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HOUSTON TEXANS

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Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013
Reliant Stadium

POSTGAME NOTES

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Seattle Seahawks	3	0	3	14	3	23
Houston Texans	0	20	0	0	0	20

Attendance: 71,756 – Franchise record

TEXANS TEAM NOTES

THE TEXANS...

- Moved to 2-2 on the season and 1-2 all-time against Seattle with the loss.
- Lost in overtime for the first time in four games. Houston is 4-2 in overtime games since 2010. Houston's last loss in overtime was to Baltimore on 12/13/10, 34-28.
- Lost their first one-score game since the 2011 season finale against Tennessee. Houston is 2-1 in one-score games this season.
- Played in a game that was decided on the final play for the third time this season (Week 1 at San Diego and Week 2 vs. Tennessee).
- Held an opponent to less than 300 yards of offense for the fourth consecutive game. The team last did that in the 2011 season.
- Recorded five sacks and two takeaways, both season-highs.
- Recorded a season-high 476 yards of offense.
- Forced two three-and-out drives. The Texans led the NFL with 14 three-and-out defensive series heading into the game.
- Dropped to 14-3 since 2011 when having a 100-yard rusher.
- Dropped to 43-6 under Gary Kubiak when they rush 35 times or more.
- Outgained the Seahawks 476-270 and won time of possession 39:53-31:48.
- Gained 324 yards in the first half to mark the second-most in the first half yards in franchise history. The highest first half total came against Seattle on Dec. 13, 2009 when the Texans had 364 yards in the first half.
- Held Seattle to -7 yards passing in the first quarter and 24 yards passing in the first half.
- Had a 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver for the first time since Dec. 16, 2012 against Indianapolis.
- Houston's first second-quarter scoring drive spanned 90 yards on 6 plays and lasted 2:52, the longest drive of the season for the Texans.
- Houston's second second-quarter scoring drive spanned 80 yards on 10 plays and lasted 5:10, capped by a 5-yard touchdown pass from Matt Schaub to Arian Foster.
- Houston's third second-quarter scoring drive spanned 15 yards on 7 plays and lasted 2:13, capped by a Randy Bullock 22-yard field goal.
- Houston's fourth second-quarter scoring drive spanned 67 yards on 12 plays and lasted 1:12, capped by a Randy Bullock 42-yard field goal.
- Won the toss in overtime and elected to receive.
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- Houston's captains for the game were ILB **Brian Cushing**, WR **Andre Johnson**, P **Shane Lechler**, QB **Matt Schaub** and DE **J.J. Watt**.
- Inactive players for the Texans were QB **Case Keenum**, WR **Lestar Jean**, ILB **Tim Dobbins**, OLB **Sam Montgomery**, G **Cody White**, T **Duane Brown** and DE **Tim Jamison**.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

- K **Randy Bullock** connected on both of his first half field goal attempts, from 22 and 42 yards.



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- ILB **Brian Cushing** forced a second quarter fumble recovered by the Texans, the seventh of his career.
- **Cushing** led the defense with nine tackles (six solo).
- TE **Owen Daniels** caught a pass in his 87th consecutive regular season game on a 21-yard pass in the second quarter. Daniels had six receptions for 72 yards.
- **Daniels** surpassed 4,500 yards receiving with his first catch of the game. He ranks second in franchise history with 4,519 career receiving yards.
- RB **Arian Foster** had 27 carries for 102 yards, the 24th 100-yard rushing performance of his career and first of the season. Since 2010, Foster leads the NFL in 100-yard rushing performances.
- **Foster** also had six receptions for 69 yards and a touchdown, including a long of 31, his longest reception and most receiving yards since Nov. 13, 2011 at Tampa Bay.
- **Foster** recorded 171 yards from scrimmage, the most since he had 174 yards from scrimmage against Indianapolis on Dec. 22, 2011.
- TE **Garrett Graham** caught his third touchdown of the season on a 31-yard pass from Matt Schaub, tying a career high from 2012.
- **Graham** had a season-high 69 yards receiving on five receptions.
- WR **Andre Johnson** extended his streak of consecutive games played with a reception to 105 and his franchise record or games played to 143.
- **Johnson** had nine receptions for 110 yards, the 46th 100-yard receiving game of his career and second this season. He moved into a tie with Jimmy Smith for the eighth-most 100-yard receiving games in NFL history. Johnson leads all active players in 100-yard receiving games.

CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player	From	To	W	L	Count
Jerry Rice*	1985-06	SF-Oak-Sea	52	24	76
Randy Moss	1998-12	Min-Oak-NE-Ten-SF	48	16	64
Marvin Harrison	1996-08	Ind	43	16	59
Terrell Owens	1996-10	SF-Phi-Dal-Buf-Cin	33	18	51
Don Maynard*	1958-73	NYJ	28	18	50
Torry Holt	1999-09	StL-Jac	28	19	47
Michael Irvin*	1988-99	Dal	36	11	47
Andre Johnson	2003-13	Hou	25	21	46
Jimmy Smith	1992, 95-05	Jac	29	17	46
Isaac Bruce	1994-09	LAR/StL-SF	23	22	45

- **Johnson's** nine receptions moved him past Rod Smith (849) and Irving Fryar (851) into 18th place on the NFL's all-time receptions list. He now has 852 career receptions.
- CB **Johnathan Joseph** picked off Russell Wilson and returned it for 1 yard in the fourth quarter for his first interception of the season. Joseph is tied with Jason Allen and Kareem Jackson for fifth place in franchise history with seven interceptions. He has 21 in his career.
- DT **Terrell McClain** recovered a second quarter fumble, his first of the season and second of his career.
- OLB **Whitney Mercilus** recorded a career-high 2.5 sacks, bringing his season total to 3.5.



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- C **Chris Myers** played in his 125th career game and started the 100th game of his career. It was Myers' 100th consecutive start, dating back to 2008 with the Denver Broncos. He has started 84 consecutive games at center for the Texans.
- OLB **Brooks Reed** recorded his first sack of the season in overtime, bringing down Russell Wilson for a 10-yard loss.
- QB **Matt Schaub** completed 31-of-49 passes for 355 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions for an 81.6 passer rating. It was the 27th 300-yard passing performance of his career.
- DE **Antonio Smith** recorded a pair of half-sacks to bring his season total to 2.5. Smith now has at least a half-sack in his last four regular season games, dating back to the 2012 season finale.
- RB **Ben Tate** had seven carries for 44 yards, including a long of 22.
- ILB **Justin Tuggle** forced a fumble on special teams, the first of his career.
- DE **J.J. Watt** recorded a half-sack to increase his season total to 3.5.



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POSTGAME QUOTES FROM HOUSTON TEXANS

HEAD COACH GARY KUBIAK
TE OWEN DANIELS
RB ARIAN FOSTER
CB KAREEM JACKSON
WR ANDRE JOHNSON
OLB WHITNEY MERCILUS
NT EARL MITCHELL
C CHRIS MYERS
OLB BROOKS REED
QB MATT SCHAUB
DE ANTONIO SMITH
G WADE SMITH
DE J.J. WATT

HEAD COACH GARY KUBIAK (Transcribed by Tiffani Walker)

(on LB Brian Cushing) "He has a concussion. That's the diagnosis and that's why he didn't play the rest of the way."

(on the interception play with QB Matt Schaub) "I'll be honest with you, I take responsibility. I put him in a bad situation as a coach. Obviously we have to protect the ball. I put him in a bad situation. Probably should have run the ball there and punt and play defense. But trying to be aggressive and trying to make a play and we didn't and it ended up killing us, hurting us. I take my responsibility. I could have obviously called a better play."

(on the penalty by CB Kareem Jackson) "To be honest with you, I haven't seen that one. I was talking with somebody. I saw the horse collar one, that was legit. I don't really know about Kareem's. I was talking to somebody at the time. I'll have to go back and look at it. They said he slammed him into the ground. I don't know. I'll have to go look."

(on how he feels after the game) "Obviously miserable. Our team played as hard as they could play. Played tremendous in a lot of areas, but couldn't put the game away in the second half. Got the ball, got the big stop early and went right down the field and had a chance to put the game away. We started some of that stuff again; started making some uncharacteristic plays. Got some sacks, got some negative plays. Started doing that and didn't overcome it. Still had every opportunity; when you get the interception to close the game out and then we go and make a mistake there. I just feel horrible for the guys. Its my responsibility to put us in a better situation there on third-and-four. I take my responsibility for that."

(on how he would describe the way QB Matt Schaub is playing) "He's doing a lot of good things. Got to eliminate some of the mistakes. Probably can say that about a lot of spots on our football team. We've got to get more consistent in what we're doing. I have to help him a lot better than I'm helping him right now."

(on possible issues with getting the plays into the defense after LB Brian Cushing left the game) "Obviously it's like anything else; like having a backup quarterback going into the game, the communication system and you're working through a new guy and those types of things. We do work on that in practice, so it should not be complicated. But, we'll have to go back and look at that. We still played good enough to win and should have found a way to win the football game and we didn't."

(on the pinch techniques with the outside LBs, and what happened late in the game with Seattle QB Russell Wilson) "I thought we had him in the pocket, but the problem is when he steps up in the pocket, and then gets back outside. Some of the stuff he did was magical. I don't know how it looked from you all's view, but from down on the field, some of the things the kid does, it's just incredible. But like I said, we look at the big picture and we played good enough to win and we just didn't close the deal."



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(on throwing three interceptions for touchdowns in three consecutive weeks, and if he's ever seen that) "I don't know. I've been doing this for a long time. I know we have to get it fixed."

(on what he can do to help QB Matt Schaub) "I can just make a better call. I had a couple options; we sat there and talked about a couple options. I think its third-and-four or third-and-five, and if we don't make it we're going to punt with three minutes left, two minutes and thirty seconds or something like that. So, punting is not the worst thing in the world. Like I said, I wish I could go call it again. I wish I could do that and try and stay aggressive in what we were doing all day long. I thought that was important, to try and stay aggressive as a team. And obviously that ended up hurting us right then."

(on QB Matt Schaub making some good plays and throwing it away during the game) "You have to, you've got to. Not everything is going to be perfect. Defensive guys, they make plays too, and you just can't make them any worse. Especially in that situation, the best thing to do is just take a sack. Just take the sack and let the clock run and let's go punt the ball. Like I said, I shouldn't have put him in that situation."

(on if CB Johnathan Joseph got injured at the end of the first half) "He's ok, he came back and played, he's all right. We have a bunch of guys nicked. Obviously (LB Brian) Cushing is the biggest one with the concussion."

(on if he will consider replacing QB Matt Schaub) "No. I think we've got a lot of things we need to fix. I have to fix me. I have to be better for him. We'll get him better and get those mistakes corrected. We've got a lot of guys that have to get mistakes corrected, not just one."

(on where he goes from here with T Derek Newton as far as pass protection) "Newt is a young player and he's got to continue to improve. Just like you just asked me a question about (QB) Matt (Schaub), there is a player that has to improve. As a young guy, keep battling. Obviously, he had to do some really good things to have 500 yards of offense in the football game. He had to do some good things too. But you're going to have negative plays, and they can't get any worse. The negative ones we had were really poor. Cost us points. When we fumble on our own 20, we turned it over on their 20 (yard line) and then gave them seven more."

(on the special teams punt coverage and the late penalty for running out of bounds) "That was huge. We had them pinned. They called us for running out of bounds without being pushed. I'll have to go look and see if that was the case with Eddie (Pleasant). I don't know. You cant run out of bounds on your own, you have to be pushed out of bounds covering a punt. So you go from them having first-and-ten from the seven-yard line and your defense is on the field, which you feel pretty good about, to them getting the ball out of the hole and going down and beating you. And a penalty on top of that on the first play. Big field position flips in the game."

(on the game changing on the coaches challenge that was reversed on the sideline for Seattle) "I don't know. I'm going to have to replay it like everybody else. The call on the field was no. We thought maybe he didn't catch the ball clean the first time. That was one of our questions. But obviously they said he did. So, we'll have to go with that. That was a big play. They are fixing to punt from their own two- or three-yard line, and all of a sudden they go down and score, I think, on that drive. So another big, long drive once we let them out of the hole."

TIGHT END OWEN DANIELS (Transcribed by Matt Bodiford)

(on processing a tough loss) "Yeah it's a real tough loss. I think we found something though. We played our butts off across the board. Even though this is a loss and it hurts we found some confidence. I feel it within the group, so that's where we're at."

(on QB Matt Schaub's interceptions) "Turnovers are never good, and it's hard to win when you turn the ball over like that, and they get points off of it. Tough situation right there I believe we've got to just run the ball, but we run the plays that are called, and we have to make good decisions. That one hurt, there was still a lot of game to play after that. They found a way we didn't."

(on if you believe in Matt Schaub) "Yes of course. Matt is going to make a lot of plays for us during this year. Obviously we'd like to have one or two back today, but it's a team game. We win together we lose together as a group, as players and coaches. We all have got do the right thing. We all have to play smarter football. We have his back no matter what."



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(on how much this loss hurts) “Yeah it hurts man; we had control of the game. You look at the stats, we kicked their butt. We turn the ball over too many times. That was the difference I think.”

(on where the confidence comes from) “Everyone wanted to talk about them coming into this game, and how great of a team they were. We respected that but we wanted to play well in front our home crowd, and we did that for most of the game. We didn’t get it done at the end, but like I said the way we were playing with the energy and the confidence and physicality that’s everybody said that team is about. They have said that about us in the past, and we want to get back to that.”

RUNNING BACK ARIAN FOSTER (Transcribed by Hank Nathan)

(on if he’s frustrated) “You never want to take an L (loss). I feel like we played hard, we just didn’t play smart. I can live with that rather than the converse of that. So we’ll be all right.”

(on if he thinks they should have run the ball on the play in which QB Matt Schaub threw an interception returned for a touchdown) “I don’t ever second guess our Head and that’s our coach. We should have executed the play call better.”

(on if it’s hard not to think about interceptions being returned for a touchdown) “Nobody’s thinking that. We’ve just got to minimize penalties, minimize mistakes, and not put ourselves in that position. So we’re not helping out. Everybody’s got to look at themselves in the mirror and we’ve just got to play better. That’s just what ‘it is. That’s a good football team, but we feel like we could have handled them just like we did in the first, and we should have closed them out. It’s just one of those things, you just have to keep on grinding and trust the process, trust in our game plans and execute.”

(on if he feels like the offense is responsible for not closing out the game) “Absolutely. Absolutely, we should have closed them out.”

(on QB Matt Schaub getting him involved in the passing game and how that helped him out) “I’m still inching my way back to getting 100 percent. I think, when you have a game like this where the team depends on you heavily, it gets you back into your flow, back into the swing of things. Matt does a great job of that, distributing the ball. He’s always been good at that.”

(on if he still believes in QB Matt Schaub as the starter) “Of course. That’s no question, of course.”

CORNERBACK KAREEM JACKSON (Transcribed by Cali Roper & Stephanie Weaver)

(on being surprised about receiving penalty flag) “I was just as surprised as y’all were. I mean I am not sure what I did wrong. I really can’t comment on it to be honest with you because I don’t know what the flag was for. I was playing until the whistle and tackling the guy. If I don’t tackle, he scores. It’s plain and simple. We were playing in overtime. With that situation in a game, you’ve got to tackle. I’m not sure what the flag was for.”

(on how difficult the loss is) “The loss is very difficult. You give it your all out there and to come up short in overtime is the toughest way to lose. I would rather the team run away with it than give it our all and come down to the last couple of plays. Then to come up short is definitely difficult for us as a team, but I think we have the leaders on this team, and a bunch of guys that are capable of bouncing back from these types of situations. Like I said, we fell hard today, on both sides of the ball. One or two plays, here and there, determines these games. You just have to go back and evaluate the game and move forward to next week because we can’t get this one back.”

(on what changed between the first and second half) “I don’t think anything changed. Like I said, I think we fought hard the whole game on both sides of the ball. We just had a couple plays here and there that determined the game. We just have to go back and evaluate it and correct the mistakes and move on to next week. That is all we can do.”

(on his reaction to losing the game in the second half) “Yeah, it was definitely a tough loss for us. We fought hard as a team. We gave it our all, every man in this locker room. We can think about it the rest of the night. Tomorrow, we have to move on.”

(on his support for QB Matt Schaub) “Matt Schaub is a great leader for this team and he’s our quarterback. In my opinion, he played great today. He started fast, did some great things, and hit some guys in keys situations with



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passes. We definitely support him. He is definitely a leader. He has been a leader since day one when I got here. I'll definitely follow him anywhere. We definitely support him and any decision he makes. Defensively, we've got to go out and make a couple plays here and there, but we definitely support him."

(on if the defense played differently after LB Brian Cushing left the game) "I can't really say because I didn't realize he was gone until maybe the last drive or two. I'm not really sure what happened to him or what was the case, so I really don't know."

WIDE RECEIVER ANDRE JOHNSON (Transcribed by Hank Nathan)

(on what was different in the second half for the offense) "It's about executing. That's one thing about this game; you've got to be consistent. We came out and played in well in the first half. The second half, we didn't play as well. We had turnovers and penalties and things like that. Those are things you can't have, you have to eliminate."

(on what QB Matt Schaub is going through and if this is different) "You hate to see anybody go through it. He's going to get all of criticism, but you can blame it on me. There was a third-down play I didn't make. You can't really just point the finger at one guy. This is the ultimate team game and, when one guy messes up, it can blow it for everybody. If one guy doesn't make a play or make a block, don't make a catch, you're off the field or there's a turnover or something. It takes all 11 guys to get the job done and we didn't get it done today."

(on the fans booing QB Matt Schaub) "Fans are going to be fans. You have some that are loyal. You have some that are fair weather and they only come around when you win. I've been here when it was 2-14 and there was hardly anybody in the stands, so I really don't care about what fans think. A lot of them don't understand what players go through. They can talk about what they want to talk about."

(on if this loss is as painful of one as he can remember or at least of late) "Yeah, it is. We played against a good football team today. We knew it was going to be a physical game. We came out and played them tough, but, like I said, you've got to play for 60 minutes and not have those turnovers and things like that. And we didn't do that."

(on if the team has lost faith in QB Matt Schaub at all) "No, I don't think anybody's lost faith in Matt. He's our quarterback. We're going to rally behind him. Other than that, that's about it. If anybody's lost faith in him, I don't see it. You don't sense it around the locker room or anything like that."

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER WHITNEY MERCILUS (Transcribed by Matt Bodiford)

(on what happened today) "Penalties hurt us, of course. We were tough with them for three and a half quarters then we just let them get back in the game. Those last minutes in the fourth quarter, and basically that's the way this league goes. You have to stay on top each step of the way, all four quarters."

(on the team not playing for four quarters this season) "First two games of the season we just dragged it out. We didn't start playing like ourselves until late in to the third, and fourth quarter. It was different this game, we came out on fire for three and a half quarters. We have to be able to maintain that throughout the fourth."

(on the feeling when QB Matt Schaub threw a pick six) "It is what it is. Pick six goes down, and you can't think about it. As a defense we have to go out there and cause a turnover ourselves. Get another pick, get another fumble, try to get ourselves back in to the game."

(on the game plan for QB Russell Wilson changing when ILB Brian Cushing left the game) "Our plan didn't change at all. Of course, as expected, we knew he was going to run, we knew he was going to scramble outside of the pocket, and things like that. He had runs, but you have to be able to contain him. He makes plays, he's in the NFL for a reason."

(on the defense being different without Brian Cushing) "I'd say so. He is one of our great playmakers on defense. Having him not out there kinda sucks, but we know we have to suck it up and play ball."

NOSE TACKLE EARL MITCHELL (Transcribed by Matt Bodiford)

(on what coach Gary Kubiak said after the game) "It was definitely a tough loss, and we're very disappointed. We gotta figure out a way to win. This is not what we want, and it's not what we work all week for. We have to get back in the meeting room, get back out to practice, and figure out a way to win."



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(on losing today) “Losing these types of games is tough, because we’re grinding it out, and you’re definitely trying to make a statement especially at home. We just want to come out on top when you go into games like that.”

(on QB Matt Schaub’s interceptions) “It’s tough and disappointing, but that’s my teammate. You gotta support him, and have his back. That’s something you have to believe in. We have to believe in our teammates to get it done. There’s a reason why he’s back there, so we think he can get it done.”

(on the team believing in QB Matt Schaub) “I don’t go around asking everybody what’s going on in their minds about other teammates. I can only tell you about myself, and I personally feel like Schaub is a great dude, and he’s going to do what it takes to get us out of this situation because he is the leader of our team.”

CENTER CHRIS MYERS (Transcribed by Hank Nathan)

(on being up 20-3 and why it fell apart for the team) “It’s fairly obvious. For us to be able to play that well in the first half and come out in the second half and, offensively, not score any points, (we) kind of put ourselves in that position. The game was put away and just can’t be able to give them points. We were running the ball to close out the game and stuff, but, when it mattered most in overtime, we weren’t able to capitalize on any points.”

(on if the Seahawks figured them out or if the team didn’t execute) “I’ve got to go back and look at the film. As an offensive line, we got Matt (Schaub) hit way too much this week. When that happens, obviously, he’s got to get the ball out quicker. We’ve got to see what the film says and what contributed to that. As an offensive line, personally, I don’t think we played as well as we need to.”

(on what QB Matt Schaub is going through right now) “Matt’s a professional, the way he goes about his job day-in and day-out. No one’s harder on Matt than himself. I’m sure he’d obviously like to have that play back (the interception returned for a touchdown) and the past ones the past couple of weeks. But he’s the one driving us down the field and he’s our leader right now. I’d take him behind center any day.”

(on Head Coach Gary Kubiak saying he put QB Matt Schaub into a bad position on the play in which he threw an interception returned for a touchdown) “I don’t know. We’ve got to see. What play call is called, we’ve got to run. It was a keeper play and they had not been biting the keeper most of the game. Obviously, on that one, he had pressure right in his face. Like I said before, he may like to have it back, but you’ve got to go with what’s called and that’s the way offense works. You call something and you run it.”

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER BROOKS REED (Transcribed by Lance Jaramillo)

(on Texans QB Matt Schaub) “I fully support Matt Schaub and I know what he’s capable of. I fully trust him and I know he’ll get the job done. He’s a great quarterback in my eyes and he’s a hard worker. For how many times he throws in a game, you’re not going to have a perfect game. That was a great defense we played.”

QUARTERBACK MATT SCHAU (Transcribed by T.D. Durham)

(on what happened in the fourth quarter) “Yeah, they brought a blitz off the edge; we had a keeper – trying to make a play to win the ball game, ice it. We had Owen (Daniels) there and I should have just probably ditched it right at his feet or held it and just live to punt and let our defense play.”

(on if there is a sense of shock after a great first half and then a struggling second half) “Yeah, I mean it hurts. It hurts bad. We were playing very well. We had a lot of big plays in the game against a very good defense - we moved the ball. We got to midfield a bunch in the second half and had to punt. We used some clock and had their offense backed up. Our defense was playing well. So yeah, it hurts real bad knowing how important of a game it was and against a very good opponent and we had them on the ropes.”

(on his emotions after having the game locked up until the pick-6) “Much the same. I’m the quarterback of this team. I have the ball in my hands. This one hurts real bad.”

(on DE J.J. Watt saying he was angry about this loss) “It’s not just him. It’s every single guy in that locker room, coaches and players, everyone in this organization. We were trying to end the first quarter of this season getting to 3-1. And we were right there for the taking and to let this one slip away, it really hurts. But we have to somehow find a way as a team. And everyone individually, has to wake up tomorrow and come in and watch the film and get ready to go to San Francisco. That’s all we can focus on. It’s a long season going forward. We’re 2-2. We have to just look to the next one. We have to move on, somehow some way.”



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(on how the team achieves moving on and going on to the next game) “We go right back to work. We can’t control what’s in the past. We can only control what’s in the future – and that’s our next obstacle. And that’s San Francisco. And as a team we’re going to come in tomorrow and take a hard look at things and we’re going to reset our drawing room and we’re going to go back to work just like any other week. All of us in that locker room have played football long enough that we know how to get that done. And we’re going to do it as a group.”

(on the difference on the naked bootleg that he threw the pick-six on versus other bootlegs in the game) “You know right now sitting here I can’t give you an exact reason. And I know I should be able to do that. But it just hurts so bad right now that it’s hard to come up with an answer for you. But I know one thing, we’re going to better as we move forward.”

(on if he lost sight of the defender or if he was depending on his player to make a play) “A little bit. They were bringing an edge rusher – I saw it. They brought the free safety off the edge and the (line)backer and all game they were playing soft on the outside so I was just trying to put it where Owen (Daniels) could get it or have a chance at it or in the worst case scenario it’s incomplete. Right there, knowing the situation, where we have the ball, just either eat the ball and take a sack or just throw it at his feet and we’ll punt on fourth down and try to pin them back there with (P) Shane (Lechler).”

(on if defense are biting on his connection with TE Owen Daniels) “You know, I can’t say they’re targeting Owen (Daniels). I’m not in their huddle or in their game plan meeting rooms.”

(on if it seems like they’re playing TE Owen Daniels differently because of his connection with QB Matt Schaub) “Could be. Again, I don’t know what they’re doing in their room.”

(on if he still feels the confidence in him from his teammates) “Absolutely. Absolutely. I think everyone in their does and I have confidence in them and we’re just going to put our head down and we’re going to go forward. That’s what we’re going to do.”

(on if his struggles and throwing pick-sixes are comparable to anything he’s been through in the past in football) “I mean, this is on a whole different level. I can’t say anything like this has happened in high school. It was so far and so long ago that I don’t even think I can remember much about playing high school football. But this is a different animal. And we’re going to be mentally tougher as we move forward.”

(on the standards Head Coach Gary Kubiak holds quarterbacks to, and what they’ve talked about after the game) “Me and him (Head Coach Gary Kubiak), we’re joined at the hip. We’ve had the same mindset as far as this position. He might hold us to a higher standard, but as far as being the quarterback of this team I hold us, as a group, to a higher standard than even that. And we have to just come back to work and get ready to go beat San Francisco. That’s our task that we’re challenged with.”

(on DE Antonio Smith saying that situations like this make a team stronger) “You know it’s so fresh that looking at that, I think Antonio (Smith) is right. I think looking down the road, we’ll look back and we’ll point to this and say ‘We’re a much better football team having had to deal with some adversity early in the season.’ But right now it’s hard to make that call. But I like Antonio’s mindset. And that’s going to be the whole team’s mindset when we step in here tomorrow morning.”

(on Head Coach Gary Kubiak blaming himself for not putting QB Matt Schaub in a better position on the pick-6) “He’s the head coach, and it’s fine for him to think that, but ultimately he makes the call to put it in my hands and trust me with the ball and I’m the one who has it in his hands. And I have to be better.”

(on if Seattle’s defense made adjustments in overtime) “They weren’t doing much different. That’s a good defense we’re facing. That’s a good front. That’s a good pass rush. That’s a very formidable secondary. The size that they bring and the way they play. That’s a good defense. You’re not going to make every single play that you have called. You want that to happen, but they’re going to make some plays too.”

(on the adjustments he had to make with the protection up front) “I don’t see it as an issue, our guys are battling. They played against an exceptional front and they played really well all day. Those guys fought tooth and nail up front.”



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(on if he feels like he has lost the support of the fans) "We're here to win football games. At the end of the day, whether we win or lose, that's all that matters. That's all about the guys in the locker room and the coaches and us just making sure we go out there and get that done."

DEFENSIVE END ANTONIO SMITH (Transcribed by Lance Jaramillo)

(on reaction to QB Matt Schaub being booed) "Obviously disappointed because that was a disappointing one, but I know most people won't agree with me and think it's strange, but I feel better now about my team than I have all year because we've got the formula, we've got the blueprint and we know how to do it now. We know how to believe in our self now. All we got to do now is iron out the little mishaps here and there and that's all with playing within the framework of the team. No reason we should have lost this game; none whatsoever. The only reason why is because here and there we made a couple of mistakes, but the feeling that was in the stadium today, the feeling we had we have not had this year, and this game here is going to be the blueprint for what's going to come."

(on how he feels for Houston Texans QB Matt Schaub) "I feel for anybody who goes through persecution, but all it does is make you stronger. He can't let what everybody else say define him, for nobody who speaks here on earth can define you as the person that you are. Now, he has to take the responsibility on himself to stand up and to step out of the trend that he's in, but just because everybody is booing and saying things about him, it does not define Matt Schaub. He has to find what defines him."

(on if the team still believes in Houston Texans QB Matt Schaub) "I definitely believe in him. You see what he did today. You see what he did today. I believe in him one hundred percent. Never have not believed in him. It's things he has to do to fix his game just like there's things I need to do to fix my game. Everybody has that and everybody deserves the chance to fix that. He deserves the chance to go out there and fix his mistakes and I have no doubt that he's going to do it."

(on how difficult it was to contain QB Russell Wilson after ILB Brian Cushing left the game) "He ran, but it's not difficult with the formula to stop him from running. We did it the whole game. I think the same thing that got us this game has bitten us in the past and I think everybody realizes it now; success can bring two things; it can bring good things and also bad things, because you get to think about making plays, getting sacks and different things like that so you do things outside of what we're supposed to do to make a play and it gives him an opportunity to run out and make plays like that. You see that when we hone it back in it was null and void."

(on how ILB Brian Cushing is doing) "I talked to him and he said he's doing good."

(on seeing a silver lining as opposed to a black cloud over the team) "There is no black cloud and I told my team that all this week. There never was. There started to be one earlier in practice this week and I was telling my boys 'we are not defined by what people say can happen to us or what people say we are.' We control what we what we go out there and put on the field. Nobody defines a man out here on this earth. Only one person can define them and that's Christ Jesus."

(on how disappointing it is to lose a 20-3 halftime lead) "Definitely disappointing. I just said that, but you always got to find a silver lining or exactly what people say is going to happen is going to happen. If you keep focusing on the gloom and doom and the dark cloud you'll become the dark cloud. I'm not going to let that seep in. I told my teammates we're not going to let that seep in because we got the blueprint and we did it before, we've been in this situation before, we just have to go out there and take our destiny in our hands."

(on what head coach Gary Kubiak said to the team after the game) "Coach said he took one on this one. That's exactly what he said and he said he knows it hurts and it's a disappointing loss, but we all took one on this one, because we're a family, we're a team and he is us and we are him, we're all one. Something could have been done from every aspect of this game to make this game a different outcome."

(on what got difficult after ILB Brian Cushing left) "I don't want to say this in a bad way, but I didn't know Brian (Cushing) had left until after a couple of series then I noticed that (ILB Justin) Tuggle was in the huddle. It kind of threw me off. Knowing who Brian in, the thing I would say that changed is, he's an animal; he's everywhere on that field and you seen that in the first half that if anybody was coming up the middle he was laying that hat on them."



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(on if QB Matt Schaub called the team together after the game) "He didn't address the team, he called us up like he normally does; family on three. That's what he normally does. He knows what he got to do. Nobody has to put any added pressure on him. He's a man just like I'm a man. He knows what he has to do as a man like I do."

GUARD WADE SMITH (Transcribed by Adrian Jones)

(on how he feels about QB Matt Schaub after today's loss) "Right now what I feel is just extreme disappointment because we put a lot into winning that game, and if you look at the stats, look at how the game was controlled, we were supposed to win that game. There is no one player that we feel sorry for more than another. We all lost this game, and that's the bottom line."

(on support of QB Matt Schaub) "Like I said, everybody feels bad about the game. The Houston Texans lost this game. One person didn't lose this game. It never works that way. Who (the media) decides to point fingers at, that's who you decide, but the bottom line is we lost the game."

(on how the offensive line performed in today's game) "We dictated the game. You could see that it was coming to a point in the game where (Seattle) was about to tap out, and we didn't take advantage of that. We turned the ball over, we didn't make plays when they had to be made, and when you give a good team a chance, it ends up how it ended up with a loss."

(on if his knee is bothering him) "I felt fine."

DEFENSIVE END J.J. WATT (Transcribed by Adrian Jones)

(on his overall thoughts on today's loss) "Sucks."

(on challenge of overcoming today's loss) "There won't be any challenge. We are going to show up tomorrow and get every single thing we are doing wrong corrected. We have just got to finish. We didn't finish the game. We will get it fixed. Everything that is wrong will be fixed, I can promise that."

(on biggest concern of today's team performance) "Finishing. We were dominating (Seattle). We dominated them the whole first half. In the second half we just didn't finish the game. It is very, very frustrating, and like I said, we are going to get it corrected. Whatever we have to do, however long we have to stay, whatever kind of meetings we have to have, whatever kind of practice we have to do, we are going to get it fixed."

(on impact of LB Brian Cushing's absence after he left due to concussion) "Obviously, he is a playmaker in the middle (of the defense). But all I can do is play the game. I haven't seen the film yet. I will find out later."

(on whether the loss makes him angry) "Yes. Every loss makes me angry. I can't fricking stand losing."

(on whether there is anything positive to take away from today's game) "I will find out when I watch film. I thought we were all right in the first half. We will watch the film and figure it out."

(on performance of QB Matt Schaub) "He is going through a tough time. People are going to come after him, but football is a team game. It is not (about) one player."

(on if absence of LB Brian Cushing lead to 98-yard drive by Seattle) "Like I just said, football is not just a one man game. It is a team game. We can't put anything on one man. We have to stop them (in that situation)."

(on whether it is the toughest loss since he has been a member of the Texans) "Yes. I'm pissed off. This sucks. Nobody like to lose, especially like this in your own building. This isn't fun. I'm sick of it after one loss."



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POSTGAME QUOTES FROM SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

HEAD COACH PETE CARROLL
DE CLIFF AVRIL
T MICHAEL BOWIE
CB BRANDON BROWNER
DE CHRIS CLEMONS
K STEVEN HAUSCHKA
RB CHRISTINE MICHAEL
WR SYDNEY RICE
CB RICHARD SHERMAN
FS EARL THOMAS
LB BOBBY WAGNER
QB RUSSELL WILSON

HEAD COACH PETE CARROLL (Transcribed by Roman Petrowski)

(opening statement) “This is an extraordinary day. The Texans played great football. They handed it to us every way they wanted to in the first half and we really didn’t have any answers to stop it. The best thing that happened to us was going in to halftime and trying to regroup. And I think the challenge that we all wanted to meet up to is we hadn’t shown who we were yet and how we could play. We just weren’t doing anything the way we wanted to; the way it’s supposed to look. And so to go the last 42 minutes or whatever and not give up a score, that defense is just crazy good, because that’s a fantastic team. You know, we came into this game with tremendous respect for them. They’re people, the coaches, the quarterback, the running backs, everybody—their rushers, the whole thing. And we knew we were going to have a really difficult time and we were gonna have to play really well and we just didn’t. So it was so frustrating for us to get started. But once it got going we could feel the defense’s play and Russell’s (Wilson) was just off the charts. I don’t know what his numbers were. It didn’t matter. You had to watch this game to see the things that he did to give us a chance and to keep us going. And all he kept saying was “Give me a chance. Give me a chance,” you know. Darrell (Bevell) did a great job of calling plays and got him on the edge and got him some chances to move and make things happen so it wound up being a really fantastic finish for us. As the game got on we got stronger. We love that about our team. We looked like we didn’t have any juice or anything the first half and then we got stronger as we finished. So, fantastic win over a terrific football team in a very difficult situation that we’re really proud of.”

(on how critical it was to show that they could play with toughness on the road) “It ain’t critical to anybody to show on the outside. We just wanted to be what we’re capable of being, and we weren’t that for a while there. And it just looked like we were in, you know running in sand, and it just wasn’t like that. You know it’s tough, they got stronger they played better. We made more plays. We did everything we needed to do to give ourselves a chance. And some great plays came out of that. Richard’s (Sherman) great play. The great punt return that Golden (Tate) had. The terrific catch on the sidelines that Doug (Baldwin) had. The runs that Marshawn (Lynch) had. We needed everything to work for us so that we could get back in it. I don’t care what your opinion is of what we need to look like. We need to play like we’re capable and whatever that is we’ll take that to the bank.”

(on what they struggled with on defense in the first half) “We didn’t get any pressure on the quarterback it felt like, and there were just a few plays that got away you know They executed really well and they got us out of shape, out of whack a little bit on the deep in on a coupe balls they threw. The quarterback did a great job. (Matt) Schaub’s a really, really good quarterback. You saw how many balls he threw dead on the money with guys hanging all over guys. That’s what he done on film too and he did again today. We just kind of settled down a little bit, and we might have over-tried a couple times trying to cover up on 80 (Andre Johnson) you know we bring in so much respect for him, and gave away some spots in the middle down the field.”

(on who saw WR Doug Baldwin’s catch on the sideline that led to the challenge) “It was right in front of all of us. We saw it. Honestly, I saw it the way the official saw it. I thought I saw just what he saw, but it was so close it was worth the challenge, and it was actually a bit different when you look at the film. So, it was the right thing to do to challenge it because at the time we were reaching and clawing and scratching a little bit. Doug said he hit both toes in so we said ok let’s go ahead and throw it and see what happens.’

(on (QB) Russell Wilson’s running in the fourth quarter) “Heck yeah he did. He was running for his life out there. That’s a great pass rush. They really put the heat on us. Let me say this too, for us to do this with Michael Bowie,



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with his first start, Paul (McQuistan) getting his second start at tackle, and letting him get his first start this year, that's a fantastic accomplishment. You could tell, you could tell we were scrambling for a while and we had a hard time picking them up and getting things done up front, but they hung tough and they finished it off and got ourselves a win. So, I was really proud of those guys for coming through."

(on his vantage point and reaction of CB Richard Sherman's interception and if he was surprised that they threw it) "No, that was really a fantastic call by Dan Quinn. Something that he practiced during the week for a situation just like that, and we practiced exactly that happening with Sherman picking the ball off and scoring. So that doesn't happen very often you know, but when it did it was like the world stopped for a second there, because he had the ball in his hands and there was nobody in front of him, and we had practiced exactly that. So, it was really cool that it happened, but even more so for the poise and the athleticism for Sherman to pull it off. It was great pressure by Kam (Chancellor). It was the way it was supposed to be. We're looking for the quick throw and Sherman found it, and to pull away and make a touchdown out of it was amazing."

(on what was said in the locker room down 20-3 at the half) "The greatest halftime adjustments I can ever remember. No, we have something that we talk about you know, and we have a specific talk that we go through in that situation and we just pulled it up. It was time. It's about coming back one play at a time and doing things right and not getting impatient and believing. And that's how it goes."

(on if he saw growth from today's game unlike the game against Atlanta in the playoffs last season) "I think that's a great observation because we were unable last year a number of times to just finish off the drive and get out of there and give the ball back to the offense or win the game. And we did it, I don't know, four or five times today. I thought it was just a tremendous sign of growth. And the guys coming through making the plays and the rush getting there and executing down the stretch. It was the same situation, just get one more first down and they're ready to kick a long field goal and they just wouldn't let it happen and that's a big adjustment; improvement for us obviously. There's three games last year we left out there in those same situations. So it was a big deal yeah."

(on the condition of DE Michael Bennett) "Mike was in the locker room with us. He's got a strained muscle in his back that really grabbed him and really hurt him. They were just really concerned because it was close to his vertebrae. They weren't sure what it was so they took good care of him, but he's OK. I don't know what that means for next week but he was in there and he broke them down at the end of the game. So he's fine."

(on what he sees from the team's guts and determination and character) "Yeah we call that grit. We call that grit man. That's what that was. That game was all about grit. You just had to keep hanging and just not let all of the things that had happened build up and stop you from believing, and just hanging tough and not accepting the fact that it was gonna be so hard and persevering. That's exactly what that is."

(on if that "grit" reinforces all the things he says) "It really helps me. It helps me by competing and finishing, and that's exactly what happened today and the character of this team was really challenged today. And there were so many times where we could have said "Ok, not today," and they would just not go there. Hopefully that will help us next week."

DEFENSIVE END CLIFF AVRIL (Transcribed by Rachel Jacob)

(on the second half adjustments) "There really weren't any adjustments; we just felt that we could play better. They came in at half time and we felt that we hadn't played our best game yet. We decided to put our foot down and go out there and play to our potential."

(on what the Seattle defensive line saw from the Houston Texans' offense) "For us it was more so getting after (QB Matt) Schaub. That's our job every week, it's to make him move his feet. Most quarterbacks aren't good with guys at their feet and having to focus on us instead of the guys down field. That was the goal, to put pressure on his face all game long to give our DBs a chance."

(on Seattle's view point coming in to today's game) "We knew what kind of team they had. They have a great team. They have offensive weapons and defensive players that can make some things happen. First we knew we had to go out there and bring our A game, which clearly in the first half we didn't do so well, but second half I think we did a good job."



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(on how he was able to sack QB Matt Schaub) “Honestly, I give credit to (DE) Chris Clemons. He kind of flushed him my way and I saw him and made the tackle.”

TACKLE MICHAEL BOWIE (Transcribed by Chris Burkhalter)

(on team’s character in making a comeback) “It just tells you how much heart this team has. We have a bunch of older guys that are leaders. All we have to do is follow their lead, and the rest will take care of itself. We never thought we were going to lose this game. Like I said, we just have too much heart, and we refuse to lose.”

(on quarterback Russell Wilson) “Nothing he does surprises me. He is an athlete. He’s just a leader, a captain of this team. You can’t say enough about him. I look up to that guy.”

DEFENSIVE BACK BRANDON BROWNER (Transcribed by ReShun Gilmore)

(on Seattle’s defensive play) “We played great. We were in a deficit for most of the game and down two scores but we had faith. We are a close knit team and a lot of great ball players. All it takes is for a few guys to make plays and get our offense the ball. We happened to make an interception and return it for a touchdown on a defensive look.”

(on what was said in the second half to turn the defense around) “We just never gave up. We knew we were in a dog fight. Like I said earlier, I have faith in my guys and we are going to fight until there’s a win.”

(on play from Seattle’s front seven setting the tone for the secondary) “They really are impressive. We went and picked up some big acquisitions. Michael Bennett and Cliff Avril have been balling since they’ve been here. That helped us out on the back-end getting pressure on the quarterback. We’re a man-to-man team, so it works well with our scheme.”

(on Texans’ play) “The Texans are a great football team. We just beat a good football team, but I’m proud of my team. Those guys fought hard out there and gave us everything. We just didn’t give up and came out with the ‘dub’ (win).”

DEFENSIVE END CHRIS CLEMONS (Transcribed by ReShun Gilmore)

(on what Seattle’s front seven saw from Houston’s offense) “The first half, we just got in our own way. We knew coming into halftime that we had to settle down. We gave up a lot of big plays in the first half. Once we came in and made adjustments, we came back out in the second half and they couldn’t put the ball in the end zone. So, that was the biggest thing we knew coming into the second half. We had to finish and come together.”

(on the defensive adjustments made in the second half) “Well, the biggest thing was slowing down (RB Arian Foster) number 23. We know everything starts with him, (WR Andre Johnson) number 80 and (QB MATT Schaub) number 8. So, the biggest thing was slowing down their run game and getting jams on (WR Andre Johnson). We could not let him get off the line and slow their tight ends down. Their tight ends are very, very good. It kind of reminds you of the Patriots tight ends, so it was a great contest for us. It showed us that we have to fight throughout a whole game. We knew coming into this game that they were not going to come in and lay down.”

(on the mindset of the team) “We knew we had to gel together. That’s what we believe in. We laugh and joke, but at the end of the day everyone is accountable from the top to the bottom. That’s the way we play. We don’t go out and depend on one person. We go out and depend on everyone to get the job done. We stay together all the time. We never put one person or unit in a situation where we can’t get out of it.”

KICKER STEVEN HAUSCHKA (Transcribed by Chris Burkhalter)

(on the winning kick) “I was preparing for it on the sidelines. I thought we were going to get an opportunity. My goal is to treat (a game-winning field goal) like any other kick and like any kick I have in practice. It really is the same motion. The protection did a great job. It was a great snap and hold from our snapper Clint (Gresham) and our holder Jon Ryan.”

(on any sideline talk with special teams coach) “We decided that the 36-yard line would be the normal range for the entire game, and we could stretch it out to 60 or 62 yards if we needed to.”



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(on ball placement for the winning kick) “The coaches mentioned something about location, but we ended up kicking from the left hash (mark.) That was just how the play went.”

(on whether or not Houston would call a time out to ice him) “I really didn’t know, but I knew there was a possibility. My goal is kick it the same no matter if there is a time out or not.”

RUNNING BACK CHRISTINE MICHAEL (Transcribed by Trevor Caswell)

(on the second half comeback) “We’re never finished. We play the whole four quarters and overtime, if we have to. We’re a team that comes together and we do our best to stay in the game and help each other out.”

(on first year experience) “It’s a great experience. I am learning a lot from guys like RB’s Robin Turbin, Marshawn Lynch, Derrick Coleman, and QB Russell Wilson. It’s a blessing that I was thrown into such a great situation.”

(on learning from RB Marshawn Lynch) “It’s wonderful. He is a guy that has a spirit of never quitting. He loves the game and has a lot of respect for the game. He holds himself accountable for the guys beneath him.”

WIDE RECEIVER SYDNEY RICE (Transcribed by Chris Burkhalter)

(on making the second-half comeback) “We always talk about it all the time. You cannot win the game in the first, second, third, and in this case the fourth quarter. We knew at halftime we would have more opportunities. We were getting the ball coming out (of halftime), We never in our minds thought we could not win this ball game. Everybody stuck together, and like we say all the time, fight to the very end. The defense did a hell of a job getting the ball back, and (Richard) Sherman on the interception and taking it back to the crib and tying the ball game up there in the last few minutes. It is a great team win, and it shows how much you need the guy next to you out there on the field every play.”

(on the difference in the Texans defense in the first and second halves) “There was not much difference. They continued to play their one-high stuff (and) their zone stuff. Like I said, we just came back and came into our own and started executing the plays.”

(on the last drive in overtime) “There was a couple crazy plays on (the Texans’) end, two 15-yard penalties giving us good field position. We were able to get into field goal range and make the kick.”

CORNERBACK RICHARD SHERMAN (Transcribed by Mia Fredricks and Shelby Wells)

(on his thoughts towards QB Russell Wilson and the win) “He’s a great ball player, he’s an awesome player. We had a blessing; we had an angel looking over us today. RIP to Ken Norton Sr. That was a hard loss for us as a team and it’s hard not to see Norton there all week. You’ve got to give the glory to him. It was a special game; it was a special effort by our team. And it was a great effort by their team. They had a lot of guys that made big plays for them. They played consistent throughout the ball game. Andre (Johnson) showed a lot of resilience, a lot of heart. So did Arian (Foster), so did Ben Tate, and so did (Matt) Schaub. They continued to fight just like we continued to fight. We just caught a break at the end and that’s just how the game goes sometimes.”

(on his walk-through of his pick-six) “It was a play we had seen on film that they like to run on short yardage. And coming out of the end zone, they like to jump it to the guy in the flat, roll (Matt) Schaub out, and usually either send the fullback or the receiver on an in-and-back-out route with a corner out behind him. It was one of those plays where you have to take the opportunity for what it was. If you jump it, you’re pretty much leaving the safety one-on-one with the corner route behind you. But, with our safety and our guys, Earl (Thomas) did a great job disguising it, I was able to jump it, but he didn’t throw it where I thought he was. He kind of put air under it so his guy could grab it, and I was able to wrestle it away from him, then it was just heart and resilience. It’s one of those, you need to get to the end-zone. Our offense was struggling a little bit and I felt like our defense needed to make the play. So, I was able to get to the end-zone and it was a big time play. I think that was the turning point also. I think that was the turning point in the game when we evened it out and when we brought it to 20-20. Our offense just continued to fight, they continued to grind out. Grind, grind, grind. I think that’s what our running game does and I think that’s what they were able to do.”

(on the importance of the defense’s ability to maintain confidence after the less successful first half) “Belief in our selves is always evident throughout the game. Regardless of what happened in the first half, we think that we can come out and shut anybody down. They’re a great ball club. They’re going to come out and make plays. Arian (Foster) made some plays, Ben Tate made some plays, Owen Daniels made some plays. 80 (Andre Johnson) is



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obviously going to make his plays, but we were able to be resilient, continue to believe, continue to have faith in ourselves and one another and our teammates, and I think that's what brings us closer. We appreciate games like this because it brings us closer as a team and as a defense."

(on what they need to focus on in order to win another away game next week) "Just eliminating mistakes. There were a lot of mistakes made in the first half and we need to eliminate those mistakes. If we are able to eliminate those mistakes that we made in the first half, I think we are able to keep the ball game closer and give our offense a better chance to make some plays in a ball game. I think we put that on ourselves as a defense. They made plays, they made a lot of plays and we gave up a lot of yards in the first half and I think that is uncharacteristic of what we do as a defense and we need to correct that first of all."

(on being able to pull away with a win unlike the 2013 playoff game versus Atlanta Falcons) "I think that's exactly what it felt like. That's what guys went back to when we came into half time. Guys were like, 'This is the exact adversity we went through in Atlanta, in Washington.' Where we're down, we're down and things aren't going well, but there's never a sense of doubt. There was never a sense of doubt in our offense, in our defense, or in our special teams. Guys always believe, they continue to believe and I think that game was the reason we believe because we were able to come back in that game. We were able to make the plays we needed to make. Regardless of how you get the win, it was a win. Guys stood up when they needed to stand up, offense came through at points when they needed to come through at points, defense was able to step up and make plays when we needed to make plays. And, that's the way you win games like this on the road at 12 o'clock. A lot of people think we can't win them and in order to win them, it's going to be ugly sometimes, it's going to be an ugly win, it's going to be a gutty win. But you've got guys like Russell Wilson, our O-line (offense line) banged up, but you've got rookies out there grinding. Marshawn (Lynch) is in beast mode, being himself. Doug (Baldwin) is making outstanding plays on the sideline. Things like that happen."

(on the importance of showing fans their ability to win games on the road) "I think it was important for our ball club just to win on the road, just to continue our win streak. I don't think our franchise has ever started 4 and 0. And I think that was important for us, to be that stepping stone, to continue to advance, to continue to grow as a team. For Russell (Wilson) to grind, to not have a pretty game, not have a great stat game but still get the victory, do enough things to get the win, make enough plays, for our O-line (offensive line) to open enough holes, get enough yards to get the win. Not necessarily have the prettiest win, those kinds of games make champion teams."

(on if he was watching Kam Chancellor under pressure) "I wasn't watching him per say. I knew it was coming. I picked the same play against our scout team on Friday because we knew it was coming. Kam brings the pressure. I disguise earl disguises and then you come make the play not everybody can make that play because it takes some risk. It's a high risk high reward kind of play. Where you got to jump and you might get beat. You might get beat over the top for a 20-30 yard play if he gets the ball down there, but if you make the play and you get a pick-6 you change the game for your team. Earl Thomas made a few plays in this ball game, Kam made some plays; B.B. (Brandon Browner) made a few clutch stops and our defense as a whole. We stand up when we need to"

(on what it was like seeing DE Michael Bennett carried off and come back at the end of the game) "It was an emotional time for us as defense. Just to see, he's kind of the spark plug in our defense. He's always in the backfield. He's always doing something. He's disruptive in every facet of the game, and to see him carted off was emotion but to see him come back, he came back with tears in his eyes. It kind of got us teary eyed, it got us emotional, got us ready to go. He said, 'Man just come on, win this for me. I'm not going to be able to come back in this one.' You're kind of getting me teary eyed right now. Because guys that you grind with, guys that you fight with, guys that you continue to go to battle with, you never want to see them out of the game, you never want to see them on the sideline and get carted off in that kind of way and I think just seeing him come back gave us the spark that we needed."

(on if he knew he was going to have the chance to make the interception when he saw the play call) "Yeah, as soon as he made the call, we knew the situation we were in. It was a third and short. It was a play they liked. They gave us a formation we liked. They motioned down to a stack which is what we expected to see. And then it's about making a play. Everything isn't going to go as planned. He isn't going to put the ball in my hands. You have to go out there and take it from him and in that play I really had to take it from the guy. He had his hands on the ball and I was able to wrestle it away. But you have to know, just because you jump it, just because you know it, you jump it. They can still complete it. These guys are NFL football players; they're here for a reason. (Matt)



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Schaub is a great quarterback; he's going to get it where he needs to get it. I was able to wrestle it away and just go."

(on what he thinks when he knows exactly what he has to do in that play) "Make the play. It's like you get on fast break layup for a game winner, you still got to make it. You still got to make the play. It's not like the ball is just going to get in the hoop. So I focused on everything I needed to focus on, my indicators. I made sure my feet were under me and as soon as I saw the ball in the air, I went for it aggressively and so did their tight-end. He went for it aggressively. And once I got it away from him, it was just a fight. Fight through any tackle, any anything and pick your legs up. I lost my shoe. I lost my shoe for I think 50-something yards. It might be the longest return without a shoe in the NFL. You got to check that. I got the shoe back. If that was the end of the game, I don't think I would have gotten it back, but I got it back because I had to finish the game."

(on the interview conducted with his mother and her prediction about him having a pick-six near the end of the game) "I don't know, she's a pretty special woman. She's done a lot of incredible things. You can add prophet to that if you want, to her list of things. But my mom is an incredible woman, so is my dad an incredible man. Without them I wouldn't be where I am today. I appreciate them and I appreciate you bringing that up because she's the one who predicted these kinds of things. You know, predicted I'd be something special."

(on what this game says about QB Russell Wilson) "I think that says he's an outstanding young man and I think he's exactly what we thought he was. There's no sophomore slump for him. Teams are going to figure out that he's not going to be able to run it every time. He's not a one-dimensional quarterback. He tries to stay back there and throw it. And as soon as they forgot about his running ability, he took risks; he put his body on the line for the team. He knew we needed him to run. We needed him to get down the field and make some exciting plays. He made some unbelievable plays down the stretch for us. I think that says he loves his team and he does anything for a win. He is a gritty ball player and when you got a guy like that leading your team, you think you can win in any game, any situation, any opportunity you give him the ball, he is going to make something happen."

FREE SAFETY EARL THOMAS (Transcribed by Trevor Caswell)

(on difference of the defense between the first and second half) "We just played normal. I think that we were just trying to do too much. The guys were playing out of their character. Everybody wanted to make a play so bad, but we settled down. We knew that if we could get back in to the game somehow, we could win and that's what we did. We just got back to the basics and everybody settled down. On the defensive side of the ball, we shut them out in the second half and that's how we play ball."

(on Texan's Quarterback Matt Schaub's interceptions) "I just think that we had a great disguise. We knew that if he got flustered, he would throw some picks to us and we capitalized on every opportunity we had."

(on interception and catching drills in practice) "I practice every opportunity I can. In the summer I got in with the wideouts and did one-on-ones and routes with them, just to catch the ball as much as possible. I think that is what changes the game because we have guys on the defensive side of the ball that can take it away and also catch. DB's are known for not catching the ball, but we do a great job here finishing plays like that and taking it to the house."

LINEBACKER BOBBY WAGNER (Transcribed by Chris Burkhalter)

(on making the trip to Houston) "We try not to make it a big deal. We tried to get out here a little earlier, and try to adjust to the time change. I don't know if it took us a while to wake up, but we were not playing the way we were supposed to play. We went into halftime, we talked about it and made our adjustments. We came out and fought our way back."

(on the Texans offense) "We had to stop the run. In the first half, they were running on us, so it opened up their passing game and their play-action game because we were so concerned about the run. So, once we stopped (the running game), we knew that if they were going to beat us, they would have to pass the ball, and we know how good our secondary is."

(on the team's character in making a comeback) "We just wanted to let (the Texans) know that this is a real team, no matter if we are on the road down by 20, we always know we'll be in it. We always are going to fight."

QUARTERBACK RUSSELL WILSON (Transcribed by Ellie Pardee and Nida Chaudry)



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(on the game) “Oh man, that was a crazy effort by the defense, by the offense, by special teams. To be able to win that game, in that fashion, on the road, obviously we didn’t start the way we wanted to but it was just one of those things where we had to keep battling. We knew it was going to be a tough game. Obviously, we had offensive lineman that are starters out. For guys to step up and just battle, we knew that going up against one of the best defensive lines, going up against JJ Watt, one of best defensive lineman to ever play the game and even though he’s still so young, we knew that we just had to keep battling, keep playing one play at a time, just try to find a way. Obviously Richard Sherman’s pick was just unbelievable. It was a great call by the defense and Coach Carroll and our defensive coordinator. Just to be able to make that play right there to give us a chance again, and obviously going into overtime, and keep believing, and then Steve Hauschka making that field goal. It was one of those games, it wasn’t the prettiest win in the world, but it sure does look pretty now just thinking about it because of the effort, the relentless, competitive nature that we showed today.”

(on wide receiver Doug Baldwin’s reviewed catch and if he knew Baldwin was in bounds) “I knew it was in. It was a little fake screen and then Doug ran up the sideline down to the left over there. The guy was covering him pretty good but I had to kind of back-shoulder him and I knew that he had his feet in. It definitely looked like he did. He does a great job of that and we work on that all the time, on that back-shoulder throw. It was a great play by him. That was definitely a game-changing play right there. It allowed us to keep our drive going and we made some big plays later in the game.”

(on using his legs more in the fourth quarter) “Like I said earlier, their defensive line was so good and I just tried to find enough time. Our guys were doing every they could just to continue to battle with those guys, and they did a great job, they really did, they stepped up in the second half. I’m so proud of those guys to be able to step in like that. I just had to try to find a way to get first downs and make plays and keep the chains moving. Sometimes I have to use my legs to do it too. They did a good job of covering for the most part, but just trying to slide up and step up and get first downs and keep the ball moving. I think that was big for me. We had to find a way, we always have to find a way.”

(on his reaction to cornerback Richard Sherman’s interception) “I was on the sidelines standing up and cheering as loud as I could. Based on the formation I thought ‘they’re probably going to throw the ball right here’, just with how it looked on the formation. Our defense is so smart and our guys are so intelligent, that’s what makes our defensive line, linebackers and DBs so good, obviously also their talent. But it just looked funny for whatever reason and Richard just, I think we blitzed Kam Chancellor off the side there, and kind of forced Matt (Schaub) not to throw it up for grabs, but to make a tough throw and Richard Sherman kind of stepped in front and took it to the house. That’s unbelievable, that’s just smart football by us. That’s just dedication to just never giving up.”

(on the defense providing energy for the offense) “I told our guys on the sideline, our offense, that they’re giving us a shot. It just seemed like the momentum was changing. It felt like they weren’t getting first downs like they were in the first half. They were doing good in the first half. They were throwing the ball really well against our defense, which is hard to do. So they were throwing the ball well, but it just seemed like in the second half the momentum changed our way and we just had to find a way to keep it going, keep believing and keep finding a way to get first downs and get closer and closer to the end zone. We did that and we found a way to make some big-time plays in some big situations. That’s what good teams and great teams do; you know they just find a way to make big plays when they need one.”

(on mood in locker room at half time) “It was great. The mood in the locker room was unbelievable at halftime. We knew that if we could just hang in there, if we could just play one play at a time, stay in the moment, just like we learned and talked to the guys about last year. Coach Carroll talked to the guys about it all last year, about when we played on the road and at home too, but ‘just play one play at a time. Just stay in the moment. Stay in the now.’ We did that through the whole entire second half. The defense showed that. Our offense showed that obviously making some plays when we needed to and so the mood was great. It was unbelievable. It was just that resilient attitude definitely showed up.”

(on what it means to be able to do this on the road) “To go against a great football team, they’re one of the best football teams, to be honest, in the National Football League, in terms of the Houston Texans, in a great venue. We have so much respect for their football team. It was an unbelievable battle. We just found a way. To be able to do that on the road again, it’s a great effort and that’s what we needed. We needed to find a way to come up with a huge win on the road and so we’re going to have to keep doing that. Obviously, like I said earlier, I think the biggest part of the game, to be honest with you, is when I’m looking back at it nobody really talked about the fact



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that we had three offensive linemen out. Those guys just kept believing in it, they kept coming in early for meetings, they kept watching film, I kept watching film with them, kept talking to them, and that's what I believe made the difference. Just at the end of the game we think how our right tackle is a rookie going against one of the best defensive linemen to ever play the game, you think about that. That's not easy. You just continue to think about that and just find a way to win and find a way to make plays. That's what we showed."

(on willingness to tuck-and-run towards the end of the game) "There was definitely a point in the game Marshawn (Lynch) and I were talking about it that we had to find some way to buy some time and we did on some plays. I just decided I was going to step up and I'm going to slide a little bit more and if it's not there, I'm going to take off and see what happens to get positive gain rather than going backwards and taking the sack because they were getting back there. Just trying to find a way to get out of the pocket and just make some plays and just decide that on fourth and two, I knew I had to go and get it. Normally, on third down situations I slide or whatever, but I was like 'You know what? I need to find a way to get in there and get that first down.' Then the other one was, I believe, on our game winning drive where we kicked the field goal. I decided I was going to act like I was going to slide almost and then I gave the guy a juke move and got the first down. That's a good part of my game. Obviously, I want to throw it all the time, but sometimes it's just not there and we made some plays throwing the ball when we needed to."

(on Seattle Seahawk's confidence after this win) "I think it keeps us the same. I believe our confidence is always high. That never changes with our football team. That's why we can play in these types of games. You think about last year, you think about this year so far. We've always been in close games and we find a way. I think the biggest thing is that we believe in ourselves, we believe in our coaches, we believe in our fans all the time. We just believe in each other, all the time, no matter what the circumstances are. Keep looking for it; keep looking on for the next play, and staying in that moment if we can do that. Guys like Richard Sherman will make some big plays, Steven Hauschka making that big time field goal, and Doug Baldwin making that big time catch, and other guys making some plays too. That's what we needed."