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Ravens LB C.J. Mosley (transcribed by the Baltimore Ravens)

(on his thoughts when QB Joe Flacco went down and what that play is like for a LB) “You’re taught when a quarterback slides, you want to aim for the head, because when he [does] slide, your trajectory is going to be going over where his head was at the initial play ... Was it clean; was it dirty? It doesn’t matter. At the end of the day, our quarterback went down, and the whole team took it personally. We were all right there on the sideline. That’s just how we are. We’re a family. That’s our quarterback, and that really set the tone for the rest of the game. It was a little chippy going throughout that. That’s our type of football. That’s what we do for four quarters. I hope he’s OK and everything. We were just looking out for our family.”

(if he felt everyone kind of rallied around that moment) “Oh, yes. For sure. Definitely after that, it spiked up a lot more, especially on the defensive side. I was trying to throw [an] extra elbow here or there or bring the [players] down a little harder. It shouldn’t take that. That should be our brand of football. We’ve got to have that mentality for four quarters. That’s what we did the first two weeks. We kind of slacked off...it was a good feeling to get a game like this, get the shutout, having everybody – offense, defense, special teams – rolling. We’ve just got to keep that formula going and going for the rest of the season.”

(on stopping RB Jay Ajayi and the Miami rushing attack) “Besides [his first] run, we’ve kind of been playing that way the whole season. Here and there, we let a run slip out. We get a big gain or the quarterback scrambles and gets 20 or 30 yards. Just play Raven defense. You know, when you stay square on the front seven, everybody stays in their gap, and if you do that, it’s hard for a running back to find a lane. That’s very satisfying. That helps us. When you get the offense negative yards on the first and second down, that’s [good].”

(on what he said in the huddle after Ajayi’s early long run) “I didn’t see the play. I think [S] Tony [Jefferson] had the tackle, but he got blocked off. I first felt like, ‘Hey, come on, we’ve got to keep the edge. He’s a great back. We did a good job staying square, everybody playing their spot and doing their job. That’s kind of been the M.O. for this short turnaround. We didn’t game plan a lot of new stuff, did a lot of basic things. It was all about playing technique and playing Ravens’ defense.”

(on how tired they were of hearing about being ranked 32nd versus the run and how much it motivated them) “That was a big topic. We’ve been in the Top 5 since I’ve been here and way before I got here. Being 31st in the league for a Raven running defense, that’s unheard of. Today was a good start. We’ve just got to make sure we’ve got that same mentality for the rest of the way. That’s our brand of football. That’s how we make our play, to stop the run and get the offense backed up. We know we can get after it on second and third down.”

(on if fumbling on his interception against the Redskins was on his mind while scoring a TD in this game) “First of all, if the lineman’s going to catch me, oh, man it’s not going to go well. Once I kind of got away from him, I saw [on] the ‘Jumbotron,’ I saw Ajayi come in so I went, ‘Yeah, I don’t care if I score or not. I’m making sure I’m not fumbling the ball.’ It was just a good play. You know, right place at the right time.”

(on catching it at the line of scrimmage and taking off) “I was telling [teammates] once the third quarter ended, they were still going no-huddle, and they’d be seeing quick check-downs and [short passes]. So I was saying, I was telling the guys we’ve got to rush, just make sure you get your hands up. We ran like a blitz path off the





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strong side. I got blocked. I just backed up and tried to bat it. It just landed in my hands, so it [was] just right place at the right time.”

(on talking with the family of TE Konrad Reuland in the locker room and how emotional it was) “It was tough when we heard the news when he first got his aneurysm. His mom was texting Coach Harbaugh and keeping tabs on how he was doing. The first day, they said he was fighting, doing good. Then, all of a sudden, you know, he passed away. It was tough but it’s always good, especially getting a win like that, when his parents [were here]. His mom was emotional... It just showed the strength he had when he first got her. He came in on practice squad, the scout team just to show a look, and he was one-hand catching and catching on the ‘one’ defense like he’d been here, so that just showed the type of motivation that he had. No matter what position he was in, he wanted to be a part of the team. He was definitely part of the team.”

(on how much relief there is that the team showed how well it played) “I wouldn’t say it was a relief. We knew we could do it, and for the most part, we [weren’t] doing it, like I said, letting those runs leak out. You know, they always leaked out at the wrong time in the game. It’s a good thing to put it on tape. We got back to what we do. We can look at the things that we did wrong, the plays that got out and look at this whole game, once we play our technique, everybody stays square in your gap, the results showed. Just got to make sure we have that same mentality going forward.”

