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## ATLANTA FALCONS AT MIAMI DOLPHINS CAMPING WORLD STADIUM

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#### Miami Dolphins Head Coach Adam Gase (transcribed by Dan Bradley)

**(Opening Statement)** – “I’m going to give you the injuries here real quick, so we can get clear. (Ndamukong) Suh, he had an ankle (injury). He’s okay. (Jelani) Jenkins, he had an ankle (injury). He’s okay. (Isaiah) Pead had a hamstring (injury). We’ll look at it tomorrow and see where he’s at. (Terrence) Fede had a knee (injury). We’ll look at it tomorrow. It’s nothing major though. We just have to, obviously, take a closer look at that.”

**(Adam, what did you think of Arian Foster’s performance today?)** – “He did what we thought he was going to do. I think us going to him in a couple big situations (like) that fourth-and-3 (and) him getting the ball there – and I’m not sure he was more than a yard deep and making sure that he got the first down – (the) situational awareness, understanding what was going on, that was good to see. (We are) trying to get him into a rhythm to see if we can get him used to the flow of the game. Practice is one thing. I think this is a little different for him.”

**(Adam, Ryan Tannehill had a decent performance and a possible touchdown pass drop, perhaps a potential interception was dropped, a 22-yard run. What did you think of Ryan overall?)** – “He’s doing what I’ve seen all training camp, all spring. Nothing is a surprise. It’s unfortunate we had a tipped ball pick, but that’s what happens when the defensive line gets tired and they just have to throw their hands up and hope they can do something. I thought he did a good job. His reads were good. He was very quick as far as getting the calls out and getting his guys lined up. He played at a great tempo.”

**(The offensive line allowed no sacks through three quarters. What did you see from the line tonight?)** – “I saw a group trying to get better. We moved a couple guys in and out, but that first group talked about keep giving guys an opportunity and see if anything will sort itself out before we get to that first game of the season. We’ll keep evaluating and see what it ends up being. We still have one more game. And then once we get to Seattle, we’ll probably be with what we go with for a while and see how that comes together.”

**(Adam, do you think Jordan Cameron’s drops are more physical or mental at this point?)** – “That one today in the end zone was tough. That was a high hitter. That guy had really good leverage. That was probably more on me than Jordan as far as play call. He did what he was supposed to do: try to get in front of guys. He had a weird angle in the end zone. It happens; it’s the NFL. We had a couple other guys have some drops. When that ball comes in there, and it’s got some juice on it, sometimes it happens. We’ll move on to the next play. We’ll line it up and throw it again.”





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**(Adam, how do you coach a player that's throwing like that?)** – "You just keep working on it. I'm not going to get down on him. He has done a lot of great things. He has progressed a lot since the spring. He knows what to do offensively as far as the scheme goes. He'll be fine."

**(Adam, when you say the (Jordan Cameron) drop was on you, what did you mean?)** – "I would have called a different route. The guy lined up hard inside and (Ryan Tannehill) had no other option. We need to get to the point where those two guys (Tannehill and Cameron) can see that and communicate that they need to go to a different route."

**(Do you feel that Jordan Cameron is working through his frustrations?)** – "He's doing a lot of things right. When you're in a position where the ball is being thrown to you, everybody looks at one thing: whether you catch the ball or you drop the ball. Right now, he's doing a lot right. We just need to clean up some of the things in the passing game. There were a couple other opportunities we may have had down the field with him. Ryan (Tannehill) was smart with it and felt the coverage dropping back and got (the ball) to the running back. There was a couple other times that he broke free, and if they were any tighter on the underneath coverage, it was probably over top and maybe we have a chance with an explosive (play) with him."

**(Why does it seem Cameron Wake plays mostly on passing plays?)** – "That was kind of the plan. I know we didn't give you guys everything this week as far as what we were going to do, but we wanted him to play on third down. We wanted him to get some rushes in and get back in the feel of the game. That was the plan going into this game. Every day, we're going to do more and more and get him to the point where he feels like it's 100 percent, we're back and we're ready to go a certain amount of snaps that we'll talk about throughout the season. The goal is to make sure he plays 16-plus games, and tonight was a good first step for us."

**(At left cornerback, what did you think of Tony Lippett and Bobby McCain?)** – "It's hard to tell from where I'm standing sometimes. We're doing a lot of stuff on offense, and I'm trying to watch the defense at the same time, so I actually haven't been able to evaluate those guys on the field. Good thing is that we'll be able to watch film after this game and go through it, try to watch some of it tonight. We'll get in a little earlier (tonight, and) we'll have a little more time tomorrow and be able to sit down as a staff and reevaluate where we are at."





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**(Is Xavien Howard going to play in the next game?)** – “We would love to try to get him back this week as far as getting him in the game. I think if he can play in this game, then we play him. He needs to play in another NFL game before we get to Seattle.”

**(Arian Foster only had about 10 yards rushing in the first half. Do you think he did better in the second half?)** – “I think it’s an improvement from where we were at last week. When we go back and watch the film, we’ll kind of see what they were doing and see what we did well. We sometimes – schematically – we match up fairly well as far as what our scheme does compared to what their scheme does. We just have to go back and make sure, ‘How many guys were right? Was everyone doing their job, and consistently, can we do that through four quarters going into the season?’ Once we get back, and we’re able to watch the film, we’ll have a better idea of what happened this game.”

**(How would you describe the execution when there was an increase in tempo?)** – “I thought it was good. I really had no issues. I don’t remember saying anything like, ‘So-and-so is not right,’ or, ‘What is he doing as far as where his eyes are going?’ I didn’t really see that. I felt like the tempo was really good. I felt like that on the two-minute drive, even (when) we got gassed a little at the end. I wish I would have had a different call there for that when we have 9 seconds left. It’s tough because you don’t want to show everything. You don’t want to put everything out there in the preseason, but then you start getting real competitive, and you want to figure out a way to either score a touchdown or put yourself in a better position.”

**(Did you have a good feeling about how Arian Foster would fit into your plans when you signed him?)** – “Yes, we had a feeling when we signed him. I had a good idea about how I wanted to use him. We’re using him the right way in practice and here we were able to get him going versus some action tackling. I just wanted him to get hit a few more times to make sure he feels like he’s back, because he won’t play next week. He’s not. His next time he’ll have any kind of contact is going to be Seattle.”

**(Adam, with Reshad Jones’s interception, did he make a great play? Did he take advantage of a mistake? What did you see?)** – “To tell you exactly what was going on route-wise, I’m not sure. Anytime you get a (Defensive Back) – especially a safety that makes a play on the ball and finishes it – it’s a great play just for the fact he anticipated what was coming, stepped in front of the receiver and picked it off. I wish we would have been able to turn it around. I always feel like when you get a turnover, you have to put points on the board, and we didn’t take advantage of it on offense.”





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(Does Anthony Steen have good communication with Ryan Tannehill?) – “Absolutely. They did a great job together. What happened on the one fumbled snap, I’ll have to take a look at it (to see) whether or not Ryan left a little early or something was short. Sometimes it takes the video to realize what was going on in that area. We were stressing them a little bit, too. We did some things to where we were running a lot of outside zones so Ryan had to do a good job of making sure the quarterback’s interchange was good. Steen did a good job. He was good with the calls, so that was a positive for us.”

(Coach, you guys are now three preseason games in, you just won the most important preseason game. How do you feel overall where you’re at and where your team is at?) – “I feel like we have six more practices left before Seattle. We got a lot of work to do before we go up there. We got three (practices) this week, and we got another preseason game to try figure out what’s the rest of our roster going to look like. I think we have at least a decent idea of who some of our four is going to be, but I think there’s a lot of battles going on that might not be publically what everyone is really looking at. But we have to figure a few things out, and then once we get through this week, it’s going to be quick.”

(Would you say that it’s fair that pass protection is ahead of run blocking and is that typical in your experience?) – “I think when you’ve got three receivers and the tight ends that we have and the quarterback that we have, it’s a talented group, and Ryan is doing a good job in getting the ball out, so it feels that way. I feel like the run game is coming. We’re developing. We’re starting to pop some runs here and there. I probably could have run a little more in the first half to be a little more balanced, but we were trying to make sure we were cleaned up on some of the pass protection. We want to make sure we’re good with the routes. We wanted to make sure we established that tempo. We only have so many plays to get in that first half, so when we play a four quarter game, that run game is going to get better as we go throughout the game.”





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#### Miami Dolphins Tight End Jordan Cameron (transcribed by Michael Bradley)

(I know you're probably tired of talking about the drops, but can you just go through the two plays today?) – "(For) the one (drop), I've got to just catch the ball. I was looking to run on the third down one. The other one I haven't watched yet. I don't know if I dropped the ball. I don't know if I even touched the ball. I've got to watch it and see what happened."

(Do you feel like you're pressured a little bit?) – "No, I don't even think about it. I think you guys think about it more than I do. I've just got to play football and watch the ball in my hands. It's not something I'm concerned with."

(Miami Dolphins Head Coach Adam Gase said you're doing a lot right. Do you feel like you're kind of taking whatever frustrations you might have out on the blocking game whenever you need to create holes in the running game? Because it looked like you did a good job on the trap play sealing that edge there.) – "Tight end is not just catching the ball. Obviously, I have to catch the ball. It's what I'm here to do; it's part of my job. But we do a lot of blocking, inside pass protecting. I feel like I have made a lot of strides in that regard, and I'm positive with those things. I think for me it's (about) being a complete tight end. I know the main things you see are a drop here, (and) that's unacceptable, but it's not my whole job. I do other things too."

#### Miami Dolphins Running Back Arian Foster (transcribed by Michael Bradley)

(Can you talk about the improvement you've seen from this offensive line so far? Two straight games with your quarterback pretty much protected) – "It's just a testament to the work we have been putting in, it is doing the work every single day. (We keep) getting better, taking each opportunity to give back."

(What's the challenge of trying to get yourself ready when there are so many moving parts up front? What do you have to do to negate that or work through that?) – "Just stay patient. You can't get frustrated. It's a long game. Every week is extremely dramatic. Everything is wrong or everything is right, so you just have to stay focused."

(Any special meaning for you to get in there and score after what you have been through?) – "No, it's just football. People are going through real problems, and football is entertainment. It takes the worries off of the real problems that people have, and hopefully we can get people to not worry for three hours on a Sunday. It's just football."





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#### Miami Dolphins Safety Reshad Jones (transcribed by Enrique Raphael)

(I saw a lot of emotion from the defensive players tonight... why was that, and can you describe how you felt after your play?) – “It was a big play in the red zone and it was a big play for me and my team so it felt great. We had a lot of tough games and this was just a good show of how far we’ve come.”

(Any added significance to your interception from the standpoint that Bobby McCain had one come off his hands last week and there was another one canceled by a penalty, was it more significant to finally get that turnover?) – “The rate of winning goes up once you start getting turnovers. Coach is always stressing the fact that we need to turn the ball over, get sacks and that’s what we do as DBs – break up the ball up and get interceptions.”

(If I remember correctly, was your pick the play when Jelani Jenkins took out the tight end? Talk about the role Jelani played? From your position on the field, tell me what the linebackers did better tonight?) – “Yes it was. He was a core factor and he allowed me to go make the play. They did well, attacked the window, got the immediate draws and they did a great job.”

#### Miami Dolphins Quarterbacks Ryan Tannehill (transcribed by Sean Weins)

(How do you feel the first team offense played tonight?) – “We did some good things. I think obviously want to score more points and I think we had some opportunities to score more points there. A couple of singular plays took us out of rhythm, we had the penalty on one drive, the tip interception, and the snap another drive. We need to really to eliminate those small mistakes that really killed our drives and I think we will be in good shape.”

(What was it like having 29 Pass attempts and not being sacked?)- “It’s nice, the guys did a really good job giving me a pocket, giving me room to throw and getting the ball out fast into our play makers hands and giving them the opportunity to work.”

(Where is your trust level with TE Jordan Cameron?)- “He has had a couple of mistakes but we have all had some mistakes, It’s the pre-season and we are all working through those, that’s just a visible one we have all had our mistakes were still going to give him the ball and keep going back to him.”





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**(When you see the batted interception, do you see that as a fluke play?)-** “The guy got his hands up. We had an open receiver in the passing lane down field. I threw the ball, (and) the guy got his hands up, and it’s part of the game.”

**(What did you think of C Anthony Steen?)-** “Steen did a good job. He’s got an opportunity when we lose Mike Pouncey, which is tough, but someone has to step up. That’s the nature of the game we play. Injuries are a part of the game and you have to have your second and third groups step up and replace them. He did a good job and kept our guys on the same page up front, and we got to continue to get better.”

**(How was the communication between you and C Anthony Steen?)-** “It was good. We talked pre-game and made sure we were on the same page in our meeting this morning, and he was ready to go.”

**(Are you guys closer to finding a number one running back, and is it important to have an established number one?)-** “I have no idea what the plan is there. Honestly, to me, those guys can just plug and play. They both have different dynamic assets we can use, and whoever is in there, we feel comfortable with (them), and they’re going to make plays for us. I don’t think we really need to name a number one guy at this point or really at any point. I think we have good, stable backs that we can just pop in there and use them to the best of their abilities.”

**(What’s one thing you feel comfortable with now compared to before preseason?)-** “More in command of the offense. It’s a new offense, so you are learning throughout the spring and building off what you did in the spring and what you did in fall camp. The more reps I get, the more comfortable I get – I think not only myself, but the guys around me – and once we’re on the same page, that’s when we do really well. I’m excited about the growth I’ve seen in the offensive line – upfront – and the team as a whole. The more comfortable we get as an offense, the more command I get under center.”

**(What’s your relationship with Head Coach Adam Gase?)-** “I’m really comfortable with coach Gase. It’s an open line of communication on what I’m seeing (and) what he is seeing and what we’re trying to accomplish. He did a good job tonight of getting us in a position to succeed, and that’s what you want. You want the coach to put you in a place where you can make a play, and he did that a lot and I’m excited (about) what he’s doing and what he continues to do.”

**Miami Dolphins Defensive End Cameron Wake (transcribed by Michael Bradley)**





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**(Opening Statement)** – “It’s good to be back out there, obviously, playing with the guys and getting a win.”

**(Cameron, I think on your first snap you were actually able to hit the quarterback, right? What was going through your mind as the play was developing and then you actually hit him?)** – “Just trying to go back to ways of old. It has been awhile since I’ve actually played in a lot of games, so I’m taking all the things we’ve done in practice, all the rehab reps, and all the other stuff I’ve been doing. Finally, I’m just playing football, just having fun. You kind of forget all the other stuff by doing what you do best.”

**(Cameron, the first team defense it seemed the run defense was better tonight. It seemed the tackling was better tonight. You guys got the turnover with Reshad Jones’ interception. What areas do you think you guys made strides tonight, if any, overall as a defense?)** – “I’ll be honest, I think I can speak for a lot of guys saying the way we played last week wasn’t the way we wanted to go out and show as part of the Miami Dolphins. The old mantra was just going out there and doing your job, stop thinking so hard, going out playing fast, playing aggressive, (knowing) what you do, what got you in the situation in the first place. You have to cover pass rush. You’ve got cover on cover. That’s cover. I just run downhill. I think the guys played every style tonight, and they should have.”

**(Miami Dolphins Head Coach Adam Gase said the plan for you this year is to make sure you make it through 16 games, that most of that time is to use you as a pass rusher. What do you think of that plan?)** – “I think for the most part, we’ve been working together from back in November as far as my recovery and maximizing my skillset for the team. Whatever the area that is best suited – especially right now working my way back into full time – that’s fine with me whatever is best for the team. You have to start thinking long term. Of course, I want to be out there for every snap, but is that going to be best come December and January? You got to be honest and smart, and all of us working together, our plan is really good, and so far it’s working.”

**(Coach keeps talking to getting you to 100 percent. Do you feel like you’re still not there yet?)** – “Probably not. That’s the truth. There’s so much that you can do off the field. I’ve been working out, doing rehab, a lot of things. But the reality is football is hard to replicate. You can’t in the middle of the offseason have two guys pushing on you. It just doesn’t work that way ... It’s coming. Obviously, I had a good step tonight, in the right direction ...”

**(Most veterans don’t play in the final preseason game, and we’re assuming you might not so that 100 percent is not going to come before the regular season?)** – “It’s possible, but again, the game







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is not the only time you get it. We have quite a few big hogs in there who I fight with every day. Those are real reps ... Whether it's Tennessee or Seattle or Ja'Wuan (James), (Mike) Pouncey or whoever it may be, that's the situation that you put your body in and you have to get it to respond."

#### Atlanta Falcons Head Coach Dan Quinn (Johnathan Bui)

**(Dan, Opening Statement)** – "Biggest thing I thought about this game or offseason is trying to create a standard of how we want to play and how we want to operate and we didn't get to that standard tonight. There are tons of things to learn from this game – both from third down, or defensively, and just run the ball and that where it went. (It's a) good time for us as a group to learn from it and get some adversity and we still have a lot evaluations from it."

**(Dan, what can you say about De'Vondre Campbell putting him in the first team and his progression from the preseason)** – "Well, he's kind of answered the bell each time with every challenge we've had with covering any tight ends and backs. He's answered any challenge so far in the preseason and today is an extension of that."

**(Dan, can you update us with the injury situation with Julio Jones and Keanu Neal)** – "I think Julio will be back as quick as Sunday, so I think it'll be a coach's decision whether I say you play or not and Keanu, we'll have to take a picture tomorrow and we'll update you as soon as possible and the other guys seem to have minor issues."

**(Coach, you got down to the red zone)** -- "We have and that was a big part for us and a lot of good teaching moments both offensively and defensively. We know we're not there yet but the main thing is that we're going to back into that red zone. We're going to improve from this week's performance and put into next weeks game."

**(Dan, you started off with a turnover with your first defensive drive)**-- "Yes, we thought that it was appropriate for turnover Thursday (laughter). It was Thursday, so we thought it was a good way to get started. We still got work to do and we're going to get back right to it. "

**(Dan, how did you assess Matt Ryan's play tonight)** – "Defensively I thought we had a difficult time stopping on third down with 20-something plays in the first half and that's why we decided to send him back out."

**(Dan, what was your evaluation of the offensive line play tonight)** -- "Well, the run game was the area we want to get a push on and for us not to get a successful run game early was a significant one





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... But games happen when you're out of whack and not get plays. We have to give Miami credit for converting some of their third down plays."

**(Dan, what about WR J.D. McKissic? Another strong performance from him)** – "J.D. just continues to explode up the field. I think it's the kickoff returns we saw again as a factor on offense, but the battle for sure is there, and it's a very competitive group for wide receivers. J.D. really brings the juice and energy during the kickoff returns."

#### Atlanta Falcons Linebacker De'Vondre Campbell (transcribed by Rachel White)

**(What was it like coming from a junior college?)** – "It was hard definitely going to a junior college, because the junior college I went to is kind of like an NFL team where only a certain amount of guys can make the team being an out of state player, so it was hard being there. I went there so young, so it just really forced me to grow up quick. I attribute a lot of my maturity now to going to junior college at such an early age and forcing myself to grow up quick."

**(Last time you were here in this building, it was a bowl game. What was it like this time in the third preseason game?)** – "It was different. It was a completely different environment. I'm a pro now, and I think it's really starting to set in that I am actually in the NFL."

**(Coach said that everything they throw at you, it seems like you're taking it. How much are you swimming, and how much are you just kind of thriving in what they are giving you in first team?)** – "I think I'm doing really good. I don't get nervous. I don't get rattled. Every time they throw something new at me, I take it like a grain of salt and adjust on the go. I think I've been doing really good. Coach thinks I've been doing really good. I am a typical rookie – I make mistakes, but the biggest thing is to correct them and keep pushing."

#### Atlanta Falcons Linebacker Deion Jones (transcribed by Chris Emerick)

**(So you have one more preseason game. What are you looking to get out of it individually?)** – "Individually, a lot more experience, so the game can slow down a lot more for me."

**(Biggest surprise so far?)** – "I have to say me adjusting to punt, That (was) a big surprise. I'm actually doing pretty well so far. At first, it was terrible, so I'm glad I'm starting to catch on."





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(What was Head Coach Dan Quinn's message to you guys after the game?) – "Pretty much, we have to keep track and keep getting better and keep pushing forward our standard and get better week in and week out."

