



SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS AT MIAMI DOLPHINS HARD ROCK STADIUM

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POSTGAME QUOTES

San Francisco 49ers Quarterback Colin Kaepernick (transcribed by Alex Onaindia)

(Can you walk us through that last play, what you saw and in that situation what does a quarterback have to do to try and buy himself some room?) – “You have to get in the end zone. Ultimately, that’s what it comes down to. We had a pass play called, stepped up and thought we had a seam to get in there and didn’t make it in.”

(What do you have to see in order to take off and run for it?) – “An opening. There was a crease there, I thought I saw it. Kiko Alonso did a great job recovering, coming back and making a play there.”

(How did you feel about your play in general today?) – “We left some stuff on the field. For me there were throws that I could’ve made that weren’t there. As a whole we can’t turn the ball over and win football games. We can’t have penalties that stop drives for us. As a whole we have to be on top of things and cut out those mistakes in order to win football games.”

(There was some controversy here locally with some remarks in the newspaper about [Fidel] Castro. Not to get away from the game but do you have any further thoughts on that? Coming to South Florida, there was some boos at the beginning of the game) – “Yes. What I said was that I agree with the investment in education. I also agree with the investment in free universal health care. As well as the involvement in him helping end apartheid in South Africa. I would hope that everybody agrees that those things are good things. Trying to push the false narrative that I was a supporter of the oppressive things that he did, it’s just not true.”

(You were taken out of context you think with some other remarks you made? Which was before he passed away, I understand that.) – “Yes it was completely out of context. Once again, what I said was I support the investment in education. I’ve never said that I support the oppressive things that he did.”

(You are wearing the Malcolm X shirt today. The controversy stems from another shirt you were wearing that had Malcolm X with Fidel Castro on it, correct? Is there any symbolism behind the shirt that you are wearing today?) – “I’ve worn many Malcolm X shirts. He was a great man and he lived the life that he talked about. He was someone that truly walked the walk and was a great leader for the African community, and someone I admire.”





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(Can you understand why some people in South Florida were concerned about wearing a shirt of Fidel Castro? A dictator who oppressed people. Can you understand the concern?) – “I can understand the concern, but for me what I said was that was a historic moment for Malcolm. I’m not going to cut out pieces of Malcolm’s life. In 1960 when they met in Harlem, that was a historic moment. That’s something that I will always be true to what Malcolm was, what he represented because I’m not going to cut out history.”

(Did you find it ironic, any thoughts that just after this controversy happened with you getting in this discussion about [Fidel] Castro with a reporter that you end up in Miami when Fidel Castro passes away?) – “Very unique circumstances. It’s hard to really say that it was a coincidence or whatever it might be. Once again, it’s very unique circumstances.”

(Finally, is there anything you’d like to clarify about the [Fidel] Castro situation? He passed away, right now do you want to clarify your thoughts on that?) – “I feel like I did clarify them. I believe in the investment in education. I believe in the free universal healthcare, which we don’t have here, and I also believe in the positive thing he did in helping end apartheid in South Africa.”

(How much do you worry about with the [Fidel] Castro situation and also not voting, people losing track of the message you were trying to put forth when this all began?) – “Well, I don’t worry about people losing track of what the message is. I’ve been true to the message. I’m against systematic oppression. Voting is a part of that system, and I’ve talked at length about why I believe that.”

(You guys were down 31-14. Did anybody say anything in the huddle or how did you tell the guys to respond?) – “No, the mentally we had as a team was, let’s go get this win. I thought our guys did a great job fighting until the very end. At the beginning of the game I asked them to go four quarters with me and they did. Our defense did a great job at the end to give us the opportunity to get the ball back and go score. We had some great plays on that final drive. Torrey (Smith) catching the in cut on the 4th down. (Jeremy) Kerley making a great catch on the sideline to get us closer for an opportunity to score at the end there; and we have to be able to finish these with touchdowns to give us an opportunity to win the game.”

(What was that last play, was it supposed to go to Vance [McDonald] first? Was he the first read and then they were playing him?) – “We have a couple of different reads on that depending on what defense they’re in. They played it well. It was something that we have to be able to make a play on that play and get in the end zone.”

