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BB: Well, it's always good to win at home, good to win in the division. I thought our team did a lot of things well today. Obviously, there was a big momentum shift there at the end of the third, start of the fourth quarter. But in the end I thought we made enough plays to win just barely, but we'll take it and move on. Obviously, [we have] a quick week here for Houston coming up. We know they're a real good football team. I think today we got a lot of good performances from a lot of different people; our offensive line, our running game, receivers, both quarterbacks, four turnovers on defense, made some big plays on special teams for field position. I give Miami credit. They certainly fought hard and came back but in the end we were just able to make enough plays to win. [It's] good to get this one and we'll move on.

Q: Can you talk a bit about the fast start that your offense got out to?

BB: Yeah, we had good complementary football. We drove the ball down, scored, and then we had plays on defense, got the ball back, set up good field position for the offense. They took advantage of it, so we worked well together as an entire team. [We] played off of each other and that's the way that we want to play. We did a good job finishing in the red zone which we didn't do as well last week, so being able to get those balls in for touchdowns, to get those drives into the end zone for touchdowns was of course big for us, like it always is.

Q: How did Jacoby Brissett perform coming off of the bench and how will you proceed on a short week handling the uncertainty at the quarterback position?

BB: We'll do whatever we think is best for the team. Yeah, Jacoby – look, he's been working for this for a long time, all the way back into the spring, all the way through training camp. He's gotten a lot of reps. He did a good job; pressure situation, played two and a half quarters and he did a good job for us.

Q: What did you see on the play where Jimmy Garoppolo got hit by Kiko Alonso?

BB: Not much.

Q: Can you talk about Martellus Bennett and his efforts today playing with both quarterbacks?

BB: Yeah, I mean he obviously made some big plays for us. I think probably the best thing he did was block. We were running outside quite a bit, running to the edge, and he did a real good job on that. [He] made some plays in the passing game; catches, run-after-catch, and blocking. He did a real good job for us.

Q: How would you have proceeded at the quarterback position if Jacoby Brissett had gotten injured?

BB: We would've done what we thought was best depending on the situation maybe.

Q: What are your thoughts on the offense's final drive where they were able to kill some clock and put you into a position to potentially add another score?

BB: Yeah, they chewed up a lot of time. They chewed up timeouts. They put us in position to make it a two-score game. But we had to take the ball away at the end there to secure it, so we didn't quite get the execution that we needed across the board.

Q: What is your reaction to the injury that Jimmy Garoppolo sustained?

BB: Yeah, I don't know yet so we'll just take it day to day.

Q: What are your thoughts on the tempo and what Miami was able to do in the fourth quarter?

BB: It's about what we expected. We expected them to go mainly 11-personnel and be pretty much in their two minute offense, which is what they did. We need to play better on defense, obviously. It goes without saying. Coach better, play better.

Q: What stood out to you in the second half that may have contributed to the struggles that your defense had?

BB: We've got to coach better and we've got to play better. We've just got to do a better job.