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Cleveland Browns WR Terrelle Pryor Sr. (transcribed by Alex Onaindia)

(Opening Statement) – “First of all, I’d like to praise (Head) Coach (Hue) Jackson and our coaching staff. This is one of the best coaching staffs I’ve ever been a part of, that’s coached me. Our record doesn’t show it right now, but our guys play for them. This is the best coaching staff I’ve played for, especially in my position now. Our special teams coach (Special Teams Coordinator Chris Tabor) does a great job – everybody. We’ve got a lot of things going on from the standpoint of losing players, losing Corey Coleman, losing our kicker (Patrick Murray), and we’re still fighting. I’m just proud of my teammates and proud of the coaching staff. I can’t really break it down any more than that.”

(What did you think about your game today?) – “There’s a lot of plays I wish I could have back. I’m just proud of the guys that I get to go out there and play with. Cody Kessler, oh my God. Coach Jackson kept saying, ‘Trust me.’ This guy (Cody Kessler), you should have seen him in the huddle. The guy ran the huddle. (Cody Kessler) reminds me a lot of Josh (McCown) – confident, very confident. (It) wasn’t too big for him. Special teams, I want to talk about that, because I thought our special teams played awesome. Coach ‘Tabs’ (Chris Tabor) was big on that all week. I was sitting there in almost all the meetings and Don Jones, guys flying down there in in positions that aren’t really thought of. I think that our team is playing great. I’m so proud of our special teams guys. I know how hard that is, and I’m just proud. There’s a lot of plays I wish I could have back. Obviously, I made a couple plays, but there’s some drops as well. I’m very dissatisfied with myself, personally, but I’m very proud of my teammates. I’m proud of the offensive line (and) for John Greco to go out there and play center and make all the calls ... Joe Thomas – he deserves to win. We battled our butts off. Hats off to Miami; they beat us.”

(What do you do mentally when you enter a game knowing you’re playing multiple positions?) – “I can do it. I always thank God, first of all, I should have said that first of all. Thank God. (I) praise God and praise Jesus all the time because he gave me this ability. I’m not the greatest quarterback. I can’t go out there and do what Cody (Kessler), Josh (McCown) and Robert (Griffin III) do – and the other quarterbacks in the league – but I can go out there and hold my own. I just pray and thank God every day that he has blessed me and given me the ability to play so many different things and be effective. That goes off to the coaching staff as well. It’s just adding another dimension and that just shows you how great of a coach (Head) Coach Hue Jackson is. We love playing for him. I’ll battle on the field for him. This guy loves the game. I love people that love this game. It’s not about stats and stuff like that for me. It’s about winning and competing. That’s it. That’s really it for me. It’s real simple.”

(Terrelle, did you ever feel over taxed in this game? It did go into overtime. You were on the field every play.) – “I was a little tired. I should have put my hand up. There’s a lot of plays I wish I





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could have back and let 'Higgy' (Rashard Higgins) get in there. They've got to pull me out this game from this damn field, because I love the game, man. There's nothing else I'd rather do. Like I said before, there's God, Jesus, my son and then football, and that's it for me. Football – this game means the world to me."

(Would you continue to like to do as much?) – "Listen, like I said before, I'll do anything for coach Jackson. If he asked me to go play center, tackle, I'm going to work my butt off to go and do it and try to be the best at it – even though I won't be the best at it – whatever it takes, because this team, we have a great team here. A lot of people overlook us and talk bad about us, but I feel like our team is one of the best teams in the NFL. We just got to figure out how to win. We could easily be 2-1 right now and our defense played their butts off today. Demario Davis, I told him before I ran in that score I said, 'We're going to go down here and score.' We were down my nine (points) or something. He said, 'I got you if you do that.' I came on the sideline and said, 'Now it's your turn. You gave me a promise. You got to do it.' They went and did it, and he came back, and he said, 'Now you owe me.' That's how it has got to be. I'm frustrated with myself; I'm frustrated (with) losing. Everyone deserves more. This team deserves more. We've just got to keep battling. Coach Jackson deserves to win. Our owners deserve to win. They're always at practice. They pay a lot of attention to this team. They love this team. They deserve it, and we will get it done for them. We're going to come back next week and have a great practice and go try to beat the Redskins. I think we can battle with anybody. We will practice our butts off, and we'll be coming to compete next Sunday.

(Terrelle, you say you're dissatisfied with yourself after the game.) – "It's a lot of different things. For me, I felt like I was getting held the whole game. You'll watch the TV copy, (and) I was getting held the whole game. One of the passes I dropped on third-and-2 was a slant – a perfect pass. I was frustrated, because I kept on talking to the refs saying, 'This guy is holding me.' I let my team down, (because) lost that focus for a second, and that's not me. I can't let another man discourage me, and that's what I did. Hats off to (Byron) Maxwell. He was on me the whole game playing man-to-man (coverage) all over, and he's a hell of a corner. My hats off to the Dolphins."

(What is the potential of this offense with you, especially, running out of the quarterback spot and with a speedster like WR Josh Gordon coming up?) – "This thing could get ugly. It's ugly right now. We have great running backs – Duke Johnson. We got 'Crow' (Isaiah Crowell). We got myself. We got Josh (Gordon) coming back, Corey Coleman. We got Andrew Hopkins. We got young rooks – Ricardo (Louis) and 'Higgy' (Rashard Higgins) and Joe Thomas – best tackle on the left side in the league. We got guys that will fight all day on the offensive line and on defense. We've just got to put it together, and we've just got to play harder. I'm going to make sure to the best of my ability that – if





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guys will listen to me – I’m just going to keep on trying to be somewhat of a leader in a way. I like to lead by example and try to go out and make plays and practice hard (and) let guys see me doing that, because it starts with myself. I’ve got to be better every play.”

(Terrelle, some of this passion that you have – or if you talk about cutting off your finger or dying on the field – is some of that related to the fact that this was almost taken away from you? You almost didn’t get to play this game anymore.) – “Yes. I was a quarterback and got released 4 times. It was almost taken away from me. Coach Hue Jackson and the staff last year. My hats off to ‘Sash’ (Sashi) Brown, because he gave me a chance. It almost makes me want to – sometimes when I’m at home – it makes me want to tear up in a way, because like you said, this game was almost taken from me, and that’s why it means so much to me. I don’t want to ever let me teammates down. The trust that the coaches have in me, I don’t want to let them down. I let them down a couple of times today. I switched over from the Z to the X because Corey (Coleman) got hurt, and I made a couple of errors today. I’m very mad at myself, and I let my team down. Period. That’s the only way I can put it.”

