



BENGALS POSTGAME QUOTES

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MIAMI AT CINCINNATI

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Opening Comments...

"I'm pleased to have stayed on top throughout the game and win the game. Besides the touchdown we gave up early in the game, I think defensively we played a pretty solid football game and took care of the things we need to. Offensively, we're moving the football, but we need to finish more drives with touchdowns. Occasionally you're going to get stopped, but we have to make sure we're not doing things to stop ourselves and that we finish more drives. I guess we kicked five field goals tonight, if I'm not mistaken, so we need to do a better job of finishing those drives. We did a good job taking care of the football but we need to do better on third down. That will make the difference with those drives. A lot of those third downs were stalls in the red-zone. I think we only had two others where we stalled, so most of them were in scoring territory."

Are you pleased with the pressure you were able to get on Ryan Tannehill?

"It seemed like we got good pressure tonight other than the one third down conversion they had on the last drive. We played pretty well on third down."

How did Vontaze Burfict look?

"I can't tell you. I'll have to look at the tape."

Was it the intent to throw to A.J. Green as often as you did?

"Well, the quarterback reads the coverage. He has to do a good job reading the coverage and the pressures. We know we kind of have to manipulate things a bit to shake No. 18 free sometimes, but the quarterback did a good job executing on a couple of those third downs."

A.J. Green took full responsibility for his drop last week. Did you get a sense from him this week that he'd come out and have a big night?

"A.J. plays a position that if the defense wants to stand people up over him, they can stop him at some point. We have to do other things to counter that. I can't ever tell you when a receiver is going to have a big day because I'm not calling the defense on the other side."

Tyler Eifert was so good in the red-zone last year – do you think your red-zone issues are that simple?

"No, nothing is that simple. One person doesn't make anything that simple. We need to do better. We had a tipped ball, a bad snap – we have things we need to do better."

You had a tough night running the ball against a team that's not great at stopping the run...

"Well, when you aren't very good at something, you usually concern yourself with trying to get better at it. We were able to come out and play-action pass and do those things too. We can't worry about what a team did last week or the week before – we have to go out and play this game. It was a good job by the offense making adjustments. We were able to hit some play-actions, some nukes, some boots and make some big plays that way."

Do you think you'll get used to playing on Thursday night?

"No."