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New York Jets QB Josh McCown (transcribed by Max Lerner)

**(Can you just take us through that interception on that second to last drive of the game? What you saw and what happened?)** – “They rotated coverage. I went backside where the read takes me and the guy was underneath the throw. I just didn’t get enough on it and give Jermaine (Kearse) a chance and it’s just a bad read on my part.”

**(How tough is this one to swallow?)** – “It’s a sick feeling. You come out on the road and get going like we did and build a lead like we did, to finish it like that is frustrating. It’s a sick feeling. We fought hard, but we have to find a way to not turn the ball over in a critical situation like that and move the ball in the fourth quarter ... We have to do those things better.”

**(What did they do differently in the second half defensively?)** – “I have to look at it. I think there was a little bit more pressure on their part. But more than anything, we just shot ourselves in the foot with different things and in that regard we have to be better. We did well in the opening and in the third quarter, but we have to finish in the fourth quarter and we didn’t do that.”

**(This is the second week in a row that you had a lead that got away from you. Obviously, last week was a little bit earlier. This week in the fourth quarter. Why haven’t you been able to finish out the games these last two weeks?)** – “We’re not executing down the stretch like we should. That’s the only thing I can tell you. It’s frustrating. We want to play better. That’s not how we want to play. We have to do better. We just have to finish. We started this thing and we were starting slow and finishing strong and now we’re starting fast the last two weeks and finishing slow. We have to find a mix of both that’s going to help us win ball games.”

**(What did you think of the mindset of not playing for overtime there starting at the 15?)** – “We had three timeouts and a minute left and needed to get to the 37. Coach trusted me with that, trusted our offense with that to go down there and do it, and we let them down. He’s alright with that mindset, and we were ready to go. When we get that opportunity, we have to make it work, and we didn’t do that.”

**(It sounded like there was a lot of frustration in the locker room when you guys came off the field, understandably letting the lead go by, a lot of penalties. What’s the mood like in there? What was it like?)** – “Lot of frustration. Pretty much you nailed it. You heard it – a lot of frustration. We’re disappointed. As human beings, you process loss, especially seconds after. You heard, there’s all kinds of emotions, but frustration was high on the list, disappointment. When you’re part of turning





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the ball over like I was, it's a sick feeling, because guys work so hard. To not give us the opportunity to finish that game and win, it hurts. It's tough, but we'll bounce back. A lot of resolve in that room. I think the head of that frustration was let's rebound. 'Mo' (Muhammad Wilkerson) did a great job of hammering that home, and we'll be ready to go to work tomorrow, clean this tape up and be get for Atlanta."

**(You said "Mo." DL Muhammad Wilkerson or CB Morris Claiborne?)** – "It was a bunch of guys talking, but 'Mo' (Muhammad) Wilkerson, yeah."

**(Did you see the defensive back? Did you see it or did you know?)** – "On the coverage, yeah. On the coverage when I came back late. It was one of those I tried to stop as I was throwing, because I saw him late. So, I didn't get enough on the ball. I don't even want to think about it. It makes me sick. It's just something that can't happen."

**(When you get the ball on the 15, three timeouts and the game is tied, do you go into it saying "Don't be too aggressive here, because we have a tied game."? Are you going aggressive to try to get that?)** – "The mindset when we took the field was we need to get the ball to the 37 or so was the range, whatever our range was for Chandler (Catanzaro). So, that's the mindset: let's go down there and get to the 37. Like I said, (Head Coach) Todd (Bowles) puts his trust in us to go down and execute and get that done, and we let him down. We have to be a better team than that. If we're going to be the team that we want to be, we have to make that step. We're almost to the halfway point of the season and now it's time to clean those things up, and we'll start improving on that."

**(Is this about as good a roll as you've been when you had it going with the two touchdowns and that rushing touchdown?)** – "Since I've been here, yeah. It felt good. We were executing and guys were making plays. We have to find a way to keep that up. We can't go out there and be behind the sticks with sacks and penalties or anything that hurts us, minus runs. We have to find a way to ... And incompletions. I missed some throws. We got to find a way to make that better, and I think we will. We'll look at those things. It's not just me getting on it. We're looking at those things on offense and what we're building, and we'll put points up. We got to find a way to capture that for four quarters."

**(On that list, interceptions. You said you almost tried to pull it back. You know that. Are you almost seeing that in slow motion?)** – "Yeah, exactly. It's a sick feeling, because I came back to him based on what I know, how that coverage is. They kicked wide underneath it. I was going to work something on the front side and they rotated so I didn't think ... Because of that rotation, I didn't think that there would be anyone under that one. It's one of those things that I rolled back to it, and I knew





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... I was kind of throwing as I was turning, because it was a wide-field throw. I knew I'd have to get something on it. I slowed my arm down when I saw the guy, but it wasn't enough. It's a bad feeling. I can't let that happen."

**(When we've brought up this interception now a couple times here, it seems like you emotionally change. Is this something you're taking extremely personally and you're taking too hard is that one pick?)** – "Yeah. It was a minute left, three timeouts and coach asks you to go get us in field goal range and win the ballgame, and that's what you want to do in this league as a quarterback. To go out there and that happen, as professionals and as quarterbacks there is not a lot of worse feelings than that for me in my opinion. I'm just disappointed. Just like anything, win or loss, we'll take it, we'll look at the tape, and then we'll bounce back and be ready to go. That's the thing, I'm very disappointed, and it'll hurt for the next 24 hours, but when we start turning on that tape for Atlanta, we're moving on, and I'm moving on and I'll be excited, can't wait to kick the ball off on Sunday."

