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New York Jets Head Coach Todd Bowles (transcribed by Ken Mendonca)

(How frustrated are you today losing a 14 point lead the way you did in the fourth quarter?) – “It’s frustrating. We had a chance to finish and we didn’t finish. Too many mistakes, too many blunders, at some point we got to develop some killer instinct to finish the ballgame.”

(Josh McCown, he had a good first part of the game and then a couple key mistakes there at the end.) – “Yeah, but it shouldn’t have come to that. When you got a 14 point lead, you gotta close the game out. We didn’t move the ball on offense, we didn’t stop them on defense.”

(Was there any thought at the end, when there was 40 or 50 seconds left, to maybe just playing for overtime?) – “No, we had three timeouts, we tried to win the ballgame.”

(Did Josh (McCown) just not see him?) – “I don’t know, he may not have seen him, but it shouldn’t have ever come to that. That play did cause us the game, we should have had it way before that.”

(12 penalties today, how key a part of the game was that?) – “It was big, it’s frustrating. We gave them more drives in the first half, kept some drives alive in the second half, 12 penalties you ain’t gonna win the ballgame. Too many untimely penalties at the wrong time, too many penalties period. Until we learn that lesson, it’s going to be tough sledding.”

(Why does that continue to be an issue for you?) – “Well it’s not an issue during the week, it gets to be an issue in the game. We gotta have better poise and better patience.”

(What happened with (WR) Robbie Anderson in the last 15 seconds?) – “I didn’t see the play, I know they told me he threw his helmet off, but I didn’t see what he did. The play was behind me”

(Why do you think offensively, you guys kinda bogged down after you got up big?) – “Well, we just gotta keep drives alive. Again, penalties killed us on offense too. Penalties killed us on both sides of the ball.”

(When (Dolphins QB Matt) Moore came into the game did you make any changes?) – “He made some plays, but we still got the same flags. And the flags, whether it’s Moore or QB (Jay) Cutler are going to affect you.”





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(If (B (Xavier) Coleman had been healthy, would you have made a change with CB Buster (Skrine) in the second half? How did you think Buster played?) – “No. I’ll look at the film. I know he got a penalty. There were many people that got penalties. We’ll look at the film and see.”

(Do you have an update on (T) Brandon Shell?) – “He got a neck injury, he’s going to get some tests.”

(Buster Skrine’s first couple of years with the Jets was inconsistent, he was inconsistent in the summer, what is it that you see in him?) – “Well I’ll watch the film, like I said. I’m not going to sit up here and judge Buster off not seeing anything. Buster plays hard, he had a great game last week, and I know he got a penalty this week, but him, like everybody else have to play better.”

(You said killer instinct, does that take time to develop, or (end of question cut off?) – “No, you just gotta finish ballgames.”

(How tough of a loss is this for you?) – “It’s no tougher than last week. It’s a tough one. We had an opportunity to win a division ballgame on the road, which we got to start winning on the road if we want go somewhere, and it was a tough game. Give them credit, they made plays.”

(With two straight pretty tough losses, how do you keep things positive for this group?) – “Things are going to be positive, frustrating, but they’re positive. Pick up your shoes and you walk, you get ready for the next week, and you correct your mistakes. The morale is good, team is good, the losses are frustrating.”

(What was your opinion on the condition of the field?) – “Playing the game Miami (Hurricanes) played last night, so it’s going to be a little boggy, but it’s even on both sides of the ball, so it didn’t matter. We both played on the same field.”

(What happened late in the game, your secondary, or maybe your corners fell apart there?) – “Again, some timely penalties. WR Jarvis (Landry) made one good catch, but we can’t commit the penalties.”

(Is this as disappointed as you’ve been with this team so far this year?) – “I’m not disappointed. I’m frustrated we lost. I’m not disappointed with the team. The guys played hard, I’m happy with the team. I’m frustrated with the penalties.”





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(How do you change that?) – “You work on them. You get back to the grind, and you work on it. You have guys put in different situations, like we’ve been doing. We’ve got some things to figure out.”

(Why don’t you guys not have a killer instinct right now?) – “We haven’t won a game yet, until we win a game like that we’ll have killer instinct. We haven’t. We got to learn to finish.”

(Are there things you can learn from failing in these situations?) – “Winning games will solve a lot of problems.”

(Would getting better coverage late in the game help a killer instinct?) – “A lot of things can help a killer instinct. I’m not going to sit here and define killer instinct. We didn’t make the plays to win the game, we committed penalties.”

(How frustrating is it considering how well your defense played up until the last....?) – “We didn’t play well as a team in the second half on either side of the ball, so it didn’t matter.”

(Were you happier with the pass rush today?) – “We got some hits, we didn’t get enough hits. We got to finish the ballgame. Happy with one thing, losing the ballgame, it doesn’t even matter. Everybody can be better, coaches, players, everybody.”

(I understand you didn’t see the Robby (Anderson) play personally, but he spiked his helmet, we can see it. Is that kind of losing your poise like that in that situation unacceptable?) – “Well, if that’s what he did, yeah. That’s what it is, but I’ll go and talk to him and I’ll look at the play myself, and I’ll go from there.”

(Does he need to grow up a little?) – “I’ll look at the play and I’ll make that determination myself.”

(They started bringing more pressure in the fourth quarter, Miami did..) – “Nothing that we hadn’t prepared for.”

(Would you agree that QB Josh (McCown) was under a lot more stress?) – “We got to block better.”

(Did fatigue come into play late in the second half when Moore was starting to heat up?) – “No. Same field, same people, same plays, same guys, they made more plays.”





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(On Josh's pick that gave them the lead, what did you see there on Josh's throw?) – "I saw throw, the guy was sitting there by himself in the flat, he caught the ball. I don't know whether he saw him or not, but he made the play."

