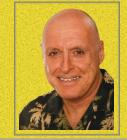
THE EXTRA POINT

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The word today is perseverance...I'm Jerry Roberts and we steadfastly move forward into that, next, on The Extra Point.

How do you get to be the SuperBowl most valuable player if you're a backup quarterback?

The first requirement is that you lose your job as a starting quarterback.

Nick Foles had managed to do that in Philadelphia and again in St. Louis the one year he played with the Rams, before their move to Los Angeles. Back to Philadelphia this year, Foles was one of two backups to starter Carson Wentz.

In the 13th week of the season Wentz was injured and Foles got the call. Nobody gave him much of a chance to succeed...except the Eagles coaches and players.

The Eagles won all five games started by Foles. The only game they lost he didn't play in because the team already had wrapped up home field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Then Foles went out and completed 77 of 106 passes in the postseason, with six touchdowns and one interception, which came off a deflection. He even caught a pass for a score.

Everybody second-guessed him. No way he was going to lead the Eagles to a championship. Doubting Nick Foles became a favorite game of a lot of so-called football experts, most of whom have now done an abrupt about-face in light of the Philadelphia win, and now sing his praises.

A devout Christian, Foles is a soft-spoken family man who avoids the limelight as much as possible. He doesn't care for star treatment.

He takes a blue-collar approach to football. It's not flashy or sexy. He grinds it out, day by day.

He has always stood strong in the face of challenges that might have deflated someone else and seen them walk away from the game.

What can you and I learn from Nick Foles? Never give up.

Set your sights on a worthy goal and give it all you've got.

When hard times come — and they will... When others say you can't — and they will... Even when some of your supporters abandon you — and they very likely will...

Double down on your resolve and persevere through whatever is thrown your way. Don't you ever let anybody tell you what you're capable of achieving.

That's The Extra Point. Get out there and make something good happen today. For 93.3, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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