



ATLANTA FALCONS AT MIAMI DOLPHINS CAMPING WORLD STADIUM

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Atlanta Falcons Quarterback Matt Ryan (transcribed by Maddie Lockridge)

(What went wrong on the interception play?) – “We had a double move going with Jacob (Tamme) cutting back to the inside, and he got knocked off by the Sam ‘backer. I expected him to get across (the safety’s) face and it didn’t happen with the bump. We just have to move on with the progression and try to loop backside. We need to be aggressive and make a play. It’s a good thing to learn from. Hopefully we’ll be better off when we get to the regular season.”

(Did you want to go elsewhere because of that?) “No, I didn’t see him get knocked off. It’s one of those things where we’ll look at the film tomorrow and find out exactly what we need to do to be better moving forward.”

(So you didn’t see the safety?) “I saw the safety, but I was expecting him to come across his face and then he got bumped.”

(How did you evaluate yourself tonight?) “I’ll have to take a look at the film. Obviously, when you get a chance to see the film, you can get another perspective. We did some good things and some not so good things. We need to clean some things up before we get to the regular season.”

(Was it bad to see some of your guys get banged up – WR Julio Jones and WR Justin Hardy?) – “Yes, you never know how things will turn out. We’ll see how those guys are.”

(How do you feel going into the regular season after this dress rehearsal?) – “We would have liked to have played better tonight; there is no question about that. It is what it is. We need to get back to work tomorrow by evaluating the film and seeing how we can improve. We’ll be back on the practice field on Sunday. We need to have a great week of practice before we get to that fourth preseason game, so we can be ready for our first week.”

(Was it cool to play in a stadium that hasn’t hosted an NFL game since the 1990s?) – “Yes, it was cool for me. My last college game was in this stadium. I had a bowl game here, so it was cool to be back here. It’s changed a lot. They have done a great job with the stadium and it was fun to play here.”

(What are a few of the areas offensively that you want to make sure get cleaned up before the first game of regular season?) – “Certainly, we want to score more points. That is probably the biggest thing. We need to find ways to get the ball in the end zone. That will be a point of emphasis





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for us and has been in the past. We need to clean up some procedural stuff, pre-snap things, operate a little better. We also need to limit turnovers. We can't turn the football over and expect to win. Those are the main things we need to clean up before the regular season starts."

(It looked like you all weren't in rhythm, what are your thoughts on that?) – "Early on we did some good things. We moved the ball pretty well. We weren't as good as we needed to be on third downs tonight. Obviously, that keeps drives going. We have to do a better job with that. Honestly, first and second down we could have done a better job of staying on schedule and keeping us in better third down and short situations. We just need to play better across the board."

(Walk us through the interception) – "There was split safety coverage. I was expecting Tamme to work a double move and get back to the middle. He just got rerouted a little by the Sam 'backer. It was a tough play. We need to learn from it. We'll look at the film and see how we can improve in that area."

(Was it disheartening knowing you all spent so much time working on that?) – "No, obviously it sucks when you're down there and you don't score; but we have a lot of practice before we get out there for the first regular season game. We have a good chance to learn from it, clean it up, and make sure that when we get to that first real game we are ready to go."

(It didn't look like you did much bootleg stuff today, was that by design?) – "A little bit. With the way Miami's scheme is setup, it's tough to get outside on those guys that play such Wide 9 techniques and such athletic guys. It was good defense; (a) good, physical front four. It was a good tune up for us before we get ready to go."

(So all in all it was a good tune up?) – "Yes, we would have liked to have played better; there is no question about that. We could have done things better here and there. The first extended reps you get into a rhythm. You start to get the feel for being out there again. Now I think everyone is itching to get going."

(Those two throws deep down the field, you had to like those; I know WR Julio Jones drew the pass interference and the one to WR Aldrick Robinson) – "Yes, I thought Aldrick did a great job on the sideline. It was an explosive play for us. The one to Julio is what we want to do; take opportunities down the field and give them a chance to make plays. That is the worst that can happen is pass interference. It was good for us because we picked up like 40 or 50 yards on that play."





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(Was it good to go against a defense that pressed up?) – “Absolutely. It was a different scheme than we’ve seen the first two weeks and that is what you want in the preseason. You want to see a lot of different looks and find out what you’re doing well and not doing well. You want to address those things as fast as you can, so that by the time we get to Week 1, we’re hitting on all cylinders.”

