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QB Ben Roethlisberger

How much different is it confidence level going into a postseason game with all of the elements of this offense on the field?

It feels good to have the run game and the pass game. I told them before the game, to me, the biggest guy out there is Pouncey. Having Pouncey out there is huge. For me as a comfort blanket and for the rest of the line. We are only as good as they are.

You mentioned the lack of detail today. The yardage totals were gaudy. The margin of victory was immense. But is there a feeling that you could play a lot better moving forward?

Well, I think we can be better. I think it is a little bit of a false positive if you will because you start out so well. We went down and scored the first three series, I think and we were kind of doing whatever we wanted to. And that is a really good defense, especially their front seven. I don't know what it was, but it will be addressed this week. I wouldn't say addressed because that sounds so harsh, but we will talk about it. I know the line has some things they want to say to the guys. It's just the little things. I mentioned before this game, the 'my bads' are usually not good. You can't usually correct 'my bads.' You can't have them. It's just the way it is in the postseason and I think in the second half we had a little bit too much of that.

What led to the success throwing against the blitz in the first half?

Guys getting open. The line picking up the blitz just enough to get the ball out and quick throws. That has kind of been a thing that we have been able to do and have success against by getting the ball out quick and then just making those quick underneath throws.

What do you appreciate most about Le'Veon Bell's running style? And in the years that he has been here, how have you seen that style evolve?

Well, I think he brings a little bit of everything to the table. There are times when he is patient. Like I am standing back there and I am watching and I am like, 'Uh, are you going to go any time here?' But he is so patient and then when he needs to put his head down and run someone over, he does that. He is a powerful back. If he gets one-on-one with a guy in the hole or just beyond, I get the best view in the house. I'll never forget when Charlie Batch was here, he used to always tell me about how he would hand off and just watch Barry Sanders. I am not trying to put Le'Veon with Barry Sanders yet, you know that is an awesome honor. But, it is fun to sit and watch and just see what he is going to do because he is incredibly talented.



When you, Antonio Brown and Le'Veon Bell are playing well, do you think it is tough for other teams to decide which part of the game to stop?

The second half of the season, Le'Veon has been on such a tear because people are really trying to make us one-dimensional, whether that is the run or the pass. They are trying to take away the big play. From what we see on film and stuff, teams try and bleed slow, you know, and give us the run. Not trying to give up the big pass play and so we have been able to utilize Le'Veon so much and today I think the first two series we came out throwing it and really kind of backed them off, and then that opens up Le'Veon and the guys in the run game.

You guys set the tone early and then how much did you feed off of your defense the rest of the way?

Well, it is awesome to watch them. Turnovers, sacks, we all feed off of each other. They are telling us, they love when we help give them that lead and give them a little comfort and things like that. And then we feed off the turnovers and sacks and three-and-outs. So, that is what football is about. That is why it is the ultimate team sport.
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