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Panthers QB Cameron Newton (transcribed by the Carolina Panthers)

RE: Opening statement

I think it's only right that I just start by saying something – I know it was an honor for me, and I speak for a lot of guys that were in that locker room today, to represent our military family today. I took great pride in wearing the DK initials on my helmet, representing Sergeant Dennis Kancler. We had an opportunity to meet his beautiful family. We can't thank these guys enough – first responders and the people that go and protect our country and serve their time. I take great pride in doing that and not taking my opportunity or my platform for granted. I just had to say that.

RE: Setting the franchise-record for most offensive yards in a game

We just wanted to come out and impose our will. We had an extra day of preparation. We had a great week of practice. Above all, we wanted to come out and play Panther football. That is protecting the football. I threw a lackluster ball early on that ended up being incomplete. For us, coming out each and every play and having that mentality that we want to maximize each and every opportunity that we get.

RE: Jonathan Stewart's performance after going through a slump

It was great. I can kind of sense and not just me, but guys were just sensing that he was kind of down. For him to come out, I think he had 110 or 115 yards, it was big for not only him but for everybody else. For him, getting confidence in himself. For the people who never left and never doubted his talents – it's just good for him. How much work he puts in, the strenuous stress that he puts on his body going inside those tackles and playing selflessly in pass protection – for him to come out today, it was a big deal for us.

RE: Carolina's offense matching the play of its defense

Yards will come but our job is to put up points.

RE: Carolina setting the franchise-record for most yards in a game

That's really good. Those were great accolades but I feel like we're still just scratching the surface with our potential and things that we can do as a whole in this offense. We still left a lot of plays out there. We'll get them corrected trusting in the plan, trusting in the ability and trusting in the coach's execution or our execution of coach's plan. Those are just certain things that we're capable of.

RE: Carolina's performance

Guys just flying around and making plays. One play that stood out – even though the scoreboard was what it was later on in the game, the guys were still focused and still had that laser-focus. That's what you want to see. The play there at the end, everybody marveled or gave me credit for the throw. But more importantly, it was just Fun and me being on the same page and things that we practice constantly. For it to come just like we





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named it in the game, that's big time for us. Just having great characteristics and good DNA as champions. Just keep moving forward.

RE: Getting caught from behind on his 69-yard run

That's embarrassing. It's extremely embarrassing but I'm going to say this, one of my best friends, Deshaun Lawrence, jinxed and has been jinxing me for years. He said that I don't have in my repertoire of my skillset to break a 50-yard plus touchdown. All I kept thinking while I was running, I was hoping that one of the Dolphins players, preferably the DB who tackled me, would slip up, trip or something. I just wanted to score for him and I didn't do it. The first thing I did when I got back to my locker is see a text message from Deshaun that said, 'I told you so.' There weren't enough explicit emojis in my options to send him because he was right, but hopefully I do get that right so I can send him a text message after that game. It was fun, man. I got a lot of ridicule after that. I heard a couple guys come over and say, 'DA could've scored on that one.'

RE: His reaction to the run after getting tackled

When you don't have any gas left and your check engine light is on and it's blinking to get gas in the next stop or so, you just have to celebrate when you can celebrate, brother. I didn't make it up top yet. I was just hoping that coach wouldn't come back with another run play for me.

RE: His impressive performance on Monday Night Football

To be honest, it's just like any other game but Monday night is such a prestigious game, especially for the guys who are students of the game. You hear the young guys – the nerves and the nervousness, you hear the whispers of them talking about it, 'Is it like this? Is it like that?' The coverage leading up to a Monday night football game, it's like no other. You still want to treat it like it's any other game. You know that America's watching and you know there are a lot of family members that don't usually have the opportunity to see you can see you on Monday night.

RE: The balanced offense

We just want to keep it going. There's nothing saying we haven't hit our pinnacle yet and there's nothing saying we can't get better, that's what we have to be optimistic about. The game plan that is put in, we're still putting in work that we can put up these types of performances or even better.

RE: Scoring before halftime

It was big. I said each and every week and Coach Shula says it for his keys to win, when we have an opportunity to defer to the second half and get those sneaky points, and we got those sneaky points. It was a 14-point leap before their offense got back on the field. That's what we want to do. Those are champion or winning tactics that can easily be overlooked if not executed the right way.





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RE: Luke Kuechly's interception

Without me even knowing or seeing that, I'm pretty sure Luke knew it was coming and I bet he wasn't supposed to be there. That's just Captain America. What do you expect? For him to be who he is and to bring that energy.

