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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 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.”





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(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 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.”





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(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)”

(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.”

