



MIAMI DOLPHINS AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD

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Philadelphia Eagles QB Carson Wentz (transcribed by the Philadelphia Eagles)

On whether this particular game and the practices with Miami were a more accurate idea of where he is in getting ready for the season:

"You can maybe say that. I think getting those couple days of practice with them helped gauge where we are at as well. We got some really good situational work. And then coming out here tonight, we weren't really sure how much we would play, but we came out and did some really good things. Obviously, the interception was unfortunate, but aside from that, we were moving the ball well. So I thought things were clicking really well."

On how he feels with where he is after three games:

"I feel good. I feel confident. I am thankful, for the most part, that everyone is healthy too. So I think, tonight, this offense was a good showing for us. Like I said, the interception was unfortunate, but we moved the ball well. And for the starters, it's exciting to start getting ready for Washington."

On whether throwing only 23 passes over three preseason games is enough for him:

"I feel like that is just the way it works. That is preseason football. I got a lot of work in over camp, honestly. With 16 games last year, I was healthy. I got good work in in the preseason. I don't think it was overkill. But it was a good number, and I feel confident going forward."

On what he saw on the WR Torrey Smith touchdown pass:

"They were trying to bluff coverage a little bit and the safety was trying to roll back, but was kind of flat footed. I knew with a guy like Torrey, if they were going to sit flat footed, he was going to run right by them. So I just gave him a chance and he did the rest."

On whether that was something he recognized or if that was the play call:

"That was the play call. That was part of the design. And then just the coverage. Like I said, they were bluffing it. But they got back and Torrey did the rest."

On how it feels to get on the same page with guys like Smith and WR Alshon Jeffery:

"It was great. It was great to do it here and in front of the fans. The fans get really excited about that, so that was cool. And I have said it all along: I felt really confident in our chemistry with those guys, even going back to the spring. So to finally be able to do that in a game-like situation, that was really good to see."

On whether getting a lot of 1-on-1 drills during the practices with the Dolphins was a reason he didn't play as much:

"Yeah, I think so. I think that is part of it. Like I said, we got a lot of good situational work during the week where we didn't have to go fully live, but we got to see some different looks. I think that was part of it. And then coming out and putting together a couple of drives, I think it was a 93-yard drive we ended with, I think we all





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kind of said, 'We have seen enough.' That was coach's [head coach Doug Pederson] decision at the end of the day though."

On whether he is comfortable with the protection over the past three games:

"Yeah, the protection has been solid. Some of the things that have happened are on me. Some of the naked and stuff, which is on me. That is football. I have to get rid of the ball. So I am not really concerned about that. I know those guys are going to be rock solid all year."

On what he has to do personally and with the first-team offense to get even better heading into the opener at Washington:

"The biggest thing-and I have been saying this all week and all camp- the biggest thing is consistency. We know we can be dynamic on offense. Last week, we came out and we had three three-and-outs. That is not our style of football. We know we can be dynamic, we just have to be consistent and stay ahead of the chains. [We have to] be disciplined. Last week, we had some penalties and tonight, I think we had a few still. But those are the biggest things we just have to keep honing in on."

On how much bigger a part of the offense he thinks the deep balls might be on the season:

"I think it can definitely be a big part of the offense. I think a guy like Torrey Smith, who can run like that, is going to open up some things. Whether we actually are completing deep balls, or he is just kind of stretching the defense for some underneath stuff to help out guys in the slot, like [TE Zach] Ertz or [RB] Darren Sproles, you name it. I think that is just a big part of the offense that we are going to see expanded on a little more."

On what was clicking on the 93-yard drive:

"Everything. I thought we were moving the ball well. We got into that mock, no huddle-tempo again. I just saw last week, we were able to move the ball last week doing that. We had the fumble up, which was unfortunate, but tonight, we had the same thing. I think we are all-- sometimes when you get into those modes, you are not thinking as much and you're just playing. And sometimes that is a really good thing for guys. And when we know we have the talented players that we have on the edges, I think that is a really big part of our offense."

On whether he had second thoughts in making a tackle on the interception when Dolphins DT Jordan Phillips was running toward him:

"It was interesting. I was trying not to get hurt, but yes it was not my proudest moment trying to make that tackle. He just tiptoed right over me, so it wasn't my proudest moment."

On how he balances wanting to make a tackle on that play versus being smart:

"You just have to learn. At the end of the day, I wish I had made the tackle, so that is part of it. But, you just have to learn how to balance that."

On whether getting back to chunk plays during the 93-yard drive was a result of tempo:





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"Some of both. I think the tempo definitely helps with those chunk plays. Because the defenses then are usually in their generic looks, their base looks. That's when just players go make plays. To some extent, they have an idea of what we're doing, we kind of know what they're doing, it just comes down to players executing. I think that was a good thing tonight."

On how comfortable he is making deep cross throws:

"I feel really good with them. Honestly, I felt good with them last year, things just happened. Sometimes in games those things happen. I felt really good all off season. I felt good tonight. You know shoot, those guys were making some really good catches too. They weren't necessarily great throws but those guys gave them a chance and when you have playmakers out there you just have to give them a chance. So that was good to see."

On how the blitz communication has been:

"It's been pretty good, it's been pretty good, yeah."

