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New York Jets WR Brandon Marshall (transcribed by Alex Onaindia)

(How do you react to the roller coaster at the end of that game?) – “I’m upset. I’m disappointed. That’s the best thing I can say. I’m trying to be a pro here and answer the questions. It comes with the territory. You win some, you lose some. Obviously, this game had huge implications. Our playoffs started weeks ago. It looked ugly, but there still was hope for us. There still is hope. The hole is deeper. I’m extremely disappointed right now. We’ve got to give those guys credit. That’s a different club there. I’m so proud of (Head) Coach (Adam) Gase. He was my receiver coach in Denver. Those guys, they’re no longer front runners. Those guys are playing hard, physical. When they’re trailing, they don’t give up. So, you’ve got to give them credit. They did an amazing job today staying in the game and overcoming adversity, and we didn’t.”

(Are you fighting yourself to not say something stronger here at this moment?) – “I’m always fighting myself to not say anything stronger. I wear my emotions on my sleeve. I’m a transparent person. That’s never going to change. But obviously when you get older, you learn. You have to understand ... You have to learn how to deal with emotions. It’s a very volatile game. Everyone in this locker room – everyone in this organization – puts so much into what we have to do to be successful. It can be really hard 30 minutes after a game, 20 minutes after a game, getting up here and answering questions, especially in this circumstance when our season could be done. That’s not the case. There’s still hope; you never know. But I’m just disappointed in the offensive performance. I’m so disappointed.”

(What was the mood at halftime? What did you guys want to accomplish going into the second half that you didn’t?) – “Score points.”

(The chippiness out there with you and CB Byron Maxwell started early in the game. Did that affect your play, or were they trying to get in your head?) – “I was able to get four penalties, maybe three or four, maybe even five penalties called. I think I did an amazing job of keeping my emotions in check, but taking the game to him. He was exactly who I thought he was. He’s a holder. He’s a grabber. That’s not how you play football. A lot of those calls put us in very good position and moved us down the field. But the guys around him rallied, because he could have really hurt his team today. But those guys rallied and overcame those penalties, which were huge penalties, and they did a great job. I think that’s a testament to Coach Gase and his competitiveness and what he’s doing in that locker room over there.”





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(What were you saying to CB Byron Maxwell when you were jawing out there?) – “All kinds of stuff.”

(Like what?) – “Everything. ‘Stop holding,’ pretty much. ‘Stop holding.’ He gets paid way too much money to play like that. He needs to believe in himself, and he needs to practice. That’s what I was saying.”

(You guys got the gift on the muffed punt and took the lead a couple of plays later. How crushing was it, within a minute or so, to lose that lead on the kickoff?) – “I already answered that question/ (It was) very frustrating, extremely frustrating. There’s no other way I can answer that question. (I am) disappointed.”

(What’s not happening on offense? You said you are really disappointed. I understand that WR Eric Decker isn’t here – he’s on IR – but what isn’t clicking?) – “It’s just frustrating. This falls on ‘Fitz’ (Ryan Fitzpatrick) and I. This whole year falls on ‘Fitz’ and I. We’re the leaders on that side of the ball, and we’re not getting it done. It’s extremely disappointing to be in this situation, so that falls on myself, and that falls on ‘Fitz’.”

(Following up on that, late in the second quarter the cameras caught you and QB Ryan Fitzpatrick kind of jawing at each other. CB Buster Skrine had to step in there. Could you just take us through that and what was going on there?) – “I don’t think anyone had to step in there.”

(Or just what may have precipitated there, the frustration.) – “You guys know how I feel about ‘Fitz’ (Ryan Fitzpatrick). I stood on the table for him this whole offseason, and I would do it again. That wouldn’t change. But we’re here to produce, and this falls on him and I. We have to make plays. That’s part of the ballgame. So much on the line today – every single game – but obviously, we were sitting at 3-5. Every single play counts. Every single drive counts. Things got a little heated, and it’s part of the game. My love for ‘Fitz’ and how I feel about ‘Fitz’ is not going to change. It hasn’t changed. This is all part of sports. We’re fighting, we’re scratching, we’re clawing to get things going. It’s disappointing, and this falls on him and it falls on myself.”

(Do you feel like you need to be targeted more? Is that part of your frustration?) – “I’m a wide receiver. I’m open every single play. I’m expecting the ball every single play, but that’s never the case. I’m that type of guy. I’m competitive. I’m fiery. I think I’m always open, and when I’m not open, I still want the ball. So, that’s a tough question to ask. My mentality is ... My role in this offense is to pull coverage. That’s how I approach the game. That means that I’m dominating my one-on-one matchups





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so they have to play coverage, they have to double team me, they have to cheat a safety to the other side. A prime example: after we get three or four penalties, No. 41 (Byron Maxwell), they start cheating the safety to my side, and we throw a post to Jalin Marshall for a touchdown. When we're rolling like that and our offense is clicking like that, I don't have to always catch the ball to impact the ballgame. But when defenses fear me making a play, that's what happens. To answer your question, yes, I want the ball every single play."

(Your exchange with QB Ryan Fitzpatrick on the sideline – your conversation – what was your message to him in that moment?) – "(I am) trying to think, because we talked a lot today on the sidelines. I'm trying to think what we were we coming off. I think it was third-and-short, and I saw man-to-man (coverage) and No. 41 (Byron Maxwell) again holding me, and that could've been a huge play for us. The refs usually don't call that if the ball is not coming. So, if the ball would have come my way on that particular call, we probably would have gotten a pass interference or a defensive holding, so that was a missed opportunity for us."

