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## PITTSBURGH STEELERS AT MIAMI DOLPHINS

### HARD ROCK STADIUM

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#### POSTGAME QUOTES

Pittsburgh Steeler Head Coach Mike Tomlin (transcribed by Frank Brill)

**(Opening Statement)** – “Man, no need to sugar coat that. We got beat soundly today. We didn’t take care of the football. We didn’t stop the run, and stopping the run is an emphatic point. A 200-yard (running) back, it’s not good. We’ll assess it. We’ll absorb it and assess it like we always do, but just know there is disappointment in our performance today. On the injury front, Mike Mitchell had a knee sprain. He was able to return to the game, as did Ben (Roethlisberger) – he was able to return to the game. We had several guys with heat-related cramps and so forth, but I think most of them were able to return to the game in some form or fashion. I accept responsibility for that, as I always do. We didn’t play well enough today. We didn’t tackle well enough. That’s football. When you don’t tackle – when you turn the ball over – you’re going to lose.”

**(Do you think it was a trap game and that you were looking ahead to New England?)** – “You know, you can characterize it as such – because we lost – but when I look at it, I don’t look at who we play or their records or things of that nature. I look at how we perform. We didn’t perform well enough to win today. We didn’t tackle well enough to win today. We didn’t take care of the ball. So, anybody in the National Football League is going to beat you when you have a combination of those two things.”

**(Was QB Ben Roethlisberger’s mobility compromised a lot in the second half in terms of running?)** – “I’m sure it was.”

**(The offense looked kind of bogged down. WR Antonio Brown only had a few catches.)** – “We didn’t find rhythm there. (We) didn’t perform well enough.”

**(Do you have a good feel for the run game and the run defense?)** – “To be quite honest with you, we had enough hats. That (running) back ran hard, ran through tackles. We didn’t tackle well enough. It wasn’t a lack of manpower at the point of attack, if you will.”

**(Heat related issues – how difficult is it to prepare for the humidity down here back in Pittsburgh to get ready for something like that?)** – “You know that’s just an element of it. I’m sure people have similar issues when they come to Pittsburgh later in the year – latter part of the year – so that’s no excuse. We’ve got to perform better than we did today.”

