



MIAMI DOLPHINS AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS

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Vikings QB Mitch Leidner (transcribed by the Minnesota Vikings)

Q: Some ups some downs, but you played in a pro game...

A: It was a lot of fun, great to be back playing ball again. You know for awhile there I didn't think it'd happen but these guys in this locker room and this coaching staff are honestly one of the best I've ever been apart of. I couldn't have done it without how welcoming these guys were. These guys were willing to help me learn, and they believed in me when I got in the game. I really don't think I could have done it without them, and coach Shurmur and coach Stefanski gave me the tools to be successful out there, and it really was a lot of fun.

Q: What happens the next three days?

A: I have no idea, all I've heard is rumors up to this point, and kind of how it goes down. You know I'm just here having fun playing football trying to rally guys, have some fun and make some new friends so whatever happens happens.

Q: Was your head kind of swimming out there in terms of it being a lot to get out there?

A: Honestly it wasn't too bad at all. There was a couple times where hearing the play call was a little bit tricky for me but other than that you know I owe it to Isaac Fruechte. Me and him walked through the game plan a lot of times in his hotel room the last couple days. And then coach Stefanski walking through it with me. So again they're a great coaching staff and they're great players on this team to really help give me the tools to go out there and play tonight.

Q: Whatever happens you've been able to walk out here and wear the purple and play, big highlight for you?

A: Yeah, definitely. You know it's something you dream about as a kid growing up in Minnesota. Actually I don't even know if you dream about this because it seems so far away. For it to actually happen it's pretty cool. I'm just so thankful to the Vikings and this organization for giving me this opportunity.

Q: How'd you feel about your outing?

A: It was great to get back out there, ultimately you know we're not satisfied because we didn't get the win. You know that's the ultimate goal on this team and from what I've learned over the last couple weeks being here it's a very competitive environment and you always want to win every time you step on the field. You always want to fight. It's still great to be back out here. I'm very thankful to these coaches, this organization and ultimately these teammates as well. I couldn't have done it without them, how welcoming the teammates were from the second I got here, just an unbelievable group of guys, you know friends I've made forever now. You know you only dream about that as a kid in Minnesota growing up here and watching these guys play so, you know really great group of people to be around. And then





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