



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

POSTGAME QUOTES

New England Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick (transcribed by Ken Mendonca)

(Opening Statement) – “It was a good job tonight by the Dolphins, (Head) Coach (Adam) Gase, staff, their team. They did a good job tonight. They obviously did a better job than we did. We just weren’t really good enough in any area, consistent enough in any area to win the game. So, all need to do a better job and hopefully we’ll be able to do that. It just wasn’t good enough tonight across the board.”

(Do you think any of the guys might have been looking ahead next week, looking past Miami?) – “No. Give me a break. Any questions about the game or not?”

(Third down you struggled. 0-for-11.) – “Not good enough.”

(Can you put your hand on any particular reason why there seems to be continuous struggles every year you come down here? That’s four out of five years now you’ve lost down here. Can you put your hand on anything why here is such a struggle?) – “Were you here last year?”

(Won last year. You lost the previous three.) – “Every game is its own game, okay? I don’t think what happened five years ago has anything to do with tonight.”

(Can you explain the onside kick? What happened there with that kick?) – “They recovered it.”

(How different was their defensive approach in this game compared to November 26? Was there significant change in the way they approached that?) – “No, I wouldn’t say it was dramatic.”

(How do you feel your defense played at times when they had to come up with stops as the game went along?) – “At times there were things that were good in the game, it just wasn’t ... We didn’t score enough points; we gave up too many to win. It was competitive, but it wasn’t good enough. They did a better job than we did in all three areas of the game. Give them credit.”

(Typically, you guys have the advantage in starting field position. Tonight it seemed like it was an uphill climb, especially trying to come back when they flipped the field. How difficult is it?) – “If you play better defense and move the ball better, then you have better field position. We didn’t do either one of those things well enough to get good field position, so we didn’t have it.”





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(In the first half there were 12 targets to running backs and tight ends and just three I think to receivers. Was there anything that they were doing that you saw that led to the ball maybe going to the backs other than maybe the receivers that led to that disparity?) – “I don’t know how many times we’ve been through this. We call the play, we run the route, based on the coverage they’re in, the decision the quarterback makes, throw the ball to the open guy. We don’t go back and throw it to one guy like we’re going to throw 10 passes to a receiver, or we’re going to throw 10 passes to the tight end. It’s based on that route, it’s based on the coverage, it’s based on the quarterback, the decision the quarterback makes on that play. So, we could look at each play, go through each read, talk to the quarterback and try to answer your question that way, but I just can’t do that right now. But, no, we weren’t trying to throw every pass to one guy, we never do that.”

(I was more curious if their coverage was dictating, like were they playing a certain coverage that was leading to that?) – “We threw the ball to everybody. We didn’t really hit much anything.”

