

BENGALS POSTGAME QUOTES

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Was it good for you to just be back on the field with your teammates and play a game?

“Yeah. It’s great to get the win. At the end of the day, that’s all we wanted. It’s just good to go out there and compete, under the lights especially on a Thursday night and get the win, it’s great.”

Did it feel like the old Vontaze was back on the play you deflected Ryan Tannehill’s pass?

“I kind of figured he (WR Jarvis Landry) was going to try and do an option on me, and I’m actually not supposed to let him go inside, but I figured if I let him inside, I kind of beg the quarterback to throw it and I was kind of mad because I felt like I could have picked it. But I didn’t want to do too much this game, just get my legs up under me and my wind right. I think we had a 3-and-out on that drive, so it was just great to go out and get the win and compete with my teammates.”

Some of your teammates said the energy was different with you back in the fold ...

“Yeah. I just try to be a leader. Like I said, I know the defense’s ins and outs. I just want everyone accountable, even myself. I felt like we played a good game overall. I’m still mad about the touchdown because I felt like they shouldn’t have scored on us. I think they had like 220 yards total and we were trying to keep them under 200 total.”

Was it kind of like riding a bike being back out there again?

“No ... It was just good to get the rust off. It was just good to play a good game overall and at the end of the game, we got the win.”

Could you have done more – how did you feel?

“I felt I could have done more, but the coaches had a plan for me and switched me in and out with Vinny (Rey) and Karlos (Dansby) and they did a good job of that. At the end of the game, I started to feel my wind catching up, but every game I’ll feel like I’ll get better and better and get my legs up under me.”