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New York Jets Head Coach Todd Bowles (transcribed by Frank Brill)

(Can you touch on the penalties and not being productive inside the red zone?) – “I think it really hurt us in the first half. It kept two of the drives alive. They got them some points. In the second half, we shot ourselves in the foot, especially on the last kickoff return. That really hurt us. In the red zone, we’ve got to be more productive. We’ve got to at least come away with points. We can’t just turn the ball over. We’ve got to do better.”

(There were four personal foul penalties in the first half. How infuriating is that for you and do you feel that they were all warranted?) – “It’s infuriating, but it was a little chippy in the beginning of the ballgame, but we’ve got to have better composure than that regardless of whether they’re warranted or not. We’ve got to play better, and we’ve got to have a lot better composure.”

(Why did you decide not to play DL Mo Wilkerson and DL Sheldon Richardson in the first quarter?) – “That was a coach’s decision.”

(Was it disciplinary?) – “It was a coach’s decision.”

(On the kickoff return, did you get a view from your angle on whether S Antonio Allen was legitimately off sides?) – “Not from the angle I was at. I didn’t see it.”

(What happened on the one where he returned it? What happened?) – “If I could tell you that, I wish they wouldn’t have scored, but they scored. Evidently, everybody got blocked.”

(QB Ryan Fitzpatrick with two really bad picks. Do you stay with him or do you think about going to QB Bryce Petty?) – “Ryan is our quarterback.”

(This is not the first time you’ve had a bad special teams play. How much of a concern is your special teams play?) – “It’s a concern, because they just ran it back for a touchdown. We’ve got to play better, or we get some guys on there that can.”

(Can you describe the kind of roller coaster, the feeling of going up and then blowing it right away?) – “It’s a divisional game. It’s an emotional football game. We’ve got to find better ways to finish the football game. It came down to the wire, and we didn’t make plays at the end.”





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(At 3-6, where do you feel like your season is at?) – “Right where it is – 3-6 – half of what we want to be as opposed to 6-3, and we’ve got to be better in a hurry.”

(Do you think this is beyond repair at this point?) – “No.”

(Was T Ryan Clady a decision this morning, or did you know you weren’t going to have him?) – “It was this morning or last night, so to speak. He was still sore, so I would rather start the healthier guy.”

(What happened on the second interception in the end zone?) – “That’s a good question, there was nobody there. It was a miscommunication, or I’ve got to find out what happened on film.”

(So QB Ryan Fitzpatrick) was not attempting to throw the ball away?) – “I’ve got to ask him.”

(Just to clarify with DL Mo Wilkerson and DL Sheldon Richardson, was either a physical situation, injury related?) – “It was a coach’s decision.”

(So not physical, not an injury?) – “Coach’s decision.”

(Disciplinary?) – “Coach’s decision.”

(Any different of a Coach’s decision with T Ryan Clady?) – “Coach’s decision there, too.”

(With QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, was it more of a pain tolerance issue letting him go back in the game? Could you describe some of the discussions that were in play there?) – “I didn’t know how bad he was hurt. I’m involved in the game with (Bryce) Petty at the standpoint. (Ryan Fitzpatrick) came back and said he can go. So, if he could go – and he was healthy enough to go – I put him back in.”

(Do you have any room for error now, or do you have to win the remaining games?) – “We didn’t really have room for error when the season started. We want to win every game. Unfortunately, we didn’t win this one, and we didn’t win six others, so we’ve got to win some ball games.”

(How do you feel like QB Bryce Petty handled himself in the short spell he was in there?) – “He was okay. We put him in there, he did a good job, he didn’t panic, he took his reads, and I think he did a good job.”





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(There was a borderline pass – maybe it was forward, maybe it was backwards. Did you get a good look at the replay? Did you think about a challenge?) – “On the replay, it looked like it was either a tip and there were no returns.”

(Talk about the unsportsmanlike penalties that seem to be plaguing your team every week.) – “Well, they can’t happen. We’ve got to have more composure than that. It was a little chippy in the beginning on both sides. We got them in the first half, and they got them in the second half, but we can’t have them.”

(What was your message to the team just now?) – “They beat us. Give them all the credit in the world. We’ve got to find a way to get better. We made plays, put our foot in our mouth (during) the ballgame, and we’ve got to get better.”

(I know you said the season’s not lost, but how do you think about the fact that even if you won out you would still only get 10 wins, which is what you had last year, which wasn’t good enough?) – “I only go week by week. We’ll worry about the Rams tomorrow, and we’ll go from there.”

(After you review the film, could you foresee a situation where you re-evaluate the quarterback play going into next week?) – “No.”

(What’s CB Marcus Williams’ status?) - “He’s got a sore ankle, a sprained ankle. I’m not sure how bad.”

(Does LB Josh Martin have a concussion?) – “A concussion for Josh Martin.”

