



BALTIMORE RAVENS POST-GAME QUOTES

Miami Dolphins vs. Baltimore Ravens

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016 M&T Bank Stadium

WR Steve Smith Sr.

(on how it feels to have an offensive performance like today's) "It feels good. Defense was riding us a little bit because we messed up their 'goose egg.'"

(on if he had a sense coming into the game that the offense would be really aggressive today) "I mean, every week we have that [mindset]. We think that all the time, but at the same time, the teams do different things. This is a team, Miami, that they had some zone coverage, but first couple of plays they went straight into zone, dropped into man, dropped into zone, they had eight deep, dropped eight guys. So, they relied on their front, even with sometimes three guys blitzing – three guys and dropping the linebackers deep. They did a good job changing things up, and I think we did a better job of making our adjustments on the fly, running a no huddle. We kind of put them in positions to really say and show what kind of defense they were playing immediately versus sometimes disguising, which they've done a good job in the past with other teams of disguising it. So, we knew that."

(on if there is anything he can put his finger on as to why it worked so well today) "The guy who was throwing the ball, he was playing lights out. We go as he goes, and so when he does a great job, we all look better. We have to do things better offensively as wide receivers – I only speak for the wide receivers, because I'm a horrible offensive lineman – but when we're out there making plays and running precise routes and making it defined for him, it's an easy read for him, and that's what he did. So, for me, it really falls on the wide receiver group. We kind of put ourselves in that position of leadership and said, 'You know what? We're going to make the play.' And that's the way we go."

(on there being talk about offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg and QB Joe Flacco getting into it a little bit about the play calling and how aggressive the team should be) "I didn't see that go on this week. I didn't see that they got into it. *(Reporter: "It was in a quarterbacks meeting.")* Were you in that meeting? *(Reporter: "No, but Joe was talking about it.")* "Oh, OK, so it happened? *(Reporter: "Well, Marty was talking about it, too.")* Those two guys said it happened? *(Reporter: "Yeah.")* Oh, OK. Yeah, it did. *(laughter)* When you have the quarterback saying this is what he likes, he's putting it on his back, so that's what you want. You don't want a guy saying, 'Oh, no. I don't want that. I don't like that.' So a guy is sitting there and saying, 'Hey, let me make the calls. Let me do that.' And that's what you want. So, like I said, as he goes, we go."

(on if this performance can be a launching point for the offense) "We'll see next week if it's a launching point. We only say, yes, but again, I think sometimes you guys discredit the other team. Those guys study film, they make adjustments just like we attempt to make adjustments on offense. Defensively, they react, offensively we go on the game plan and we're hoping and thinking and running the analytics to say, 'This is what they're going to play.' But, we don't know until they actually go, and then teams make adjustments. Miami was a team that has been down 17-0, down 17 points in the second half and has won games. So, we understood that and we knew that, so we were never really comfortable with the lead, because we knew what they were capable of."