap between those two teams and the Browns:

"I do not think that is a great indication. We play those guys again. They will have to play damn near the same type of game they played the first time to beat us. We have to do better. Both games we turned over the ball and both games we had penalties. When you do that against good football teams, you lose the game. Regardless of any team we play, it could have happened against the Colts or it could have happened against Dallas. We did not turn the ball over those games. We did not have any self-inflicting things. A lot of times when you don't do that, you have a good chance of winning the game. We did that from the first drive and pretty much throughout the entire game today. That gets you beat against anybody."

On what he said to Mayfield after a tough loss:

"I told him to keep his head up. Obviously, we are going to ride with him regardless. He is one of the toughest guys in the building. What he is dealing with, nobody is dealing with, and at the position that he is playing on the side it is, he had a tough week. He came out here and did the best that he could. It was not all on him. We did not make plays in the backend regardless. For us, just continue to keep our heads up, tell him to keep his head up and stay positive."

On WR Odell Beckham Jr. showing frustration on the sideline:

"We are all invested. I think the thing for us is that we have to figure out a way as a team and as a group... He brought us together as a leader of this team there right before halftime and after halftime and just kind of talking and positive messaging. He was trying to get us going because we could not get in any type of rhythm. If that is all you guys saw, then that is why I am sure I got the question."

On if Beckham was trying to rally the team together:

"Yeah."

On struggling to establish the run today and in protection:

"It was tough. It is a part of who we are. They have a bunch of big talented guys on their side, as well. They made more plays than we did. They rushed the passer. They knocked us back. On plays where we are running gaining five to six yards, we were only getting two today. That is something we must figure out, find ways to get better and adapt. We need to find ways to make those runs go and open up the passing game."

On how to bounce back after today's loss, particularly after winning four games following the last loss:

"We will need to continue to adjust. In a season like this, you have to find ways to adjust. A lot of times, what is working you continue with it until it is not working. Then you find ways to make it better or adjust. That is just the phase we are in right now. We all have to go back, look at the film, be critical of ourselves and take this on the chin and move onto the next one. It is still a long season. There are still a lot of games left."

On if Mayfield being pulled from today's game could impact confidence:



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“I think he is a guy that is never going to lack confidence. The decision made was made by the coaches and not him. If there was a decision to be made, he still would play until the final whistle. He is a guy that is one of the hardest workers on the team and one of the guys that is going to play to the end, win lose or draw. I think he will be just fine. We are always talking, always communicating and lifting each other’s spirits after a loss.”

On how he felt physically during the week and today:

“Good. I was good. Just have to be better.”

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DE Myles Garrett:

On how frustrating is today's loss:

"They are a good team. We saw that. They were able to move the ball on us through the air and on the ground. They really had the pick of what they wanted. They just outplayed us on defense and offense. They just had our number today."

On his conversation with Steelers Head Coach Mike Tomlin before the game and if they 'cleared the air' from last year:

"Talking to him had nothing to do with last year. Him, his brother, my mother and my uncle all went to school together in Virginia so we were just talking about that. I made a little joke about some phone games they had been playing, and that was it. He said, 'Good luck, live your life, have fun and tell your mother I said hello.'"

On whether or not the Steelers were harassing him on the field or trying to bait him into penalties:

"They did not do anything uncharacteristic of them. They were scheming to try and get me off my game. They were getting after all of us. They were chipping, and the guard was staying in and staying close. They were making it difficult for us on defense."

On the Steelers seeming to run most of their plays away from his direction and if that is typical of the Steelers:

"I feel like they do. I feel like they have a tendency to do that. That is just a part of the gameplan. You don't want to run at your best player. If you feel like you have that matchup and you can take it, then sure, but they were trying to run it the other way and they felt like they had a better chance of success over there. They were moving the ball wherever they wanted. They were able to do whatever they wanted."

On how frustrating today's game was for him personally:

"It is always frustrating after a loss, no matter who it is. They got [ahead in the game] and never let go. We better have their number next time."

On whether today's loss is an indicator of where the Browns are in the division, given the team's loss to the Ravens earlier this year:

"It is one game. We will see them again and then you will be able to measure how we stack up against either of them. Until then, just leave it as it is. They had our number. We have a gameplan, we adjust, come back and we will be at full strength by then."

On if today's game did anything to take another step toward helping him move past what occurred last season:

"It is just a game to me. It is just about playing ball. With these guys, it was all love and it is all football. It just stays on the field and stays between the whistle. We did not have any problems. There was respect during and after the game..."

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Steelers Head Coach Mike Tomlin
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Opening Statement:

We were varsity today, really kind of all across the board and met a challenge versus a very good and a team that was very hot. Appreciative of the efforts. It's not without consequence. Devin Bush appears to have a significant knee injury. He's being evaluated. [Maurkice] Pouncey went down with a foot. He was able to get through the majority of the game with it, but we pulled him at the end as you saw him come off. And Mike [Hilton] has a shoulder that needs to be evaluated but can't say enough about the effort of our guys.

Part of being good in this league is identifying problems and eliminating them, hopefully before they happen but once they happen you have to eliminate them quickly. We acknowledge that third down was an issue for us last week defensively. I thought they answered that challenge well and emphatically today. It was necessary to slow down a dangerous Browns attack, one that had been bringing up a bunch of points per game. Just can't say enough about the effort all the way around in all three phases of the game. Appreciative, and now we transition our attention toward the Battle of the Oasis in Tennessee.

What caused the change in third-down success?

We had a better plan. It starts with us as coaches and then the guys performed better and they finished it off. But we both were JV last week, players and coaches, and we got better this week.

It was all three phases, not just third down but you stopped them three times on fourth down and slowed that top rushing attack and held them to seven; as complete a defensive performance as you've had?

We did what we needed to do today. I have not painted with a broad brush yet or compared it to other performances. This is a group that thrived -- to the tune of 188 yards per game. We didn't wait till the end of the week to acknowledge that we couldn't allow that to happen. Today is really kind of born out of our commitment to minimizing that element of play and it came together for us.

What does Minkah's early interception return do for the team to get you the ten-point lead?

I don't know what it did for us but I think it sent a message to them that third down wasn't going to be easing sledding today and we needed it obviously. Minkah [Fitzpatrick] is an A-player. It was a significant play. He's capable of delivering those type of plays and we'll keep snapping the ball and watching him do it. That's the type of player he is.

That opening drive, you only had a field goal but seemed like you wanted to establish your physicality. Was that the case and did you like what you see there?

We were just interested in moving it. We want to have balance. We want to run it, we want to throw it. Physicality is an element of play regardless what we are doing, run or throwing. More than anything we want to move the ball down the field and score.

You were 4-0 entering this game. What kind of statement do you guys make today beating this Browns team?

We are not into statements. We'll let you guys make the statements. We'll just lineup and play against those that we are scheduled to play against, and they were next. And I'm glad we were able to get the job done, but you know, we've got a significant challenge in the form of the Tennessee Titans coming up this week. That's life in this game. We're appreciative and more importantly we're really excited. You can't take

anything for granted in this environment. We appreciate all the sacrifice that everybody is making in an effort to keep that ball rolling, man, and it just needs to continue.

What did you see of Robert Spillane and what he was able to do, and what can you say about what you liked about him and Gilbert that you liked in training camp if Devin is out for a while?

Spillane more than answered the bell but we have a great deal of confidence in him. He's a capable guy. Guys that make plays in special teams, that's usually a precursor to them making plays in defense. Since we brought him up the middle of last year he's been a consistent performer for us. I don't think any of us are surprised from quality play from him. If Devin does have to be down for a while, those will be called to step up. He will be among them, [Ulysees] Gilbert will be among them, Marcus Allen will be among them. We'll put together a formula that allow us to function in the interim, believe it.

What led to the improved run game today and can you speak to the game from James Conner?

I don't know if it was improved. We have run it when we wanted to run it essentially all year. We desire to have balance, and that's how we get down.

What do you think went into your success in stopping the run and how much is getting out to an early lead a big part of taking that away from them?

Our bigs, this game was going to be defined by the bigs. Our bigs' ability to stop the run, our bigs' ability to protect Ben and win the line of scrimmage for us in the run game and we talk openly about it all week. A synopsis of this game in a nutshell is our bigs, our big people on both sides of the ball, really answered the challenge and played "A" football.

I know you like to say the standard is the standard and you expect championships here, but when you see a guy like Eric Ebron skipping off the field, showing five fingers, showing so much joy, does that do anything for you?

You know I'm appreciative of what we were able to get done today. I know that Eric appreciates this environment and he's new to this environment and we appreciate his enthusiasm and the hard work he's displaying to fit in.

**Steelers Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger
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What does getting that 10-point lead early allow you to do offensively?

Well, you know, I probably have to pause on that, I apologize. I just want to send out my thoughts and prayers to Devin [Bush] and his family and everything he's going through right now. It just makes you sick when someone, a young player, skilled like that, gets hurt. I need to send my thoughts and prayers to him first. As to your question, whenever you jump out to a lead with a defense, especially like we have, it just gives you a little bit of breathing room. We knew this is a really good defense that we were facing coming in, so when you can kind of get to that point and get a lead on them, that helps because they are a team that has played with a lead a lot this year.

To this point you were 4-0 but your wins were coming against teams that did not have a winning record. Beating a hot Browns team with the momentum they had coming in, what does that do for your team going forward, especially facing an undefeated Titans team next week?

Yeah, it's AFC North football, we throw records out the window anyway. This is a good win for us.

The offense has exploded for some points, you see how the league is going, how important is it for you guys and how much confidence does it give you going forward?

Yeah, it was one of those weird feelings because it didn't feel like we were doing a lot on offense. We ended up scoring I think 31 points on offense. I know the defense got a touchdown for us but it just never really felt like we did much, but, that's what is special about this team and the offense is kind of everyone contributes. Everyone makes plays. Today James [Washington] made a big play with a touchdown for us.

Did it feel like in the second half you were playing downhill? Can you speak to the play of the O-line?

Yeah, that was the plan. In the second half, come out with field position and really just start running the ball and pounding it and grinding and you know kind of our four-minute offense with a lot of time left. But we really excelled in that area of football so far this year and that really is the five guys up front, throw J.C. [Hassenauer] in there, plus Hawk [Jerald Hawkins] coming in as a big guy at tight end. We didn't have to throw many in the second half when you have a lead like that. It felt like an old Bill Cowher offense.

Do you feel like, especially early on with the way they seem to be putting extra attention on your slants, that you needed and did connect downfield and on sidelines in a lot of the stuff that you've been focused on lately?

Yeah, they made some good plays early on, some RPOs, which is just our quick passing game. So they batted some down. They got in and jumped them. They were ready for it today. So we decided to take some shots down the field, and I know James [Washington] had two big ones down the field and so that was neat to see. Neat to see guys making plays down the yard.

You've played with No. 1 defenses before, and I know you've said that you do enjoy watching your defense. What is it about this group that makes you think back to those championship defenses and what do you in particular like about this defense?

They are fun. They are special. They are obviously getting turnovers. They are scoring. And they are a handful -- I don't know the stats but a couple of times a day, it was either third and short or fourth and short and you just felt like they were going to stop them. Sometimes you're like, okay, hopefully get a stop here or whatever. You just felt -- it feels different sometimes with our defense because they are

aggressive, they get after it, they made plays on the back end today, and I said after the game, I'm glad I don't have to play them on Sundays.

I think you ran five or seven plays and all of a sudden you're up 10-0, does that change how you move forward with some of your calls because you have such a big lead early?

Yeah, we definitely -- I felt like we did do that a little bit, but we switched gears a little bit there and went to a no-huddle, I think two straight series. They went down and scored, and James [Washington] got the long one which I have to credit Josh Dobbs on the sideline, we were talking about plays and he had mentioned calling a play that we basically scored a touchdown on. So I have to give Dobbs credit for that, talking on the sideline. We picked up the tempo. We changed it. We started slowing it a little bit and then you get that lead like you talk about, and you can really back it down and just grind them.

Coach Tomlin talked about how this was a varsity ball type game today. How complete of a game was this for you guys and how much confidence does that give you knowing that you guys are clicking on all cylinders in all phases of the game here?

This is a good football team coming in here, like I said, it was AFC North, our first AFC North game. We wanted to kind of play good football. And we wanted to do it on all phases and I don't know the last time I came out of the game with eight minutes to go, so that's a good feeling.

You mentioned it felt like Bill Cowher football. Which part of it, throw early to run late, or take the air out of the ball in the second half?

Yeah, it felt like turn around, had Jerome Bettis 20 times the second half. But hey, whatever you've got to do to win a football game. I thought James [Conner] ran the ball well in the second half. Benny [Snell Jr.] coming in there and doing some things and the line really created openings for them.

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RB James Conner

Re: Best stretch of career

As for the career I'm not sure, it's been a short career so far. I just try to run hard. This was a must win game for us AFC North football, so I just try to execute trust what I see; run hard; and it worked out for us today.

Was delayed handoff routine or part of the game plan?

A little bit of both, it was on the game plan so we thought it could work and it's also routine for us, so we just try to execute. Coach had me well prepared this week, Coach Faulk [Faulkner], we had a great week of preparation and it always shows. That's how we get evaluated at the end of the week. So yeah Coach Faulk [Faulkner] had me ready to go for today and it was just a good day.

How would you grade your offensive line especially between the tackles?

Yeah, the Browns had a good defense, but everything starts up front with the line. Our offensive line, our Tight ends, they get things going so any type of success that we have in the run game, it's all up to them. We got some movement up front against a very good defensive line and a very good defense, just played hard.

G Matt Feiler

Why are you having so much more success running the ball this year compared to last?

I think it starts with the offensive line, the running backs, and the tight ends. Everyone's been working on the run game, working hard, in the offseason, and preparing to run the ball. It also helps having a better quarterback like Ben [Roethlisberger] being able to get us in the right check and stuff like that.

What was the motivation playing Myles Garrett given he's one of the best players in the NFL?

Yeah, you've got to show him respect. You've got to know when he's on the field, but we knew what kind of guy he is and what kind of player, so we just had to keep an eye on him and do what we had to do.

DT Cameron Heyward

Do you guys think you were able to make Baker Mayfield feel uncomfortable and capitalize on that early in the game?

Yeah. Baker's a heck of a guy, but we had to go out there and fight for this team. As a defense, we want to affect the quarterback, punish the quarterback. Good punishment, I didn't mean any illegal football, but it's my job to get after the quarterback and I'm going to leave it at that.

How impressive has what this team has been able to do in all phases been?

It was a good one, but I'm going to leave it at that. I think there are a lot of things we can still improve. I think we had 48 yards rushing given up, but then we kind of gave away some yards at the end. I didn't finish a sack. That's going to make me go crazy tonight. There are things we can still improve at. The good thing is we're 5-0, but this is something we have to continue to improve on. We're not going to rest just being 5-0. We've got to continue to get better and keep working.

How big are those fourth-down stops?

They're always huge. We look at those as turnovers, especially when we can get them going into our red zone. So to get those and then put our offense on a short field is huge and we have to continue to do that. This is good tape that we can look back. This is something we can continue to improve on and get better because of it.

LB Bud Dupree**Was it a point of emphasis defensively to get on them?**

Yeah. Any game we play, we go out there and try to be as tough as we can. Be the most physical team on the field.

How important was it to make Baker Mayfield uncomfortable knowing he was dealing with sore ribs coming into the game?

Baker [Mayfield] is a good quarterback. At the end of the day, he's one of those top-notch guys. We don't really think about hurting a player. We just got out and we hit him a couple of times, and we know he's hurting, but we don't intentionally go in and hurt somebody.

How big of a loss of Devin Bush for the defense and how did Robert Spillane do communicating?

Devin [Bush] is a great player, high effort guy. He's one of the most underrated guys on the team, one of the fastest guys on the team, so anytime you lose somebody like that, it's a big blow. But [Robert] Spillane came in and did well. He communicated well. Prayers up for Devin as he goes through recovery.

G Kevin Dotson**How are you able to look so comfortable out there?**

My routine coming into every game is to make it as much like practice as possible so I'm not in my head as much trying to just revert back to that practice stage. I'm with 100 percent at practice and going 100 percent in a game is just the nature of it. So, I just try to make it as normal as possible, so I don't get in my head.

How much was the offense designed to run away from Miles Garrett?

I think our coaches had supreme confidence in our tackles, but they knew that this guy is a special breed of person. We were not just crazy about all the stuff we did to help on the tackles, but we knew that he was there. We always made sure that we had it if we needed to call something like that.

S Minkah Fitzpatrick**Re: New plan for third downs**

We just changed up some of the schematics. Decided to play a little tighter. A little bit more man to man. Make him throw out of the pocket, and I think we just executed better. I don't believe we changed a whole lot. We just executed better. We practiced third and medium, third and long this week in practice because we were playing poorly last week on third down. So we really wanted to emphasize that throughout the week and we did, and we executed well this week on third down.

How much did your pick energize everybody?

We needed to set the tone on defense whether it was a sack or three and out, or whatever it may be. We needed to set the tone and I think the pick six on the first drive of the game was definitely the way to do it.