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**Miami Dolphins Head Coach Adam Gase (transcribed by Michelle Stone)**

**(Adam, is this the result when you guys play complimentary football? Offense, defense, special teams, do you think?)** – “I’m not quite sure we’re quit all the way there. We had a couple of other opportunities where we got a turnover, a couple of safeties, and we really don’t do anything with the ball. I’d like to move it a little bit. Get the ball at midfield and fumble two plays later. We still got to figure out ways to finish some of these drives out the right way.”

**(How much does the personality of the team change with a lead?)** – “I think it changes a lot. We were able to turn those four pass rushers loose. It makes a big difference. Puts a lot of pressure on the quarterback. They get back there quick. If we can find ways to get a lead, it would help us defensively.”

**(Adam, what is your assessment of how [RB] Kenyan Drake performed?)** – “I thought he did a good job. He was patient with what we were asking him to do. A lot of times schematically we were leaving him the free guy. We were putting it on him to make them miss, trying to get us some better angles, and he did that. The good thing about Kenyan is that when he gets to the open field and it’s one-on-one he’s a tough guy to run down.”

**(It’s two weeks in a row now, Adam, where you’ve had pretty good heat from the defensive line. Are you real pleased with the defensive line and the pressure on the quarterback?)** – “Yes. Any time that we can give those guys the opportunity to rush, we can force a team to be one dimensional. It helped last week. They ran the ball better on us, but the guys did a good job of getting to the passer.”

**(Coach, it’s been a rough five weeks – it’s got to feel good to walk into the locker room after a game like this?)** – “Any time you win in this league, it’s never easy. A lot of work goes into it, I know those guys have been working hard to try to find a way to win one game. They did a great job all week long, they grinded through five losses, and found a way today.”

**(What about Kenyan Drake? Had 120 yards – could have had more – had a couple of runs called back. How is he progressing, giving you those medium rushing yards that you need from him?)** – “The thing that he does is you just think he’s one of those guys that has to have a wide-open edge and use his speed, but he’s tough. He’s tough between the tackles. He’s a good sized guy for a running back and he’ll deliver the blow as much as any running back





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that I've been around. I think the one thing that we're just consistently going to work on throughout practice is making sure his ball security is good. I thought he did a great job today."

**(How important were your special teams? You had an onside kick, you had a punt blocked, you had a safety, and you had some good punt returns.)** – "That's what we expect from our special teams. We've invested a lot of time, we've invested a lot, we've invested a lot of time, we've invested our resources into that area, and we want to be dominant at special teams. We've been talking about it since the beginning of the year."

**(What about [CB] Xavien Howard?)** – "It's great he finally got a couple of picks. It's good to see him be aggressive and play confident. Those two receivers are not easy guys to defend."

**(Do you see that a lot in practice?)** – "Yes. It's really hard when we go offense versus defense. It's a challenge to go against both of those corners. It's hard to figure out what we can throw to get open."

**(What was your thinking with the onside kick?)** – "Just playing 60 minutes. We're not going to slow down. I don't care what the score is."

#### **Miami Dolphins Quarterback Jay Cutler (transcribed by Daniel Chavez)**

**(Jay, offensively you had RB Kenyan Drake running out there. How does that help your offense completely open up for you?)** – "They have been missing that a little bit and we've been a little scatter with the run game so to get him going, opening up some things in the outside, some one-on-one coverages so it was good."

**(WR Kenny Stills and WR Jarvis Landry both gave you good games out there today, did you expect to have them available to you?)** – "We have four or five guys that can make things happen so it was just kind of whoever's hot, whoever the coverage lends itself to and, offensively, we're going to look at the film and be upset with a few drives. We put together some good stuff but there's some more left on the bone there."

**(You get your fifth win, what does that mean?)** – "We're heading in the right direction. We've talked about it all year long, I think this team has done a great job of staying together,





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concentrating on the week ahead and not worried about the future or the past. And to get one and get the ball rolling a little bit heading in the right direction feels good.”

**Miami Dolphins RB Kenyan Drake (transcribed by Lexie Balboni)**

**(100-yard day for you in the NFL. What does this mean to you?)** – “It’s only a testament to the people around me. The o-line did a great job, receivers did a great job getting open so Jay (Cutler) could spread the defense out. I had the easy part; I was just running through big holes trying to make the most of every play. At the end of the day, I can’t do nothing but thank the game plan and the coaches and everybody else.”

**(What happened on the touchdown run?)** – “It’s funny, I really can’t remember, because at the end of the day, I was just out there trying to make sure I didn’t mess up. I think I made a couple people miss. At the end of the day, I didn’t want to get caught from behind, so I was able to get into the end zone.”

**(This is a pretty good run defense statistically. Did you guys come in thinking that you could run the ball with this kind of success?)** – “At the end of the day, we always want to be a balanced offense – run, pass. They’re a three-four defense, they’re always going to have five guys on the line of scrimmage, but it’s about being mano y mano, coming in and asserting your dominance, and I think we were able to do that.”

**(How much did you enjoy the heavy workload?)** – “I think like one time in high school I ran the ball 25 times. But other than that, I don’t think I’ve ever run the ball that much in my life. I could’ve ran it 20 more times with how the o-line was blocking, so give all the credit to them.”

**Miami Dolphins CB Xavien Howard (transcribed by Lexie Balboni)**

**(What’s it like to get the first two regular season interceptions of your career in the same game?)** – “It feels great. Just going out there and making plays and knowing what I’ve got to do to help my team win.”

**(Talk about what you remember happened on the first interception.)** – “Just watching film and just knowing what the guys were going to do. Just going out there and making the play and just knowing the intentions of the guys and what they were going to do.”





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**(We talked before about trusting yourself. Did that go into that play when you saw that there?)** – “Right, just trusting yourself and taking chances. Going out there and just playing, not thinking, just going out there and playing.”

**(Do you feel like you’ve personally turned a corner and you’re playing at a pretty high level now?)** – “I’m taking it one game at a time and just going to grow from here. Take it one game at a time and just doing my job.”

**Miami Dolphins S Reshad Jones (transcribed by Lexie Balboni)**

**(Playing the way it was today, how much of a difference does it make in this team?)** – “This is our status. This is how we play. Each and every game this is what we strive to go out and do. I think it makes a huge difference. When one guy makes a play, everybody makes a play.”

**(As far as the pass rush, it looked like it was consistent today. How does that help the back end? Explain how that works together.)** – “It makes our job easier. Our front seven, they got to the quarterback today, put pressure on him and you see the results. I think we had three or four turnovers. That’s what we practice for. That’s what we expect.”

**(I know you guys always want to win, but today to get one after five weeks of frustration mounting, how did it feel?)** – “It felt great. Home victory in front of our home crowd felt real good.”

**(It was a game you guys were in control the entire time. You guys haven’t had a game like that all season.)** – “Yes, in a while. We played well. We’ve to give credit to our coaching staff. I know this was a big game for (Head) Coach (Adam) Gase and a lot of other guys that play over there. We just wanted to go out and play our style of football and I think it showed today.”

**Miami Dolphins WR Jarvis Landry (transcribed by Alex Onaindia)**

**(Obviously, you always kept talking about, “Just need to win one.” How much of a relief is this?)** – “It’s huge. It’s huge for the organization. It’s huge for the guys, especially in this locker room that have been working hard week in and week out. I wouldn’t say it hasn’t been paying off, but it hasn’t ended the way we wanted it to. For us to come out today and do it like we did it, it means a lot.”





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**(What's it like to see the capabilities if you play a complete game – special teams, defense?)** – “Those are the amount of points that I think it's the floor to what we really can score. We had some penalties there. We got to the red zone. I think we had three or four turnovers as well. (If) we punch those in, you think about the score, and we may score 60 points, obviously, depending on the game and all of that stuff.”

**(With the offense, is this the way you envision it going in terms of being balanced – run, pass?)** – “Yeah. Kenyan (Drake) had a great day on the ground. He busted the big run to really take it out of their hands. He did a good job of ball security today. That has been the biggest thing. We've just been harping on him about ball security, and he has done well. I think he was at 120 today? 125? That's huge. That's what we need. It helps the pass game a lot, too.”

**Miami Dolphins Safety T.J. McDonald (transcribed by Paige Jefferson)**

**(How nice was it to get your first pick as a member of the Dolphins?)** – “It was great. It was great. Appreciate Bobby (McCain) getting his hands on the ball. (I) just to try to be around the ball and good things happen when you're around it.”

**(Did you guys sort of play with the attitude that Broncos QB Trevor Siemian wasn't going to hurt you and you kind of like maybe could be more aggressive?)** – “We show respect to everybody we play. It wasn't that it wasn't going to hurt us. We understand that they're struggling, and quite frankly we were too for a while. For us it was like, again, we wanted to attack this game. We wanted to attack everything that we did in all coverages. We came at them, and we got on them early, and we just didn't let our foot off.”

**Miami Dolphins DT Jordan Phillips (transcribed by Ken Mendonca)**

**(What's been the reason [for your success], do you think?)** – “I'm just learning the game. First two years, it was all new to me, pretty much. Finally starting to get comfortable.”

**(Seems like you're having fun, too.)** – “Oh, it's a lot of fun. You see the guys in our room? It's hard not to have fun in our room.”





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**(Set on who to count on going forward, not just you, but the team?)** – “Yeah, you know we’ve been having great weeks of practice. We’re coming together as a unit, as a team. We can only go up from here.”

**Miami Dolphins WR Kenny Stills (transcribed by Michelle Stone)**

**(How does it feel to have to have the losing streak be over?)** – “It’s nice to win. We play to win. We give ourselves an opportunity by winning games. So I’m happy to win.”

**(What felt right? What went better today?)** – “I can’t think of anything off the top of my head. I don’t think we played that great a ball [game]. They gave us a couple of opportunities. The defense scored, blocked punt. We played well, but obviously we still have a lot to clean up.”

**(RB Kenyan Drake obviously ran the ball well. What did you see from him and did you know that he had that kind of game?)** – “The line was giving him a couple of creases and he was making the right cuts and protecting the football. We know what he’s capable of. I’m happy for him. I know he got his first 100-yard game so it’s been time.”

**Miami Dolphins DT Ndamukong Suh (transcribed by Daniel Chavez)**

**(How nice was it to have a lead in there and be able to get a win?)** – “It’s great, it what we expect of our offense, creating turnovers on defense and put them in great situations to make sure we win the game.”

**(That was a great game. Philosophically, why can’t we see more of those?)** – “I think we took advantage of the mistakes that they made and in a lot of cases we forced those mistakes. I think when we go back to Wednesday’s press conference like you asked me before, how we were winning games last year and how we weren’t winning them this year is that we weren’t creating turnovers and we weren’t getting the ball out and putting our offense in good situations and obviously, getting off the field. I feel like we did that and obviously we reap the benefits of that.”

**(You got ahead, your defense was able to open up your pass rush and you were able to put some pressure, create some problems back there. Does that make a difference when you’re playing from ahead instead of behind?)** – “I think we should do that no matter what. I think at the end of the day we have the talent up front, especially in the front seven and in the back





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end you can obviously see when we give pressure, they're going to make great plays. And they're going to do what they're supposed to do in the pick six and create turnovers."

**(Defensive Tackle Jordan Philips had a big game, played a lot of big plays out there, seems to be making more and more impact plays the more he goes. What are you seeing out of him?)** – "I think he's just continuing to grow, it's what we expect of him. It's his third year in the league and it's time for him to continue to make strides. I think at the end of the day that's what we expect of him and he's got to continue on that path."

**Miami Dolphins TE Julius Thomas (transcribed by Ken Mendonca)**

**(You wish you had a performance like this all year.)** – "We haven't had a big win all season. So, it's like I was saying before the game, 'Let's have one of those wins were it feels like a party on the sideline in the fourth quarter.' They're great for the team morale, they're great just for how much work we put in. It's a grind. This isn't an easy profession. So when you're able to have a big win, a comfortable win, where you're not constantly thinking, 'Man, every possession is coming down to the wire,' like some of our wins earlier this year, it's just encouraging, so we'll enjoy it."

**(That's a first for the year isn't it? Even the games you guys won early.)** – "Yes, comeback, close. We've fought tooth and nail for our wins this season. Just to have a big win, it brings so much excitement, so much confidence to a team."

**(So it was a party on the sideline, everybody laughing and enjoying?)** – "Oh yes man. You see the hats. Whenever you see the backup quarterback in the game, you know you did really well."

**Miami Dolphins DE Cameron Wake (transcribed by Ted Leshinski)**

**(For a long time we've talked about complete games and players' desire to play complete games. Where does this game rank on that scale?)** – "I'd like to think that that was 60 minutes, complementary. Words I've used in the past where defense is doing what they're supposed to – getting the ball to the offense. They're the ones putting points down. And obviously special teams is helping on both sides. That's what we've been working at doing, and I think today we came out and did it."







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**(TE Julius Thomas was saying that you finally wanted to have a game that felt like a party, he said, on your sideline. Did it feel like that to you: a game where you weren't living and dying on every single possession?)** – “It was a lot of fun, I'll tell you that. I think whenever you make plays and guys are getting excited and celebrating and getting that energy and it's contagious from one guy to the next, that's the way you want things to be. The only way to do that that is to play complementary football, that contagious emotion and big-play mentality on everybody from special teams, offense, defense. If you want to call it a party, it's a party.”

**(How did it feel within the defensive line? You looked a lot more destructive than you've been.)** – “Even still, we had a few plays we left out there, a couple of things we could've done better. But I think for the most part guys were playing together. As a d-line you have to play with the guys to your left and your right to be successful, and that's another thing that we had a couple of issues with in the past. Again, today I think for the most part we succeed.”

**(Field position, you guys seemed like the entire second half the offense was getting the ball at or near midfield, because you forced them to punt, forced them back into long punt situations. It certainly has got to feel good to put your offense in situations like that and give them the short field.)** – “Well definitely. That's something that, again, we work on is obviously playing together. When we get out there we can flip the field, or if they can flip the field, either way, giving each other the opportunity to go and be successful on the next drive. And even for a while they were on the field for I think three possessions in a row, because of the things that they did, whether it was special teams or offense. Again, playing together and helping each other out to make sure that we're successful next time whoever it is, offense or defense, takes the field.”

**(Is this enough for you to get motivated for next week in another big game against a very good football team that you just saw last week? Can you ride this into that game?)** - “I think as far as I'm concerned it's a game that you're going to enjoy tonight. Tomorrow you've got to hit the reset button and get back to work. The way I work, obviously, whether you win or lose, you get 24 hours to celebrate or 24 hours to pout and then you have to move on. Obviously, next week is going to be a different game. Last time we played them, I feel like we did some things that maybe were a little bit uncharacteristic that allowed those guys to be successful. We've got to fix those things moving forward. We enjoy it and we'll have fun and everybody's patting themselves on the back but tomorrow at this time it's time to move on and get back to work to make sure you have the same feeling again next Tuesday.”







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**(When you play at this level, this high level, does it make you wonder, “Well, why can’t we do this more often? Why can’t we do this more consistently?”)** – “That has always been, as many times as I spoken, that’s more frustrating than never being able to do it in the first place. If we were a defense that just could never stop the run you would accept it, ‘Hey, listen, we can’t stop the run. We never do it. Let’s figure out a way to win despite that.’ But obviously, we can show some days we can stop the run, and then you don’t. Then you pass rush, then you don’t. And then you can score points, and then you don’t. That is frustrating. But at the same time knowing that the ability’s there, that’s encouraging, too. So, to go in and to continue to tap into the positives and I guess the potential, I think that is the rewarding part. We can continue to do that and build more confidence and go out and put a string of games together with that kind of mentality. Who knows?”

**(Is the answer just as simple as guys executing their job or is it something much more that we can’t figure out?)** – “I don’t think you’re the only ones that don’t figure it out, because we’ve had a few games where it has slipped through our fingers but that pretty much is it. It’s a simple answer, but hard to do. Most things that are very simple aren’t necessarily easy. Just get to the quarterback and sack him, that’s simple but it’s hard to do. Everybody do the right thing every play. Simple answer, but maybe not as hard to execute. Whether it’s this team, next team or the team after that, you can’t shoot yourself in the foot. Anytime you do that – I spoke (about it) before – if you’re fighting against yourself as well as somebody else then you’re at a disadvantage. Again, we’ve got to play together. Do your job – whatever your job is – and the reality is every play, 60 minutes.”

#### **Denver Broncos Head Coach Vance Joseph (transcribed by Ken Mendonca)**

**(Opening Statement)** – “Game day injuries was (RB Devontae) Booker, he had stomach flu, and he didn’t return. Questions?”

**(You’ve talked about, it’s not losing, but how you lose. What did you see that happened today that it just unraveled?)** – “Well, you know, it was a back and forth game for about a quarter. In the second quarter we gave up 14 points in four seconds. They had a long drive on our defense and a pick-six. That all happened in four seconds. Now we’re down by two scores again and it looks like every other week. So, again giving the ball away, you can’t do that and you can’t give up big plays.”





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**(Where do you go from here with your quarterback situation?)** – “We’ll see guys, you know, it was our fourth starter of the year today, and it’s been hard to find a guy to operate efficiently for us so we can win a football game. So we’ll see, we’ll watch the film and see who’s the best option for us next week.”

**(Trevor (Siemian, QB) looked like his confidence is shaken, he missed some passes today that he hasn’t missed.)** – “Um, I can’t speak to his confidence. I can speak to how he played and he wasn’t very good today. You can’t have three interceptions and a pick-six and the sacks, but it wasn’t all him. Offensive line-wise we struggled and we had five or six holding penalties again, we had some dropped balls, guys not separating in coverage. So it wasn’t all Trevor. It’s the entire unit.”

**(They tried an onside with like 10 minutes left in the fourth, is there anything, did that concern you?)** – “That’s his choice. I tried one also. That’s his choice.”

**(Does this team not have enough talent to win, or are these players not responding to your coaching?)** – “Well that’s a good question. I’ll say this, you know, we have guys that push every day, they work hard every day and they want to win, so I can’t speak to our talent. That’s an off-season question. Ok, so we can’t fix that now. You know, we’ll see after the season and look back on our games and see where we are as far as the talent, but right now guys are working hard and pushing to win.”

**(Was there any thought to putting Brock Osweiler in the second half?)** – “No. I mean, again, it’s our fourth quarterback of the year. To take Trevor (Siemian) out and not give him a chance to come back and bounce back and to play better, in my opinion, that wouldn’t have been fair to Trevor.”

**(Delay of game on the onside kick, that you got a delay of game penalty as you were lining up for the kickoff)** – “On the onside kick?”

**(Yes.)** – “On ours?”

**(You were trying to onside kick)** – “Right, it was from the 50 yard line.”

**(Yes, but you took a delay of game penalty before then)** – “I don’t think we did. Did we? Did we really? Yeah, I don’t know. I don’t recall that. I know we had the look we wanted. It was a personal foul on those guys with 15 yards pushes back, kick from the 50, so we went for the onside kick.”

**(Coach, what wasn’t working well on third down offensively?)** – “I’m not sure. We converted our first third down in the fourth quarter.”





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**Denver Broncos Running Back CJ Anderson (transcribed by Daniel Chavez)**

**(What are you feeling right now?)** – “This is just tough, I love this game I love what I do. I put a lot in to it and I just have to do my part every day. I guess one part is not enough and I’m just trying to find more ways to do more and make bigger plays with the opportunities I’m given. That’s what I’m going to continue to do for the next month.”

**(You shook your head to the turnovers because week in and week out you guys preach not doing it and it seems to happen week in and week out.)** – “It’s tough, a lot of stuff isn’t bouncing our way. The first one, you know how that looks and the second they got the fumble. They got the tip pass, they went for a pick. The first tip was picked. The first pick was a tip so its just tough. It’s definitely not blue and orange year this year for sure. For us as players we have to try to coming out every day and continue to keep grinding, continue to keep pushing to try to find a win. One win will make everybody happy.”

**(I know you’re tight with Goose head coach [Adam gase], you played for him before former Bronco, what, though, do you make of the onside kick because its got a lot of people scratching their head?)** – “That’s Goose, that’s goose. I love goose man, that’s goose though.”

**(Does it bother you?)** – “It’s not my place to say. As players, we have jobs so with the onside kick, that’s how I look at it. That’s Goose.”

**Denver Broncos DE Shelby Harris (transcribed by Armando Gonzalez)**

**(Is it tough to be out there right now and be a part of losses like this?)** – “No because I love the game of football. Every snap out there is a blessing, there’s people out there that have regular jobs, look at you guys. Like come on man I love this game of football, there’s not something different I would want to be doing. Yes, we go through hard times but at the end of the day it shows your real true character.”

**(Do you feel like everything that could go wrong today did go wrong today?)** – “No, it could have been worst. We could have had a big zero out there. At the end of the day we’re going to stick together as a team that is all that matters. We’re going to stick together as a team; we’re going to figure this out. We are not going to let the narrative go negative, we’re going to stick together as a team with my brothers all beside me out here battling. We’re going to stick together we will be fine.”





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**(What was the message after the game?)** – “Stick together we’re a team. That’s the only thing that matters right now is us, that’s the only thing that matters right now. We have to stick together and figure this out.”

**Denver Broncos OLB Von Miller (transcribed by Jason D. Silver)**

**(Thoughts on the game and how things are going.)** – “It’s a tough situation. I think everything that I probably could say up here I probably said. There’s a lot of stuff going on. Just not putting wins on the board at the end of the day. The defense is not playing good enough to win. I’m not playing good enough to win. The whole team, all of us, are included in this one. Tough times.”

**(We know how much you put into preparation for this season. Do you feel like that entire location was invested as you are?)** – “I...at the end of the day you really can’t worry about if everybody is doing the same stuff you are doing. It’s the National Football League. It’s the pros. You assume that everybody is training, getting up for the game in a professional way so I can’t really speculate with that. I do what I do and everybody else they do what they do.”

**(Von you’ve been vocally supportive of Head Coach Vance Joseph before. What’s your confidence level with him today?)** – “100 percent. He’s our coach. Just not putting wins on the board. Its...I don’t know...it’s everything is going wrong for us. Coach, it’s been over the place. If we could level out for him we would make his job easier as well. We have all types of situations, all types of problems going on. He’s doing the absolute best that he can do with everything that is going on.”

**(Do you have any issue with the onside kick in there up 33-9? – “What?”**

**(With Head Coach Adam Gase, onside kicking there up 33-9. Did you take exception to that?)** – “I was ready to go back out there. I’m trying to get a sack, a sack forced fumble. That’s the game. I’m not sitting on the sideline and saying, ‘Man why are you kicked the onside kick, just give us the ball.’ That’s loser football. If they want to kick an onside kick let them do it. We have to cover it. We have to get the ball back and we have to play. It’s the pros. If it was little league, yeah we would be upset but this is the pros.”





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**(Some guys were getting at, they're trying to figure out what is the focus going forward? Like you said before do you just individualize it and then you play your best and then maybe that brushes/leads into the team? How do you look at these final four games?)** – “It’s the pros so I think you come into the sport with an individual mindset. Individually you want to do great. Individually you want to do your job. Individually you want to play the best that you can possibly play. That doesn’t change. Individual success on the football field leads to the team’s success. It’s 33 guys out there. Everybody had their individual mindset to go out there, and not give up, and play, and do the best they can possibly do and try to take their game to the next level and keep working, we would be okay with that. It’s the pros. I’m not even worried about guys giving up anything like that. We got a family to feed. It’s always something. It’s always something to play for. Whatever the record might be, whatever games we have left. It’s always something to play for.”

**(When you were down for a little bit on the field. Was it just cramps?)** – “Yeah. Just cramps.”

**(I think it was after Philadelphia. It's not losing, but how you are losing. It doesn't look like Bronco football. Is that perhaps the most disturbing part of this, having trouble staying in games?)** – “I mean, everything, everything is tough right now. Everything. What is Bronco football? We have to find that. We have to grind and get back to whatever it is. You can’t say Bronco football is...what we did in 2015. That’s two years ago. We have to find identity. We have to find the guys that’re ready to take their game to the next level. We just have to keep fighting. It’s the pros.”

**Denver Broncos QB Trevor Siemian (transcribed by Alex Onaindia)**

**(Is that as tough of a game as you have experienced?)** – “It’s up there. For sure.”

**(What happened given that last week you had a little optimism, confidence, what happened today?)** – “We didn’t get off to a good start. From there on, we had no rhythm. From the start really past that one drive we didn’t have anything going.”

**(How disappointed are you in this game today?)** – “Very disappointed.”

**(Is your confidence okay playing with...?)** – “Yeah, I think it’s just a tough day. We’re struggling. It’s frustrating. Definitely a couple throws I wish I would’ve had back. It’s a tough day.”





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**(On the throws that they intercepted for a touchdown, was that just you trying to get the ball to the outside?)** – “Yeah, it was just one on one. The corner had his feet out on ‘D.T.’ (Demaryius Thomas), and I just left it inside a hair. If I could do it again, I’d just sail it over his head.”

**(What made the third downs so tough today?)** – “Good defense. They get a lot of pressure with four guys. They play their defense really well. Good scheme. Credit to those guys.”

**(The pick-six did something ... I know you were just asked about your confidence, but after the pick-six, you missed some passes that we haven’t seen you miss like ever.)** – “Yeah, disappointing. There were a handful of throws that I feel good about making pretty consistently, and I didn’t make. I’ve got to check it out and have a good week of practice, for sure.”

**(You guys put in the work. Why isn’t it translating?)** – “It’s tough. I don’t want to say we feel good during the week, because we’re losing, but I feel like we always have a good plan coming in. Guys are in the right spot mentally and for whatever reason we’re just not getting it done when it comes down to it.”

**(The big question that I think everyone in Broncoland is asking, is this a bad team or is this a team that is performing badly?)** – “I think we’ve just played badly. It’s hard to believe that we started 3-1, right? It felt pretty good with where we were at and it has gotten away from us a little bit. I felt like there has been weeks where we’ve been right there and just haven’t gotten it done, haven’t made enough plays. So, we’ve got to get back to work.”

**Denver Broncos S Justin Simmons (transcribed by Lexie Balboni)**

**(That touchdown was a big moment in this game, take me through it.)** – “We were in man, I think we had a great rush. It was only about a 2-yard route so it was easy to keep my eyes on him and follow him through the route. Cutler was staring at him, threw him the ball. I tried to knock it down; I don’t know how it just tipped up in the air. Got it and I was well enough in front of everybody where I could get in. It feels great but in the same breathe we lost so you almost hate to say it but it doesn’t really mean anything because you didn’t get the win.”

**(You played well, CB Chris Harris Jr., S Will Parks, all made good plays. Is that even more frustrating because you guys didn’t play so well in moments of this game?)** – “Yeah. It’s the





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moral of the story, you can go back and look at what I say week after week after week. I hate beating a dead horse but I think we played great all game or most of the game and there's always that one or two drives, those defining moments in games that unfortunately we can't close out. Whether it's lack of execution or whatever it is defensively we just can't close those out."

**(When you look back on this game are you going to remember turnovers, penalties? What about those self-inflicted things are you going to remember?)** – "Yeah I'm going to remember it all. I remember being down ten at one point and then not being able to close. You don't really worry about offensively what's going on because you can't control it. Shoot, I don't know what else to really add. We just need to find a way to just stop hurting ourselves."

#### **Denver Broncos WR Demaryius Thomas (transcribed by Armando Gonzalez)**

**(Another week. Another round of kind of the same questions. How much of a toll is this taking on this locker room you think?)** – "I think it's taking a big toll, because every week we say the same things, we answer the same questions the same way. Every week we do the same thing week in and week out, and we don't make it no better. I think it's getting frustrating, more frustrating, because we know what we're doing wrong as a group, especially on our side of the ball. We feel like we're fixing it throughout the week (and) in practice and stuff and then come game it just ... (The) last two weeks, something happens in the end zone. We got two safeties today. Last week, we had a pick in the end zone. It's the same story every week. It's the turnovers, it's the ... I don't know. I feel like I can be better as a player to help the team. I had a couple plays out there that I should've had. It would have been a totally different game I think. I have to keep working and try to get better, try to be a better leader to figure out what it is and try to get a win. "

**(Do you think it's not enough accountability, too much accountability as it comes down to the execution?)** – "As in the players?"

**(Yeah. How much of it is accountability?)** – "I think it has to do with it a lot, because it's the same thing, same thing, same thing every week. It isn't nothing different. It's either a penalty, it's either a turnover, that's basically kind of what it is. Penalties and turnovers, you can fix that. It's just I guess guys don't want to. And it's a group, it's a group. I will say ... I got to say hat's off to my defense because ... I can say they played a hell of a game. They played a lot of snaps. They had some big plays out there. They were on the field for a long time, because there was







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times were we were three-and-out, three-and-out, turnover here, turnover there. It was just tough.”

**(How much do you guys take into effect who you are losing to? At this point do you consider that?)** – “At this point, we don't even care we just want to win, and (expletive) we can't beat nobody. We got to figure it out as a group. We got to stick together. We just got to keep fighting. We got to keep grinding. If the season ends this way, it ends this way. We just can't give up. We can't stop playing. We can't put bad film on tape for nobody, because there's going to be a change. We don't know what it is going to be, but it's going to be a change. We just got to keep fighting and try to get one.”

