



NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS AT MIAMI DOLPHINS HARD ROCK STADIUM Dec. 11, 2017 | 8:20 P.M.

POSTGAME QUOTES

New England Patriots DB Devin McCourty (transcribed by Jason D. Silver)

(Talk about what was the difference from the last time you played the Dolphins to tonight) – “They won. They out executed us today. From the beginning to end. We got some things going at periods of the game but overall they just out executed us from the beginning all the way to the end, really in every phase of the game.”

(Was this a trap game for New England?) – “No. We know. Our record down here the last couple years, I think we won like one out of the last so...it’s not we came down here like this is a home team, we dominate here. So I don’t see it as a trap game. We knew, you’ve got a championship on the line. That’s not a trap game. We didn’t execute as well as we needed to against another team that’s fighting for their playoff berth too. So it’s just that point in the season where if you don’t play at your highest level you’ll lose. Everyone’s out here playing for something.”

(Did you feel at any point during the week that maybe there was a sign that something like this was possible? You talked at the end of the week about how important it is. ‘We know we can’t have a bad Wednesday. We can’t have a bad Thursday.’ Did you feel like it was a good week?) – “Yes. We had a good week. It’s just, in football sometimes you come out and you play as well as you want to and that’s what it was. You play another good team that knows you well. You know them well and they’re on it a little more than you are and you’re a half-step late. To me you saw that. It wasn’t like we just came out here and never got anything going. We got things going at different times in the game but it was just too late. Once we actually started playing and complimenting each other a little bit all the way at the end the deficit was too big to overcome. If we could have got that going a little earlier we would have had a better shot.”

