



MIAMI DOLPHINS AT NEW YORK JETS

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Jets QB Josh McCown (transcribed by the New York Jets)

On the feeling in the locker room after the win...

Oh man, that was awesome. Not a whole lot different than halftime last week at Oakland. It was upbeat. Obviously there was a lot more celebrating in that room. But I think that win took place last week at halftime against Oakland. It was the way that we were together, the way that we approached that second half, we didn't quit. I think that was the foundation for this week. It was awesome in there, it was a lot of fun. That's what it's about. That's what we play this game for. We talk all the time about how we're trying to build this thing and trust our process and all those things and not get caught up in the scoreboard like we talked about last week. You just have to trust it, trust it, trust it and hopefully you'll look up and be on the right side of some of these. We were today. That makes it special.

On if it's a relief to get the first win out of the way...

Yeah, it's a relief, great feeling, whatever you want to say. When you win it's a great feeling. Like I said, internally, there's a method that we go about and then there's obviously an external narrative that people have for this team. We have not bought that. For us, to say it's a relief, it was not an expectation that it was going to be hard to win a game this year. We expected to win games. We expect to win a lot of games. That's our goal internally. So, we'll keep fighting for that. It's always good to win your first one. In that regard that's a relief, you want to get the first one out of the way. But hopefully there will be many more.

On throwing a 69-yard touchdown pass on the play after a holding penalty negated a big run...

I had five guys madder than I'll get at. They played it so quick that they didn't see how it could be a penalty. So it's hard because when they're so mad, your mind is everywhere and it wasn't just one. Usually if it's just one you can calm him down. Carp (James Carpenter) was mad, Wes (Wesley Johnson) is mad, Beach (Kelvin Beachum), they're all mad. I'm like "guys, c'mon, let's come back, we're going to get them the next play." That's the mentality you have to have. It's a next play mentality, next game mentality in this league. So, we got right back in the huddle and then went right back at it and Robby (Anderson) made a heck of a catch and score. I think that's good for us as we build. Those are the little things when you're a young team, young unit coming together. Those are kind of bricks in the process that you stack because it grows you. That was a good moment for us because we're learning, hey you have to flush that last play good or bad and move on.

On if he takes any satisfaction in quieting the outside negativity with a win...

Again, it's hard. Obviously it's a strong narrative but for us, what we're doing internally and what we're focused on and all those things, that is so much so that you really kind of block it out. Two years ago, this team won 10 games. There are enough guys left that remember that and know what that feeling is like. For us, we just keep focusing together on one another and what our jobs are and hopefully continue to stack wins. The outside is the outside. For us, it's really drawn us together more than anything.

On what it means having Austin Seferian-Jenkins back...

It was awesome. Austin is great. To get him back out there, like we talked about, his size, his frame. I wish I could've guided him on that one in the endzone down there towards the end. We just have to keep working on those. But, for the most part he caught the ball well. A heck of a catch he made there on the one on their sideline. That's what we say about him. That's the best part. When you get guys that have a skillset, you want to see that play out in games. That's all you can ask for. We see





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that with Austin. Jeremy (Kerley) the same thing, the savviness. Just find me on third down, I got you. That's one of the first things he told me when he got here. He made some savvy plays out there. For us, that's going to be beneficial as we continue to build. It's still a new group. We're still going to have bumps in the road. We have to start faster than that, we have to start a whole lot faster than that. But, there are enough good things and obviously, getting the win we can build some confidence and keep going.

On if he was happy with how the offense stuck with it after not scoring on their first few trips down the field...

Yeah, we got down there on the fringe and penalties, minus runs, I can't remember all of them, but we have to be better there. That's what I mean. That's what stalled us. For us to take the next step, we have to push it down in the red zone and one, give our special teams unit an easier kick and/or put the ball in the endzone. We'll be focused. Coach Morton came in and talked about that at halftime. Guys, we have to finish these drives. We can't just get three's all the time and rely on the defense to stop people. That's going to make for a long year. We have to get better at that. That will be a point of emphasis as we work because it's hard, when you move the ball like we did and you hit the brakes, it's a little disheartening. We have to finish those.

On what his role as a veteran is in team meetings like the team had last night...

I think for me, these were conversations that we talked about not just last night but weeks prior. Guy's hearts move towards this or that. My thing was, let's just do something together. Let's be together. To me, more than anything, the best message we can send is unity. It was to me, very special to be a part of that for everybody to stand there together. It was cool to see our brothers across the field do that as well. So, at this time in our country, for us, they don't want to mix all these things, it's a touchy subject. But the main thing that I believe, if we can bring anything, it's just unity and that message. Hopefully, that's how it will be received.

On if he's ever seen anything like what's going on across the league right now...

No, not to this effect. It's a different feeling when you are reading about things that are kind of more outside of the football spectrum, but are in the football spectrum now. For us, as players, and as community leaders and those things, you can't just turn a blind eye to it. It's easy just to say, I'm going to get into this box and this is my job and that's it. But, at the same time, you have an opportunity to step up and come together and show people that you are together, and hopefully, be able to create conversations that will bear fruit to push us towards unity. That's the goal. I think that's the saddest thing to me, in this whole situation, is people are scared to talk sometimes, and sit and exchange ideas. I'm thankful that hopefully those things will come about as we move forward.

On what it meant to have Christopher Johnson next to him during the National Anthem...

Oh, it meant a ton. It meant everything because, it starts at the top. He came around and talked to some guys before the game about being there, and so for me that was, over my career one of the more special things. Because, no matter who you are, when you are at the top and you are willing to stand with your guys, I think there's nothing more that shows or reflects better leadership than that - when you say I'm with you guys and we are together on this. For me, hopefully that's a great example for our country moving forward. That, no matter who you are, no matter what your skin color is, that you can humble yourself and stand beside people that maybe you don't normally stand beside. That's my prayer, all the time, is that that's what happens with our country moving forward. I'm so thankful for him and the example that he set.

