



New York Jets Head Coach Todd Bowles, 12.17

On the injury to Jets QB Bryce Petty...

He has a chest injury. He is having more tests run tomorrow.

On what happened on the play where Petty was injured...

Two guys sandwiched him. They hit him pretty hard.

On why the Jets offensive line didn't move on the play, or if it was a botched snap count...

It was a bust in there as far as from the call and the snap count.

On how Petty played...

Not well enough to win. He made too many mistakes. He wasn't the only one. He had a lot of help. We didn't play very well.

On whether Petty had an X-ray...

The x-rays were negative. He'll have more tests run tomorrow.

On what Dolphins QB Matt Moore did to enable him to have success...

Not much. I don't think we covered very well.

On the Jets blown coverages on defense...

They weren't blown coverages. People just got beat.

(follow-up)

On if it's a speed issue with the Jets...

No.

On the Dolphins blocked punt...

We let a guy free on the edge.

On whether the game swung on the blocked punt...

It started to swing. There were about four or five minutes of bad football played right in the span. It started with that. There was a turnover after that. Then, a pass play after that. There were about four or five minutes where about 20 points were scored and the game got out of hand.

On the Jets losing two straight games on prime time television...

You don't explain. It's all on me. I did a terrible job getting these guys ready to play. I thought we were ready to play in the first half. In the second half, as a head coach of this team, that's not looking very good right now. It's all a reflection of me. I take full responsibility.

On if the team was not prepared...

They were prepared. When we play like that, it all falls on me. It starts at the top. I have to do a better job and they have to do a better job. But, it starts with me.

On how it's his fault if the team was prepared...

I'm the head coach of this ball club. Everything that happens falls on me.

On what went wrong...

You saw the game. There was a blocked punt. There was an interception. It was football. The football went bad for us in the second half and that starts with me. We have to play better.

On whether it is the responsibility of the QB when Miami is having so many free unblocked pass rushers...

A lot of that falls on him as well.

On if it can be dangerous for a young, inexperienced QB to play because they don't sense the pass rush...

It's football. Any quarterback is in a dangerous situation.

(follow-up)

On whether Petty has a good sense of the pass rush...

It's any quarterback. It wasn't just Bryce. It was about up front. Bryce isn't the only one to blame on this one. It's the whole offense.

(follow-up)

On the pocket presence of Petty...

At times, it was good. At times, it wasn't good.



On what he can do better personally...

I can sure coach better and make sure the coaches and players understand exactly what's going on play-by-play. When we're not winning ball games, it starts with me. I take full responsibility. I will be a better coach and we'll be a better team.

On how he would grade himself at 4-10...

Like a 4-10 team. Not good.

On his message to the team after tonight's game...

The things we did right in the first half, the things we did good...they did the same things in the second half and we didn't do them well. Whoever shows up tomorrow or the next day ready to play football and wanting to win these next couple of ball games, we're going to play with the guys that we have. We'll all stay together. We're not making any excuses. We're going to play.

On if Jets QB Ryan Fitzpatrick would play if Petty can't go...

We'll discuss that tomorrow. We haven't gotten into any of that. I'll wait for the tests and then we'll have meetings tomorrow.

On the Jets having seemingly the same issues every week...

It's different guys every week. Like I said, I'm not doing a good job.

On whether the Jets have personnel issues on the team...

I'm the head coach of this football team. If you're out there, you're here to play. We have to coach guys to get ready to play. We have guys out there that need to make plays. We have to coach better and they have to play better. That's really all it is.

On whether he needs more talented players...

No. We need to play better structured football.

On if he is worried about his job security...

I don't worry about my job security. It falls on me when I signed my contract.

On any jets injuries...

Leonard Williams has a chest injury. (Brian) Winters has a shoulder. And Darron Lee had a left eye.

On if any of those injuries were serious...

They have to get tests run. It's too early to tell.

On whether the play of Jets RB Bilal Powell was a bright spot...

He showed effort, but I have no bright spots.

On if Powell's 10 catches displays the Jets are dumping off to the backs too much...

If the other guys aren't open and they're getting pressure, no.