



MIAMI DOLPHINS AT NEW YORK JETS

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POSTGAME QUOTES

Jets Head Coach Todd Bowles (transcribed by the New York Jets)

On the play of the Jets defense...

We corrected a lot of mistakes from last week. They came out and played hard and with a lot of passion. They gave up one at the end, but for the most part, they played a good ballgame.

On the difference in the play of the defense from the first two weeks...

Everybody was where they were supposed to be. We didn't leave any open gaps. We gang-tackled instead of tackling with single people. We got after it and everybody communicated.

On the play of Jamal Adams...

He had some good plays. He's an exciting player. He did a lot of things the right way. He brings a lot of emotion with him. He got the team behind him and got them into it.

On whether today's performance showed how close the defense is to 'turning it around'...

We made some progress. We have some work to do still, but we're making progress. We didn't do some of the things we did last week. We just have to get better from this week to the next.

On the play of Josh McCown...

I thought he was very efficient. Josh has been playing well for the last three weeks. He controlled the offense. He sees things. He's playing smart football.

On the touchdown pass to Robbie Anderson...

It's was a heck of a play. He hit him in stride. Robbie has a lot of speed. We got one out there and we were able to take advantage.

On what he wants to work on the next few weeks...

It's the same thing every week. We need to be fundamentally sound. Get better at tackling. Get better at run blocking. Get better at protection. We have to catch balls. We have to get better at communication and coverage. It's going to be the same all year.

On the injuries to Mat Forte and other Jets...

Forte has a toe he's going to get an x-ray on. (Josh) Martin and (Charone) Peake both have ankles that they have to get x-rays on.

On the play of Demario Davis...

It was great to see him command the defense and still make plays. He was thinking a little bit too much earlier in the year, but now he's thinking faster and it's coming easier for him. He did a good job today.

On getting the first win following 'dire predictions' coming into the season...





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We're trying to win anyway. We block all that stuff out. That has nothing to do with our motivation to win. We're trying to win ball games because we want to get to the Super Bowl, not because we want to prove people wrong. It's extra motivation, but we're competitive and we're going to compete every week.

On the mood in the locker room following the win...

It was great. It's good when you win. We had two losses early, but we came home and got a win in front of our home crowd, so everybody's happy.

On if it's a burden for him to 'have to discuss tanking and social issues'...

No it's not. I don't discuss tanking because it's not my thing. Social issues are going to be there until the end of time, so it's not a burden. You understand what's happening. Our team is socially aware. You have to be blind not to see what's going on, but we discussed things as a team and we stick together.

On if the team spoke about what President Trump said on Friday...

Yes, we had a long talk. We had a big talk. It bothered some guys and we had a long talk about it. Everybody aired their differences and we talked about it and we came out as a team today united.

On how long the team has been using Lawrence Thomas as a fullback...

About a week or two. It worked out today.

(follow-up) On Thomas having a background as a fullback at Michigan State...

We're trying to use everybody we've got. If they've played the position in the past and we think they can help us, we'll bring them out and let them play.

On if the Jets run defense helped the pass rush...

They go hand-in-hand. It's great if you can make people pass and become one-dimensional. You can get a little more pressure. We didn't get the sacks, but we got some hits and made him uncomfortable in the pocket. We got that accomplished.

On the play of Darryl Roberts...

Darryl did a good job coming in. For the most part, they didn't get anything. A lot of guys played good team football and he was one of them.

On the play and health of Muhammad Wilkerson...

He was healthy enough. It was hot out there and we tried not to get our guys cramping, so we were rotating a lot of guys in and out.

On the atmosphere for the game...

The atmosphere was great. Like I said, you have to give them something to cheer about. It's our home opener. We ironed some kinks out the first two weeks. We just have to keep getting better.

On the new/younger players settling in...





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There is going to be a learning curve all year. It's not just the first few weeks. They just have to be fundamentally sound, calm down, and play the game together.

