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##### Ravens Head Coach John Harbaugh (transcribed by the Baltimore Ravens)

(opening statement) “Appreciate you guys being here. Obviously, a good team victory. I congratulate our players and coaches – everybody – for doing a great job and getting it done. Tremendous performance. One thing I do want to mention is that we dedicated this game to Konrad Reuland, as you know, and his parents were here. They were in the locker room, and Griff Whalen – Griff was a teammate of Konrad’s at Stanford – presented them the game ball. It was a very emotional, very awesome moment. I just want to thank them for being here. In Konrad’s memory, it was a great win.”

(on QB Joe Flacco’s status) “Joe had a concussion and a cut ear. He was cut from [his upper ear to his earlobe]. They were stitching that up [at halftime] without any anesthesia, so he’s a tough dude. That’s as much as I know about it.”

(on his interaction with Dolphins LB Kiko Alonso after the hit on QB Joe Flacco) “Yes, we were OK afterwards.” (Reporter: “Are you OK? That wasn’t a clean hit, was it?”) “I’m not commenting on that. It was penalized correctly, I would say.” (Reporter: “Did you feel like he should have been ejected?”) “That’s not for me to say. Thanks for asking.” (laughter)

(on what the difference maker was in tonight’s game) “I thought we played well. We coached a lot better, obviously, and we played a lot better. If you’re comparing the [last] two games, that’s all I can say about it. [It was] a much better game for us.”

(on if the defense took the media criticism personally) “I hope so. I think they did, and I believe they did. It’s really not what we’re about – giving up a bunch of yards in the running game. Sure, they took it personally, and I’m proud of the way they responded.”

(on if he can explain the highs and lows of the NFL) “I’m looking forward to reading your article about it, because I don’t know. It’s a week-to-week league, it really is. There’s a lot of good players, and one week, the game goes one way, and another week, the game goes another. To me, it’s what makes this league crazy and interesting, and fun to watch.”

(on how impressed he has been with RB Alex Collins’ performances) “He got a game ball tonight. He ran well. He made some real ... That run up the left sideline at the end of the game – you probably got a better look at it than I did, because it was on the other sideline – I thought he was down, but then he was still running for 10 more yards up the sideline. [It was] a pretty athletic run. He made some really good runs. He had a couple runs where they had him in the backfield, two or three times, where he got positive yards. I thought ‘Buck’ [Javorius] Allen was very physical, very physical with the way he ran the ball. It was just a physical effort for the whole offense.”

(on if he has been impressed with RB Alex Collins’ efforts to secure the ball) “I think that’s a great observation. He really has [made the efforts]. He’s about as good as he can be at it right now, and he needs to keep doing that. He’s very secure and technique-sound with what he’s doing with the football.”





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(on if the run defense appeared more cohesive in tonight's outing) "It was that. It wasn't many major adjustments. There have been a few things that we have been doing the past couple of weeks. There are some X's and O's things, but they're not the factor. The factor is in the way we played, and guys played the way we play the run defense here. They were physical, they were square, they played with their hands, and they got to the football, and they tackled."

(on if there was added motivation to win the game after losing QB Joe Flacco to a penalized hit) "I don't know. That would be a good question for the players. I think execution is different than getting mad about something. You have to execute, and to me, they executed."

(on how proud he was of his team's response to all altercations throughout the game) "That is a good point. I felt very good in the way we responded to those things. Our guys didn't get out of control, they kept their poise. Austin Howard, I thought, kept his poise very well later in the game. That was good to see."

(on the franchise's 200<sup>th</sup> victory) "I didn't know that – but thanks! It's good to be a part of that. That's big. That's a big deal. We're proud, and I'm proud, to be a Raven. I'm proud to be a part of this city. I know our players feel the same. We talked a lot about that last night, 'What it means to be a Raven,' kind of like with Konrad [Reuland] and his situation. Without getting too sappy, it's meaningful to be in this program and a part of this community."

(on how important it is for other phases to step up when the starting quarterback goes down) "Everyone has to step up at all times. We've had a lot of practice with injuries this year, so our guys know how to handle it. That's a position that we have to go with a backup – then the backup is a starter. We expect there to be no drop off. Everybody else rallies to make sure that happens."

(on how he explains the success he has had in Thursday night games) "I don't really have an answer for that. It's a good question. I would just like to have more of them. I'm glad we have a couple of them this year. We appreciate it. You guys know the story on that. It was just a good performance. I'm proud of our guys."

