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#### **Miami Dolphins Head Coach Adam Gase (transcribed by Michelle Stone)**

**(What was your assessment of QB Jay Cutler?)** – “I thought he was good his first time out. He looks like we really weren’t apart for a year. I thought his tempo was really good. I think we have to get used to that a little bit, the rest of the guys, because he’s ready to go a little sooner than everybody else. That’s going to take a minute. It’s going to take game experience. It was probably good for him to get hit and to have to move in pocket. He did a good job there and he made some good throws.”

**(Was the attitude going in with QB Jay Cutler, ‘Just a couple of series and that’s it?’)** – “I wasn’t really sure. I just told the starters to be ready to go half. I went off of that and once you got enough pocket movement and we kept getting in those third-and-longs, we had that screen where he got hit pretty good and I was like, ‘Well, he’s experienced everything so...’ I didn’t want to overdo it and plus I wanted to get Matt (Moore) in there with that first group.”

**(It looked like they were getting a pretty good rush in there.)** – “Yes, that’s how it’s going to be. It’s the NFL. These guys are coming pretty good. When you have your ones in there and you’re in the second preseason (game), everybody knows there’s only so many snaps that you’re going to get, and every guy is going to try and make the most of them.”

**(What was the decision process to play RB Jay Ajayi and how do you think he did out there?)** – “I thought he did (well). It’s preseason. You’ve got to play. It’s part of the process.”

**(RB Jay Ajayi took a shot, took a pop there towards the sidelines – did he shake it off? Is everything alright?)** – “Yes.”

**(QB Ryan Tannehill – did he have knee surgery today?)** – “No.”

**(Was the idea going in ... it looked like QB David Fales and QB Brandon Doughty got most of the work today.)** – “I was just trying to switch up who went first. I really thought – my plan initially was once David had enough plays, I was going to try and get Brandon like a whole half. It didn’t work out as well as I wanted it to. Next week we’ll flip them again and we’re just trying to get those guys as many reps as possible and get as much tape to keep evaluating. We just couldn’t really get anything going with either guy. We kind of had some busts and missed a couple of opportunities. We just couldn’t really sustain anything. Nothing was clicking, really.”





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**(Your cornerbacks, they seemed pretty active – CB Byron Maxwell caused two fumbles, CB Xavien Howard had an interception, CB Cordea Tankersley had an interception...)** – “It was good. It was good to see. I thought it was an unbelievable catch by ‘X’ (Xavien Howard). It was good to see that. And then ‘Max’ (Byron Maxwell) – I guess that was my experience going against Max so many times, he comes out of nowhere and knocks the ball loose. That’s kind of his ‘M.O.’ It’s good to see our guys active. It was good to see that first team defense. They only gave up seven yards rushing, I think, in the first quarter.”

**(LB Mike Hull, I think he had five tackles, or six tackles, one tackle for a loss – was he active enough and good enough for you?)** – “Yes, he’s always going to be active. That’s what he does. It was a different scenario for this year. Last year he was filling in for Kiko (Alonso) and we were playing with other guys who were our second-string type guys. This year he’s got ‘L.T.’ (LB Lawrence Timmons) and Kiko next to him. That makes it a little different.”

**(The special teams overall had some miscues there.)** – “That’s the fun part of the preseason. You’re looking for guys. When you get to the second, third group, you’re looking for guys on the bench because they’re playing defense and then you’re running them back out there on special teams. You’ve got 90 guys on the sideline. You’re trying to find guys. It’s not easy. We had 10 guys on the field on the one where we snapped it (early). That was a disaster. We had a fumble. It’s just unlike our special teams.”

**(T Sam Young had a couple of holding calls. I think one was negated. Do you worry about him?)** – “No. I don’t worry about Sam.”

**(What about the decision to start T Jesse Davis at left guard?)** – “Once C/G Kraig Urbik wasn’t going to play, we just wanted to make sure that we didn’t have two centers on that starting line. We wanted to make sure that we were good throughout the game.”

**(With QB Jay Cutler, how do you strike that balance between doing things that he’s comfortable with, as he said, ‘putting good things on tape’ with guys he’s not used to yet, but also kind of pushing him out of that comfort zone since it’s a game situation.)** – “It will come naturally for us. I’ve got a pretty good feel of how to call plays for him. He’s really honest with me as far as what he’s feeling and how he’s seeing things. I feel really good with where we’re at right now. This next week will be really good for us because going against another team and playing that third preseason game. We’ll just keep trying to improve and get in that game flow. I liked what I saw tonight. I’m ready to get this going next week.”





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**(That chemistry between QB Jay Cutler and WR DeVante Parker. It seems like they're already on the same page.)** – "I think Jay's had a lot of experience playing with a lot of different guys. He's able to adjust. He comes in nine days ago, figures out what these guys do, and gets them the ball."

**(On kickoff returns, is WR Jakeem Grant still in the mix?)** – "Yes, we just don't want him back there. We wanted to see what these other guys could do, too."

**(Did WR Jakeem Grant injure a foot?)** – "He's had a couple of things bothering him. We'll hold him out every once in a while when it starts bothering him and see if we can kind of get him right again. (With) a couple of days off, he'll probably be feeling better."

#### **Miami Dolphins Running Back Jay Ajayi (transcribed by Ted Leshinski)**

**(Did it feel like it has been too long for you? How did it feel out there?)** – "It was good, good to get back out there with the team. (It was) nice to get first reps of the new year."

**(Any hesitation getting hit for the first time out there?)** – "No. Just running the same way I always do. Running hard."

**(They got you on the sideline.)** – "It's football."

**(How do you feel like QB Jay Cutler felt out there? How did it feel with him?)** – "It felt pretty smooth. I felt we were moving the ball well. We shot ourselves in the foot a couple of times. We would have loved to (have) scored on those drives."

#### **Miami Dolphins Quarterback Jay Cutler (transcribed by Bruno Zayas)**

**(Was it like riding a bike for you?)** – "A little nervous to get it going, but once we got out there it was fun. These guys are really talented on the outside, so they make it pretty easy for me."

**(What was the most challenging part about tonight for you?)** – "I think it was just waiting – pregame, just getting out there and waiting for the anticipation of getting going. Once we got out there and (Head Coach) Adam (Gase) was in my ear, we started rolling around. It was fun."





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**(How do you manage this situation with the clock ticking, the season is four weeks away, you have to learn a whole new set of teammates?)** – “You have to immerse yourself as best you can, be around these guys constantly, ask a lot of questions, see what they like, what they dislike. It takes a little bit of time, but I think with this group they make it a little easier, because it is a younger team, but they’re really good guys that want to win, and they’re good football players.”

**(Were you surprised there were only a couple of series because with your need to really work with these receivers you might be in there a little longer?)** – “Not really. I’ve played football before. These guys are ... They’re football players. Once I know what they like, what they dislike, how they get in and out of stuff ... I mean we’re playing football. There were no real miscues out there with them today. I think as we progress, we’re only going to get better and better.

**(How do you gauge what the offense did tonight as far as you were missing two starting offensive linemen? You did have some penalties that wiped out some good plays.)** – “I don’t think we’re into gauging where we’re at. We’re just trying to get better each outing. With the first group, we had a couple of penalties there that kind of took some momentum away, a few mistakes here and there. We’ll take a look at it tomorrow. We got a really good opportunity; we’re going to Philly, practice against them for a couple of days and then we get to suit it up one more time.”

**(What have you thought so far of WR DeVante Parker as a target?)** – “Really good player, really good player. I think the sky is the limit for him. He’s big, he’s fast. He can do a lot of different things, gets in and out of things, deep threat, knows everything we’re doing. I think that’s the fun part with these guys – with Jarvis (Landry) and Kenny (Stills) and DeVante – is they know everything. You just whisper to them something, and they’re good to go.”

**(You’ve played with some good ones in your day. Does WR DeVante Parker remind you of anyone?)** – “I think he’s kind of a faster Alshon (Jeffery) a little bit. He has got a lot of range, back shoulder, over the top. He has got great hands, but then he can burn you up if you get a little flat footed.”

**(You and WR DeVante Parker have a good back shoulder throw rhythm going on?)** – “That’s just him. He knows where the ball is going to go. He can feel the defender, whether he’s on his





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top shoulder or if he has got him beat. Some of these guys have a better feel than others, and he is one of those guys that knows where the ball is going to go.”

**(When you took that hit at the end, were you looking up at the broadcast booth going, ‘Eh’?)** – “No, I went over to talk to the doctors, and I said, ‘I think I’m good to go.’ I was kind of glad to get that one out of the way. (I) landed right on my right shoulder and didn’t feel anything, so Dr. (Mark) Bowen in Chicago, nice job.”

#### **Miami Dolphins Defensive Tackle Davon Godchaux (transcribed by Lexie Balboni)**

**(How hard was it for you to keep focused and keep moving?)** – “It was very hard but I knew where I wanted to go the whole time. I took that as my motivation.”

**(When did you figure it out?)** – “Growing up when I saw the streets. I could have easily gone in that direction but I went the opposite way.”

**(How did you go into LSU freshman year and do what you’re doing here and turn heads?)** – “Somebody got hurt and it’s the next man up. That’s what we play the game for. It’s part of the game. You know someone is going to get hurt and you have to be the next man up.”

#### **Miami Dolphins Cornerback Xavien Howard (transcribed by Lexie Balboni)**

**(You had inside position the whole way right?)** – “I had the position the whole way, just trying to make a play on the ball.”

**(You had him covered like a glove, like a book. Why would they throw the ball there?)** – “I guess they were trying to see if their receiver could make a play and I ended up making a play. I just saw the ball in the air and I took it.”

**(You had a pick, CB [Cordrea] Tankersley had a pick, two forced fumbles from CB [Byron] Maxwell, what can the secondary do?)** – “We’re just getting better each day. Each week we’re trying to learn from what we did last game and try to get better each day.”

**(How is this preseason different from last preseason?)**– “Last year I only played in the last preseason game. I didn’t really do much because of the injuries. I’m just trying to get better





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each day. Each preseason I'm trying to learn from other games that I've had and just trying to get better each day."

**(Where are you physically right now?)** – "I am physical. I'm healthy. I'm really just working every day. Right now I'm just healthy and I'm just continuing to try and stay healthy the whole season."

#### **Miami Dolphins Quarterback Matt Moore (transcribed by Lexie Balboni)**

**(Not sure how many plays exactly you had out there. I think you had one series though. How did it feel?)** – "It was good. It's always good to get live reps. Midway through the preseason here you always want to see how it's going and what you can do better and what you can learn from. So, I thought it was alright."

**(Where do you feel you can improve the most?)** – "It's football, pick anything. We're getting better every day, constantly working on things individually, as a unit. It's an everyday deal at getting better."

**(There wasn't a whole lot of offensive production from the whole team today. Was it just a fact of you guys trying new things out?)** – "There are a lot of factors. We're experimenting. That's a good defense over there. We're halfway through the preseason here. And again, I think as a unit, we're evaluating and seeing where we're at. There was some good stuff to learn from, for sure."

**(What do you think of QB Jay Cutler's first start?)** – "I thought he looked good for a guy who hasn't done it since whenever it was – November or whenever it was. I thought he moved around good. I thought he threw it good. It was fun to watch him out there."

**(Explain the experimenting.)** – "I'm not calling the plays, but you're in camp, you're running everything. You've got the whole book that you're trying things from as opposed to the regular season where you're probably more narrowed down and things like that. There's a lot that can be called and a lot that we are running. I think that's it."

#### **Miami Dolphins CB Cordrea Tankersley (transcribed by Savanna Bell-Stevens)**





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**(So what happened, you got the game ball today?)** – No, I just took my first career NFL ball you know, you don't get too many of these, they hard so I took this for me, preseason or not.

**(Did someone find the ball for you or did you hold on to it?)** – No I held on to it for dear life. Um I just took it. Them boys was like let me get the ball so I can get it I was like nah I got it, but somebody took it and said they'll hold on to it so whoever did it I appreciate it.

**(Walk us through that play that was kind of a bang bang play, you kind of stripped it from him on the way down)** – “I just saw him run a slant, I just wanted to break on it you know and then I knew, my new. My neuros were to just get the ball out, swipe it. And then once I felt it go to the other side, I just like tugged it, I was like I got the ball, so score. It happened so fast you know.

**(You got a lot of playing time today, what did you think of your own performance?)** – “I think I did pretty good, still a lot of stuff to clean up technique wise and also assignment wise, but there's always room for improvement so it's back to the drawing boards.

**(You talk about technique wise, talk about the importance, or how difficult it can be for a cornerback to drive on, or pick off a slant.)** – It's really hard, it's definitely really hard, because you never know what you're going to get in this league. I just went with my gut instinct, coaches put us in the right play and I just went and made a play.

### **Baltimore Ravens Head Coach John Harbaugh (transcribed by Ken Mendonça)**

**(Opening Statement)** – “We were really pleased with a lot of things. Obviously, early on a lot of mistakes that we want to clean up – the penalties, turnovers, things like that – that set us back and really kept us from getting in much of a rhythm early; but our defense played really well. Our offense kind of got rolling with the run game as we went. I thought Josh (Woodrum) played really well. It was good to see. I thought our young guys really finished the thing out in fine fashion, in sort of a dominant way. That's what we talked about with our guys and I'm real pleased with the way they played.”

**(TE Maxx Williams came up with a couple plays tonight. We've been waiting for him to see if he'd come back from that knee surgery, looked pretty promising.)** – “That's exactly right. Maxx was big. He's a sneaky athlete. You want to think that he's not athletic and all of a sudden he







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starts running people over and breaking tackles. That's what we've been looking for from him since we drafted him. That was really fun to watch."

**(Can you talk about your pass rush, especially early in the game?)** – "I'm pretty excited about our guys, and we really weren't pressuring him too much. We had a couple of pressures and we let him move around. We let him step up once or twice. One of them got called back. I think we can rush with four, I think we can rush with five, I think we can rush with six, I think we can play man. We've got to keep getting better. Don't let him out of the pocket. I think twice, we let him step up once and we let him get outside one other time. Be a little more disciplined in critical situations and I think we'll be in good shape. I'm pretty happy with the pass rush. I don't know what the stats were. How many sacks did we get? Two or three? We need more than that. I know there were a lot of quarterback hits."

**(What is it about QB Josh Woodrum? What's impressed you throughout camp, and particularly, what impressed you tonight?)** – "I would say poise. Josh has got poise. He can play the game. He's got talent, he can throw the ball a little bit and he's pretty athletic when you see him run. He's another guy who maybe doesn't look the part, but he runs pretty darn well. He can play. He's got poise. He finds receivers and makes plays."

**(LB Tim Williams, a big sack again. Another Williams that came through. You were sort of waiting for him after last week and at least he had that good inside move tonight.)** – "He did. You saw the quickness. I still think he's got more there. I think he can play faster and quicker even than he did tonight and that's what we're working for. It was good to see it. He got his first one. It was important to him. He's been working hard to kind of get his speed of his play up to where he wants it."

**(Were you a little concerned about the field conditions and the result about possibly getting some injuries?)** – "The field's a little loose, for whatever reason. I think they had some problems with a soccer thing they were telling me before the game, they had to replace it. So, I thought our guys managed it pretty well. We didn't slip as much as I thought we might before the game. William Sheridan did a great job getting the guys in the right shoes, which is good; but that's always something to think about."

**(What were your impressions of QB Ryan Mallett tonight?)** – "I thought he did good. He got out of trouble a few times, he made a few throws, and I think we'll just keep working to build off that. He was under pressure quite a bit early on, and I thought he handled it well, didn't make







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mistakes – that's really important – and played good, solid football. We're not totally together up front right now, and I think he's doing ok given the circumstances."

**(How do you think that group performed up front, based on the circumstances?)** – "I think they did ok. You look at the front they're going against, and we had some guys in different positions. I don't know if James (Hurst) is going to be the left tackle in the regular season. I don't know if (Jarrod Pughsley) 'Puggs' is going to be the right guard as a starter, but seeing those guys get in there and do okay was good to see. Even Austin (Howard), he has to work his way back into ... He didn't play for a while. He needs to get himself into playing shape. He'd be the first to tell you that, and he'll get there. So it was okay given that."

**(Did you see what you needed to see from CB Marlon Humphrey? Was that the game plan or did he have a setback?)** – "When you have this soft tissue stuff, you want to be a bit careful with it. I wouldn't have minded him playing more, but you've got to be careful with some of that stuff."

**(How tough is it to build continuity with the injuries on your offense?)** – "O mean it's not ideal, obviously you know. You've got to play the hand you're dealt, but if you look around the National Football League, everybody's got some issues. It seems like every team gets hit in one spot. We've been hit in the offensive line especially hard and it wasn't a real deep position for us anyway. And then John (Urschel) retired, and that was a real surprise; but I think the guys are managing it. All you can do is just manage what you have and make the best of it and see where you get. Sometimes I think it makes you tougher and stronger and all of those kinds of things. I'm really proud of the way they're working and we'll make of it what we can. I think we're going to be a good offensive line before it's all said and done. But you know, we can add some players still. That's still part of the plan and see where we get."

**(Have you ever seen a kicker recover a fumble on his own kickoff?)** – "Well, I know (Terrell Suggs) was going to strangle (Justin Tucker) when he came off for trying to scoop and score. Tucker's not on the scoop and score list. I'll put it that way right now. (laughter) Except maybe in a critical game."

**(Like the S Ed Reed lateral list?)** – "Yes right, but you can't be surprised, I mean does it surprise you? Not one bit. (laughter)"





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**(What, if anything, do you think QB Joe Flacco can do in practice over the next week?)** – “You know, we have a time frame on that. I think we talked about that, we announced that already, so I don’t think that time frame is this week yet. So we’ll kind of stick with the plan on that. I think it’s a pretty straightforward date that the doctors and the back specialist have given us, so we are going to stick with that.”

**Baltimore Ravens TE Larry Donnell (transcribed by Jason D. Silver)**

**(Made some big catches out there today. Want to talk about the catches you made?)** – “It felt good to get out there and run around a little bit and just have fun again. Being here is awesome and it just felt good to get out there to run around and make some plays with my fellow Joes.”

**(Talk about the game and performance overall tonight. A win for the Ravens.)** – “It was awesome. Just being here and just seeing it personally with my own eyes. Offensively, defensively, and special teams. It’s something special to see. This is the only other place I’ve ever been. Just being here. It’s special. Just seeing it and being part of it.”

**(Where do the Ravens have to go from here to get ready for game three?)** – “We always have to get better. That’s the goal in life: is to get better. You never stay the same. Either you get better or you get worse so we just want to get better and get on the grind.”

**Baltimore Ravens QB Ryan Mallett (transcribed by Armando Gonzalez)**

**(How challenging has it been with some of the guys up front? I mean I know guys are battling.)** – “No, I don’t think it’s been challenging. They did a great job tonight, we didn’t get to many pressures and we were pretty clean for the game. Those guys played good even though we were interchanging parts, that happens during the season so it’s kind of good preparation for the season.”

**(I know you do it all the time in practice but did it feel good to get [Benjamin] Watson, Mike Wallace and [Jeremy] Maclin involved?)** – “As a quarterback it always feels good when you got those guys out there. You get Buck Allen out there and Danny [Woodhead] and you get those guys going it gives you a lot more confidence, those guys have played for a while and know what is going on.”





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**(Did you have a hard time planting at times on the field, it seemed like your leg cricked up from under you at times?)** – “It was a little slick but I mean it’s part of the game, you just have to keep playing football.”

**Baltimore Ravens Defensive Lineman Patrick Ricard (transcribed by Daniel Chavez)**

**(How do you think things have gone for you as a defensive lineman?)** – “I think they’re going well. All the guys, the group of guys, are really great to me. I’m learning a lot from them, just competing with them and having fun. I think I’m just building practice after practice, just getting better.”

**(So what’s it like when you’re in the big locker room and you have a guy kicking your legs out a little bit like today?)** – “It happened so fast that you just react and just play as hard as you can and just see what happens. I didn’t really notice that at all.”

**(What did they tell you about being a full back?)** – “They just pretty much said ‘Hey we’re going to try you at fullback’ and they just tell me what I do and I go out there and just do it. I did it in high school so it feels a little natural to me so its not like I’ve never done it before but it felt great.”

**(So is that going to be a full time position?)** – “I think more the focus is on defense, defensive line. When they need me just go and practice, get a couple reps in practice, just make sure they can trust me to do my job right and then I come out here when my name’s called. Like tonight I had five-six plays on offense, just execute when I’m out there.”

**Baltimore Ravens LB Terrell Suggs (transcribed by Jason D. Silver)**

**(Talk about the game overall tonight.)** – “We’re not ever satisfied. Just another stepping stone. We have to go back to the drawing board but a win’s a win.”

**(Talk about the all the defensive plays made.)** – “You have to be addicted to making plays especially on this defense. Like I said, it’s a good start but we are not satisfied at all.”

**(Where to the Ravens go from here?)** – “We are just getting better. We work every week. Work every week to get better.”





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#### **Baltimore Ravens K Justin Tucker (transcribed by Armando Gonzalez)**

**(Can you talk about the scoop and score? You were trying to recover a fumble and maybe take it in.)** – “Scoop and score yeah the operative word there is trying. Clearly I’m better with my feet than my hands, if I was a little better maybe I would’ve had it the first time and we would’ve had a scoop 7 there which would be pretty sweet. At the end of the day hey it’s good to get the ball and get some points and just do our thing and win a game.”

**(Coach said [Terrell] Suggs gave you a hard time after that play.)** – “Oh he definitely I got cussed out by about three or four of my teammates and a couple coaches, but I didn’t care. It’s about doing whatever it takes to make a play. At the same time it is important that we’re available and ready to go when the regular season comes around, but that opportunity doesn’t come across too frequently so might as well try to fall on it and make a play.”

**(How big of a test was this game with the field conditions? You had a long one and had a variety of kicks today.)** – “Yes, I think it’s something you kind of expect when you come down here. That the field... any grass field for that matter is not going to hold up for four full quarters; so when you get into the second half of the game or even maybe the second quarter when you’re down here is a little bit humid the field had I guess just been laid down. It’s just something you got to plan for and take into account when you’re lining up kicks. There was one that I thought I was coming in balanced and smoothed and my studs just didn’t all get in the ground, I think I kicked the ball with both feet but it still went in but that was definitely interesting. It’s good to come in and all things considered just make kicks.”

#### **Baltimore Ravens Wide Receiver Mike Wallace (transcribed by Paige Jefferson)**

**(How do you feel about your performance in tonight’s game?)** – “It was decent. I had a fumble though, so that wasn’t cool. But it just felt good to get back out there and get my feet wet and just get some game-time action.”

**(What was your approach coming into this game knowing that both teams had a “W”?)** – “This was my first preseason game. I didn’t play last week, so my mindset was just to come in and be assignment sound, give some good energy, make some plays and, like I said, just get back in the flow of things.”





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**(Looking ahead to your game against the Bills, what adjustments do you think you guys need to make?)** – “We just need to be more consistent on offense from just moving the ball down the field. I think we made some plays, but we could’ve been better just moving the ball consistently down the field. I think that’s our main thing.”

**Baltimore Ravens LB Tim Williams (transcribed by Jason D. Silver)**

**(Talk about the defensive performance tonight.)** – “It was a foundation of building blocks for what I know I can do.”

**(You said you weren’t real happy with how you played last week and you wanted to play looser. Did you feel looser out there this week?)** – “Oh, yes. Just feeling confident. (I was) just talking to some guys before the game (and they were) just telling me to go out there and play with confidence, stop thinking too much and just go out there and just play with that same passion you always played with. Don’t overthink it just because it’s your first NFL game.”

**(How does it feel to go from the SEC to the NFL? How is it going?)** – “Oh, it feels great, man. Just seeing that there are other guys out there just playing the game of football, as well. It was just great going out there, just performing and just doing what I can do to help the team win and make plays.”

