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## TENNESSEE TITANS AT MIAMI DOLPHINS HARD ROCK STADIUM Oct. 9, 2016 | 1 P.M.

### POSTGAME QUOTES

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

**(Opening Statement)** – “It was a good win, a good win on the road. I’m very happy for these guys and I’m very proud of these guys. I thought we played better and I thought we played more complimentary football as a team. We gave up too many big plays, those hurt us and it kept them really in the game but for the most part guys stuck together and really executed the schemes. I’m really, really proud of them.”

**(You had six sacks, how about the play of the defense?)** – “That’s big. I mean I know they have some issues with their offensive line; they had some of their guys that were out. We all do and that’s the case when you have to step up and we took advantage of it I think. (Brian) Orakpo had a couple of sacks I think. Our outside guys did a great job of setting the edge and also did a good job of putting pressure on the edge.”

**(Marcus Mariota was in a nice comfort zone of when to run and when to throw)** – “It helps too when you can run the ball efficiently. It does help his play and it helps the play calling, it helps rhythm, it helps a lot of things. It kind of gives you an example of what we’re capable of; we just need to do it like that consistently. I know we’re capable of that.”

**(When you go in at halftime after the big plays that keep it close even though you’re dominating, what do you tell them?)** – “When you come in they already know, I don’t have to get on them about big plays. They’re all aware of what happened to us, it’s about finishing the game. We have not done that in years past with me or whoever. We came out in a great mind frame and got a turnover on the first drive by our defense and we get three points immediately. Those are things that we need to continue to do.”

**(You guys run for 200 yards and you pass very well, is this what this offense is supposed to look like when it’s at it’s peak?)** – “It can be capable of this if we play like that. You saw when we get a first-and-30; it’s pretty hard to overcome a first-and-30. When things like that happen, which have been happening to us early in the season, it’s hard to overcome. Those are the things, with the exception of those two plays; we didn’t have to deal with today.”





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**(Can you comment on Marcus Mariota's decision making?)** – "I thought he did a good job and told him on the sideline, especially on some of those third and longs he took what the defense was giving us. Even if it's third-and-12 and we gain six yards, that's six more yards their offense has to go back against us. Good decision making, take the throws, live another day and he did a great job of that."

**(Mariota seemed to be more comfortable to run, do you think he just wasn't thinking about it?)** – "The lanes were there. There was a lot of man coverage and you have to realize when it's man coverage there's a chance there's a lot of lanes to run."

**(Were there any injuries to speak of today?)** – "No, I just went into the training room and there's nobody in there. That's always very good."

**(How many other times have you dominated up front like that offensively?)** – "I don't want to talk about any other team; I want to talk about our guys. I think they did an outstanding job, that's a heck of a front. We had concerns, we did, we had some very big concerns not just running the ball but making sure we're in protections that protect Marcus and keep him clean. Our guys took the challenge and I'm very proud of them. That was probably one front of the games that we've played that was a concern, I mean the concerned for all and we've played some pretty good ones."

**(This is kind of the way – the blueprint – for trying to win games this year, running the football more and playing defense like you did?)** – "I'd like to think, it's complementary. We want to complement each other. We want to keep the ball. We want to take it away. We want to get them off the field offensively. And then special teams: we've got to play our part and we give them a play on the return. Other than that, I thought they played pretty darn well, special teams wise. From what took place this week, I give these guys credit. I give (Special Teams coach Steve) Hoffman a lot of credit for his training, coming in here getting these guys ready to play as well as they did."

**(How big was the touchdown at the end of the first half?)** – "It's big for us, I can say that. I'm not sure how it is on the other side. It's not good news if you can move the ball down there that quickly and score right at it, that's big momentum."

**(It wasn't just (Brian) Orakpo in the pass rush, you got two from (Derrick) Morgan and (Jurrell) Casey, if your three top pass rushers are rushing like that, what's the defense capable of?)** – "Games like today, pressure on the quarterback like today. That's hard to do too as quickly as their passing game is in getting the ball out, to get pressure on them."





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**(What happened on the punt return for a touchdown?)** - "There were multiple holds on the play. Other than that they did a good job of setting up the return and a really good returner with good speed but there were a number of calls that should have been called on that play."

**(You were running with success early, you ran with success late, what's the necessity to put offensive lineman out and create a scenario where maybe it seemed easier for (Quinton) Spain to get a penalty?)** – "Say that again."

**(When Spain got an illegal man downfield on that play)** – "Well really the play was designed to throw the ball behind. It should have been a lateral so it was more on us in the passing game. It's designed to be a lateral so Spain has no idea and he's blocking it correctly."

**(Why does a physical smash mouth team that's effectively already running it down their throat, why do you need to do something like that?)** – "You saw in the game that we gained double-digit yards on the play two plays in a row, that's why. We're trying to get yards, we're trying to score touchdowns and we're trying to do whatever we can to move the football."

**(You were moving the ball well and Taylor (Lewan) sort of had a rough series and got emotional)** – "Those are things he's got to quit doing. It didn't hurt us today but it's not going to be tolerated. He knows that and he's got to quit doing that. I didn't see the hands to the face, I don't know if it was purposely done because of the holding call. I don't know all of that but he's got to watch his temper."

**(What would not tolerating it amount to because he's played so well?)** – "I'll take him out of the game."

**(Why were you so good up front today?)** – "Our guys, they play well together, they do. They have a good feel for each other. It's a very close group and it's a good group. They obviously like running the football like most offensive lines do. I just think took a little bit of a challenge, kind of got wind that DeMarco Murray was going to get shut down today, so took a little bit of a challenge."

**(Got wind of that from them saying it?)** – "Yes."

**(How so?)** – "Just heard it."





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(Do you feel like you guys did a good job of responding to adversity today? I feel like every time they had a run you had an answer for them.) – “I do, yes. A lot of things went right today, it did and after all that there’s a lot we have to fix and still correct and get better at – without question.”

(Three game home-stand coming up to come off this and be in position to you’ve talked a long time about reestablishing yourselves at home...) – “It’s very important. We haven’t won two games in a row since I’ve been here. That’s important for these guys. We need to start getting over the hurdle with a lot of things and it has to start at some point, it has to start somewhere.”

(After that series with Taylor (Lewan), what did you see from him? Did you see what you wanted to see on the sideline, on the field?) – “We had a conversation, actually Russ (Grimm) did, just calm him down a little bit. He’s such a competitor, I’m not going to take the competitive, he’s tough. He’s having a Pro Bowl year. There’s times that he has to tone it down a bit because it’s going to hurt us.”

(You look at the success you guys had at the end of the half on that scoring drive, I know it was a little bit of a hurry-up, but have you ever thought about incorporating that in a different part of the game, maybe letting Marcus (Mariota) be more of a comfort-zone?) – “It’s a whole different scenario, two-minute is a whole different world. They’re different, we’re different. It’s a different world. I know everybody gets frustrated, especially if you’re on defense, ‘What are we in, prevent?’ It’s not something you can go 60 minutes of and think your quarterback is going to be standing at the end of the day. We have a hurry-up offense, we did not use it today. We didn’t feel like we needed to use it. It was all huddles, calls by Terry (Robiskie) and I thought it was effective.”

(Austin Johnson standing out a little bit...) – “He did some things I saw, a couple plays. I mean, I didn’t focus right in on him. I saw some plays that he made, I liked his energy after he made the plays.”

(Is this how the play-action is supposed to work off this, even with Marcus (Mariota) on the run and the touchdown flowing one way?) – “Yes, you’d like to think that. We’ve had more success doing it than in recent games.”

