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New England Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick (transcribed by Frank Brill)

(Opening Statement) – “I thought another real good effort by our team today. The guys were really ready to play, got off to a good start. Got contributions from all three phases – a lot of different guys, a lot of guys stepped up. Fourteen wins is a pretty good effort this year. I’m proud of what these guys did. (They) worked hard every week (to) come ready to play, play hard and play tough. Did a good job down here. It wasn’t an easy place. We did a good job out in Denver a little earlier in the season, so good win today. It was a good win today. A lot of guys played well.”

(What were your thoughts on the contributions of WR Michael Floyd, first the touchdown catch and the effort that he made there?) – “He has gotten better every day, just works hard. Obviously, there’s a lot to learn in our offense and things we ask him to do, but he has gotten better every day and certainly helped us today.”

(That play plus the block downfield [for] WR Julian Edelman. I don’t know what you saw on that, but what were your thoughts on WR Michael Floyd’s effort?) – “Good. Strong kid.”

(What did you see in WR Michael Floyd to bring him in from Arizona? What did you see that you thought he’d be able to contribute to this football team?) – “He’s a talented guy, a big strong kid that we did our work on and we felt comfortable with.”

(Were you pleased with the way this team started – the way you got out of the gate real fast – being able to drive right down the field and put points on the board?) – “We did a good job moving the ball consistently. (We) had a couple penalties that stopped us, and we got stopped in the red area there twice in the first half, but we moved the ball. We’ve just got to do a little better job finishing those drives, but I thought the team was ready to go. We ran it, e threw it, we had good balance. A lot of guys – the receivers, the backs, the tight ends – really everybody was productive today.”

(Can you talk about Dolphins Head Coach Adam Gase down here in Miami and what you think about what he has done with this franchise and his year this year?) – “I think he has done a good job. I talked about that during the week. I talked about it pretty extensively.”





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(What were some of the things that they did at the end of the second quarter offensively when they came down and scored the touchdown and then at the start of the third quarter that were giving you guys some problems?) – “They went a little up tempo there. That wasn’t anything that we haven’t seen before. They have good players. They did a good job. They just did a better job than we did. We missed a couple tackles, and they made a good run there to get into the end zone. They have a lot of good players, especially their skill players. They have good backs, good receivers.”

(Turnovers have been big for the defense. What were your thoughts on DB Devin McCourty made the second one today and LB Shea McClellin on the scoop?) – “We’ve been after the ball a lot. We had another one that we knocked out that we didn’t get. Those guys have been hawking the ball, and we’ve had more opportunities. We got more guys around the ball. It seems like we’re getting more. Logan (Ryan), good interception. Keep staying after the ball. It’s what we’ve been doing all year, just keep doing it.”

(Does this team exhibit a level of mental and physical toughness this year that you’re happy with?) – “This is a very physically and mentally tough team, no question.”

(Your thoughts moving forward now that the regular season is over with, home-field [advantage] and the postseason coming up?) – “We just keep grinding, keep getting better. There’s a lot of things we can still improve on. We’ll work on some of those this week. We’ll find out who we play, and we’ll start getting ready for whoever that team is. We have a good opportunity to work on some things – to get better at some things that we need to get better at – so we’ll try to use that time productively to do it.”

