



MIAMI DOLPHINS VS. BALTIMORE RAVENS

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Ravens RB Alex Collins (transcribed by the Baltimore Ravens)

(on the getting the first 100-yard game of his career) "It feels great. It feels amazing. It's been long coming. I've been close a few times, and you know, just the encouragement from the teammates, the other running backs, the O-line, you know, everybody just wanted to make it happen for me and really worked extra hard making it happen for me. I felt the strain out there from everybody else, felt the energy to each other. We definitely played for each other and worked hard for that."

(on how things changed after QB Joe Flacco went out) "Oh, we didn't miss a beat. Ryan Mallett came right in and was doing a great job of rallying all of us, just keeping us going and staying in the game, and that was the most important things. Coach [John Harbaugh] mentioned it earlier with our execution, and that was the main thing. We just wanted to go back out there, execute the game plan and not miss a step, no matter if it was Joe coming back in or Ryan finishing strong."

(on the way the team played after Flacco left, were they playing for him) "Oh, most definitely. Seeing him going down like that. He's walking off the field, got blood coming from his ear. We're very passionate about our team and protecting the quarterback, as far as protections and everything, so just seeing him go down like that, I could just see in everybody's eyes that we wanted to finish this game strong for him."

(on the hit on Flacco) "I didn't really get to see it but from the sounds of it, it looked pretty bad. Just seeing him come off the field and just hoping he got nothing [really] wrong with him and [has] a speedy recovery."

(on how rewarding this year has been) "It's been really important. I just give a lot of credit to the staff and the head coach and everybody for giving me that opportunity coming in, and trusting and believing in me. I had a few mishaps earlier in the season and just sticking with me. It's a great feeling. I feel the family atmosphere. Everybody's got your back, and I love it here. Just the perseverance of coming to a new team and learning a new system. Just definitely just kept my head down and just worked hard to get where I am."

(on what he thought his role might be this year at the beginning) "From the beginning, even though I was on the practice squad, I always prepared like I was the starter. Every rep I took in practice, going versus the number one defense. We've got great guys over there, so I was really getting a lot of good work going against those guys going full speed. They really prepared me and got me ready, and you know, it's just an opportunity thing. We had a few injuries and with the studying and learning the playbook and other running backs helping me along, I was just preparing myself for this position if it was to happen, and it happened and it worked out for me."

(on how he's proved he can hold the ball and still run hard) "That's the thing. That's one of the problems that happens is when you lost that focus or you're not really worried about just ball security. I've been doing a good job, and coach has been hounding me on it, even though I have perfect ball security throughout practice, you know, he's always reminding me. So it's just second nature now. So when I'm out there, you know, that's the first thing, I grab a ball. I make sure it's secure again, my eyes are up, reading the offensive line, reading the tight ends' blocks and just going from there and then finishing when I get the pile, put two hands on the ball. That's just what most important."





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(on how he rates his confidence) “I feel like it’s definitely growing. It’s just getting the feel for the team and getting the playbook and working with the quarterbacks and other running backs. They do a great job of just bringing me along and helping me learn a new scheme. I feel like when you know what you’re doing out there, you can play fast and confident. Everyone was on the same page, and we knew what we were doing today.”

(on how comfortable he feels with this offense) “The sky’s definitely the limit for us, and that’s just the goal as well. Just keep working and keep trying to improve. This was the first 100-yard game, but I guarantee you I’ll go back and watch film. There’s a few plays that I’m wishing I would have [done] something different. That’s definitely the main focus – celebrating the win but moving forward quickly, and that’s just exactly how we’re going to handle it.”

