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Pittsburgh Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger (transcribed by Alex Onaindia)

(When you threw the interception, did they come down on your left leg?) – “No, it actually happened before I threw the ball. I don’t know how it happened. I just felt something funny in my knee. Yes, that’s about it.”

(What about any long term ramifications yet?) – “Don’t know anything yet. We’ll know tonight. Hopefully, we’ll just pray that it’s not too serious.”

(How compromised do you think you were in the second half by that?) – “We won’t make excuses. We’re all out there playing through pain and trying to give our all so, no excuses.”

(How much was your mobility limited?) – “Well I’m not really that mobile anymore anyway so I just do the best I can.”

(Do you think anybody was looking past this game to the Patriots?) – “No.”

(When you looked at AB (Antonio Brown), what did you see?) – “A lot of defenders. 22 man playing underneath, which is what we’ve seen a lot. We’ve got to get other guys involved, which I thought they did a good job but they outplayed us today. They were the better team.”

(Ben, how important is it for this team to get back to playing (good) football consistently?) – “Well we want to be a consistent football team, regardless of what we do. We weren’t that tonight and that’s on all of us. We all have to evaluate, we’ll look at the film and see where we can do better.”

(What were they doing to make things difficult?) – “They’re a good football team, really good football players. They did some stuff tonight, got after me, got after the run game. Give them credit.”

(Ben, you guys have shown you are capable of scoring a lot of points and coming up with a lot of yards. How much responsibility do you take when you don’t?) – “We put it on ourselves. We always say on offense we want to outscore the other team no matter what it is. Our goal is 30 points every game and when we don’t do that, we fail.”

(Ben, I know you don’t like making excuses but at some point, do injuries catch up to a team?) – “Yes, because guys can’t get on the field but that’s no excuse for winning or losing the football game.”





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We've always taken a next man up mentality and we don't talk about who's not out there. We talk about who's out there."

(Did you sense anything different with your operation going on the road?) – "Not at all. Nope, we just played a good football team and we weren't good enough."

(You got in a rhythm on that first touchdown. Did you feel like you had it going there for a little bit?) – "Yes, you feel good. Obviously, we want to take the opening drive down and score but we didn't do that. Darrius Heyward-Bey had a great run for us and we got 2 points. Then, we couldn't just quite get into a rhythm after that."

(Did going out for a series or two kind of disrupt the rhythm for the group?) – "Me going out for a series? I don't know, you'll have to ask those guys. We came back out for the second half, were running our game plan and went to the no huddle. We were semi-successful at times but couldn't convert on third down, which has been our MO (main objective) this year. We've been 50% on third down and weren't able to do it today."

(What did they do to keep you out of your rhythm?) – "I think they were just, they got after me. They used that pressure, the wide 9 speed rush and we had to use a silent count. In the secondary, they were just playing physical 22 man stuff. We had guys open at times but just couldn't get them the ball."

(As well as you played on the last drive, how deflating was it to not get another shot for that last touchdown?) – "Well yes, you score a touchdown and a lot hinges on an onside kick. I don't know what the success rate is in the NFL but when they got it, it is deflating. But you also know that even if you get the ball back, you've still got a lot of work to do."

(Were you able to step through on the knee throwing the ball?) – "I think so. You can probably see it hurts but like I said, we're all out there playing through pain."

(Did you get any shots?) – "No, no needles."

(Did you hurt your right knee on the last offensive drive?) – "Yes, someone's knee hit my knee on the inside. It's already black and blue so that will feel great tomorrow."

(Do you need an MRI?) – "Not on that one."





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(What about the other one) – “Yes, probably.”

(When the guy grabbed your ankle and you were rolling out there, is that when you hurt yourself?) – “It must’ve been. That’s when our doctor thinks that it happened. He thinks that he grabbed my right foot and my left leg kind of hyperextended. When he looked at it, that’s what he thought; because I don’t know when I did it. I just know it happened before the throw.”

(Did it hurt on your motion?) – “Yes.”

(Are there other ways you can combat what they are doing to Antonio Brown?) – “Well, other guys got to get involved and I thought they did that. I thought guys made plays tonight when we needed them to and I’ve got to give them better balls. The first interception, I thought the guy made a great play. He just came in and made a play on it. The second one, they rolled down late and I wasn’t expecting for the safety to be there. I couldn’t see him at all and I thought Sammie (Coates) was going to be open in that area because I thought they were in a 22 Tampa look. The safety rolled right under it so that’s just on me. I’ve got to help our guys make those.”

(Does this one feel similar to what happened in Philly or totally different?) – “Totally different.”

(In what way?) – “Different score.”

