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## TENNESSEE TITANS AT MIAMI DOLPHINS HARD ROCK STADIUM Sep. 1, 2016 | 7 P.M.

### POSTGAME QUOTES

#### Tennessee Titans Head Coach Mike Mularkey (transcribed by Frank Brill)

(Did you see what you wanted to see in the preseason finale?) – “Well, we wanted to win, so we saw that. That was important. I’m happy with the defense getting a turnover on the first play. I’m happy with the offense scoring a touchdown off of the turnover. Those are things good teams do and I’m pretty pleased with it.”

(You had QB Marcus Mariota go through warm ups and sat him out, I knew that was the plan probably for you in your mind leading up to this, could you maybe talk through that one?) – “There was a number of them that I decided and I told them after the coin toss so they were prepared to play all the way up until we were getting ready to kick it off. I wanted them to mentally prepare for the game – to do everything they would do to get ready to play the game, all the way to being on the sideline for the coin toss. That was part of it.”

(What do you think about RB Antonio Andrews performance?) - “He ran very tough, very physical. He runs our style and he did a lot of good things. I’ll have to see more but I’m talking about the run game – watching how he moved piles and scored on a 4-yard run with not a whole lot there. I thought he did some good things.”

(RB Derrick Henry did the same thing when he was in there, was it more of the same for him from what you saw?) - “Yes, he’s been consistent for four games and we’ve seen some really good production from him. That was the last run and I’m glad he broke it like he did before the play was called so they could give him the last one and get him out. A big run, a big physical run. He’s shown everything he’s capable of doing for four games now. ”

(I know you liked CB Kalen (Reed) a lot and you said he was really good in practice this week but clearly had some struggles) – “Yes, he struggled and I’m going to take that hit for putting him in there. He made two poor decisions and then he should have come out but I did not do that. That’s nobody’s fault but mine and that’s the result when you don’t do something that you should do.”

(You’re still looking for an answer out of the return unit?) – “I wanted to give (Kalen Reed) an opportunity. I was hoping to get him some kickoff returns but that wasn’t the case. But I thought Kevin Byard, when we made the switch, I thought he made some good decisions and I think he’s a dangerous guy with the ball in his hands.”





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**(How much did it help getting CB Perrish Cox some work leading up to the regular season?)** – “It was important. He played more than the rest of the regulars and he looked good. He was moving around very well. I think he’s back.”

**(What’s your assessment of WR Justin Hunter tonight?)** – “To me, those throws are throws where we’re not taking what the defense was giving us. That ball shouldn’t have been to Justin, that should have been down to Derrick Henry. So that’s not Justin, that was a very good route by him. There’s things that I’ll have to watch on the complete tape but those were not good decisions by Alex (Tanney). He knows that now, obviously, but going in, the big goal was to take what the defense gives you and we didn’t do that. The result was two picks.”

**(Did any of the young guys catch your eye tonight?)** – “I didn’t think they could block Mehdi (Abdesmad). Watching him, I thought he was in the backfield a lot. He just kept showing up in the backfield. Tre (McBride) made some plays and Tre did some things that he could do better. (Sebastian) Tretola I thought played physical in the run game. He’s really gotten better and better since he’s gotten here.”

**(Tre McBride has told us that he’s giving you everything he has, has he done that and has he built on that tonight?)** – “He does. He comes to work every day and does everything he can. He wants to please, he wants to do good and he’s really fun to be around the way he works. There are things that he needs to get better at that didn’t show up in your guys eyes, that I see. He needs to be more consistent in some of those things but he made some plays and that’s what he needed to do tonight. I’m glad he got the opportunities that he got to make those plays.”

**(Do RB Bishop Sankey and WR Justin Hunter have a role on this team?)** – “That’s all in discussion. (General Manager) Jon (Robinson) and I will talk about that, I’m sure, on the plane ride. We’re going to watch the film again. I’d hate to make any judgment on anybody until I watch film over and over. We’ll talk about it tomorrow.”

**(What was your message to the team after a game like this when you have some tough decisions on the horizon?)** – “The last thing that I said to them was that the coaching staff appreciates everybody in this room, for the effort and what they’ve done since April. They’ve done everything we’ve asked them to do and they’ve played the style that we play. Obviously we can’t keep everybody but nobody can walk out of here and leave that building when we make these decisions and not be proud of themselves for what they did. They did everything they could. Unfortunately we can’t keep them all.”





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(Any injuries of note?) – “No, we came out healthy.”

