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

**(I guess after this game you take a look back at this season in its entirety and begin to look forward. Where do you start this process?)** – “We’ve still got to get through tomorrow. We’ll have our meetings with the players. I don’t want to get too far ahead. We’re all going to have to take some time, decompress, kind of come back, review the season, really start there. It’s hard to say here’s exactly what we’re going to do, because when you’re in the middle of the season – towards the end of the season – you’re just focused on that.”

**(The consistency of the penalties that killed you all year long, I would assume that’s got to be a pretty big focus for you going into next year. How do you resolve that?)** – “It’s something that we’re going to have to figure out. It’s strange because that’s not an issue we had in training camp. It wasn’t something that we saw happening a lot to where we could start working on it. It was something that kind of came up during the season. It’s hard to get some of the calls – whether it’s an offensive holding, defensive holding – a lot of times you don’t see those at practice. In a real game, it happens. We have to do a better job of eliminating those penalties. Our technique is really where it’s going to come down to and discipline of just staying focused on what they’re doing.”

**(I know you’ll watch tapes tomorrow, but early thoughts on QB David Fales?)** – “I thought he did good. I’m sure early we kind of didn’t really didn’t tell him when he was going in, kind of made it sound like it might’ve been a little bit in the second quarter. I talked to Jay (Cutler) about it. We were going to go a drive, but then when we went three-and-out I was going to leave him in. Jay, he was great as far as saying, ‘Just let him go. Let him play a full game.’”

**(How do you – I know it’s before – but how do you evaluate the way this season has gone in a snapshot right now?)** – “It’s hard for me to really think about the whole season right now. Once again, just have to go back, look at it. We’re going to have to start somewhere. Really, it’s going to start with watching the tape, watching the whole season.”

**(Looking in, is everything up for grabs – personnel, staff? All those things going to be evaluated to a hard degree?)** – “You do that every year, whether you make the playoffs or whether you go 6-10. We have to just take a look at everything we’re doing: how we’re coaching it, how we’re executing it, how we’re practicing it. We need to do a lot of things better.”





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**(This has really been a bizarre year from the beginning, from the hurricane to all of the things that went on through. Do you take any of that into account for production or lack thereof?)** – “I think I was looking at a lot of the things that did happen this season as a positive, thinking adversity strikes and there’s ways to overcome it, and when you do, those are your building blocks. Really, that’s what gave me so much excitement here at the end of the season, especially going into the last Buffalo game thinking (about) all the things that we’ve been through and we’re right there in the mix, and we got a chance to really right the ship, and we just couldn’t get it done.”

**(What was your understanding of what happened, the episode there at the end of the game when WR Jarvis Landry was ejected and RB Kenyan Drake was ejected?)** – “They got ejected.”

**(For WR Jarvis Landry, they said [it was] for disrespecting an official. Did he touch the official or say something to the official?)** – “I know what he did, but it’s not something that I want to say right now.”

#### **Miami Dolphins QB David Fales (transcribed by Daniel Chavez)**

**(Talk about your performance. How do you feel you did overall today?)** – “I thought I started a little slow in the beginning with the protection and getting the guys to the line and communication, but I think we got going towards the end a little bit.”

**(Did you have any idea how long you were going to play in this game?)** – “No, they just said be ready. I kind of treat it the same way I do every week and prepare to play. That’s all they said, ‘Just be prepared to play.’”

**(Did you have something on your mind? Did you anticipate what you thought you might...?)** – “No, he didn’t say anything so I was just ready to go whenever you’re given the nod.”

**(What were your emotions when you got the call and got out there? Were you pretty jacked up or...?)** – “Prior to that, I really wasn’t too nervous but as soon as you’re about to run out on the field it gets going a little bit. So you got to get your nerves down a little bit and slow it down and see everything, but it wasn’t too bad prior to that.”

**(When was the last time you played that many snaps in a game?)** – “In a real game or a preseason game?”





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**(Regular game.)** – “It was Week 17 last year. Never really, actually. I played in the fourth quarter last year.”

**(As you played along, the more you played, did you feel better about your pace and the way you took care of things?)** – “Yes, I started to get in a little flow, a little rhythm. It slowed down definitely in the beginning and sometimes you get caught up trying to do too much. We just need to do a better job in the beginning communicating and getting the guys up to the line a little bit faster, but it definitely slowed down towards the end.

**(Talk a little bit about the interception. Take us through the interception at the end.)** – “Again, miscommunication. We were just on a different page. I was letting it rip on a different route and he heard something else so just miscommunication.”

**(A lot of different faces on the o-line, a lot of new faces for you, but a lot of different faces in their offensive line wise changes there. Anything that affected you?)** – “No, the guys I was playing with they’ve been playing with all year, and they’re really smart and a lot of that so they helped me out a lot. Everyone out there helped me out a lot.”

**(From your point of view, what did you see during the fight or whatever it is that you want to call it at the end there?)** – “I really didn’t see who started it or who was thrown out there. I don’t know. I just saw a lot of bodies, tried to stay out of it.”

#### **Miami Dolphins DT Davon Godchaux (transcribed by Paige Jefferson)**

**(What do you see looking forward out of this team?)** – “I mean just gaining, just being positive. Took some good steps this year always can get better. So, I think the most important thing offseason, resting our body a little bit, just come back and get better.”

**(How frustrating is putting in all this hard work and you know not catch the finish line which is always the playoffs?)** – “It’s very frustrating to everyone. But you always know offseason... build that frustration and come back next year. Have a better year.

**(What’s the biggest thing you learn in the first NFL season?)** – “Hmm...It’s a business, man. I mean it’s a dirty, grimy business. But you got to just stay consistent each and every play, each and every game. Because, they’re always looking for somebody to replace you. So, I mean stay





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consistent and try to enjoy the fun times. Enjoy the moment because you don't want to keep thinking about it's a business. We all know it's a business, but you want to enjoy it too."

#### **Miami Dolphins S T.J. McDonald (transcribed by Jason D. Silver)**

**(You only got to play half the season but what's the most frustrating thing you'll take from this season?)** – "It's hard not to ... it's hard that we couldn't really put four quarters together. We couldn't play consistent. Offense played good one day. We didn't play ... we didn't match it on defense. Visa versa. So that was tough. You always want to win the game. Especially the close ones. We just, for one reason or another we just couldn't pull those out."

**(I know looking at this game, discipline might have played a part. You guys kind of lost a little bit of discipline out there. What's going through players' minds when those things happen? Especially for you – seeing the offense out there and getting into those scuffles?)** – "It's tough. This is an emotional game. I don't know if you all understand that. Sometimes emotions get the best of you. Good thing for us is we got to keep our poise in those situations. You have to ride the highs and the lows. You have to keep your poise. That's not us. That's not the image that we want to portray as players. Guys that are out here living the dream. So we just have to keep our poise and do better next time."

**(Now that the season is done ... you have the will to win. You guys have the talent, but you just weren't able to put it together. Is there an explanation to that or are you just as perplexed as the rest of us?)** – "I think that, like I said, it's just consistency. We have to put a full game together on all three phases of the game: offense, defense, special teams. All have to match each other's intensity. I think that the story for us was when you saw us start fast we always play well. When we didn't start fast it was hard for us to catch up. Play catch up sometimes, a lot of times. We came back early in the season we were able to come back from large deficits and that's not very common in this league that you can do that. So when we start fast we play well. That's got to be the emphasis for us coming in next year is to start fast throughout the jumps."

#### **Miami Dolphins Wide Receiver Kenny Stills (transcribed by Paige Jefferson)**

**(Inaudible)** – "Offense isn't putting points on the board and we can't win games that way. So, it's frustrating not to live up to your potential, but that's why it's just potential."





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**(What do you think went right this year for this team?)** – “I mean I think we figured...we found ways to fight through the adversity that we went through. You know there's so many things that went down you couldn't even count them on one hand you know all the things that we've been through as a team. And so we found a way to fight through that stuff. We found the guys...you know we had guys step up, and make plays in situations where you know we might've not known if this player could do it. There's always positives you could take from it, but at the end of the day we didn't win enough games. We didn't make the playoffs and so the season's over.”

**(A lot of people say that, especially the way this game ended, that this team lacks composure. Your response to that is what?)** - “I mean a lot of the time you see what happens on the field, so I mean I think that speaks for itself.”

#### **Miami Dolphins DE Cameron Wake (transcribed by Michelle Stone)**

**(6-and-10, certainly not what you guys expected coming into this season. How do you feel?)** – “I guess it's a little perplexing. I know you look at the guys in the locker room, the talent that we have, and I feel like we've shown flashes of really good football at times. I think it's kind of been the same old thing, whether it's a situation like today where we didn't start fast. The defense came out a little slow, offense same way, and then we kind of tuned it on. We still had an opportunity, but it's kind of like a little too late. Too little, too late. We needed a play on defense, whether (it is) a turnover or whatnot to kind of get things going, (and) we didn't make the play. So, it's just a little disappointing.”

**(You're always focused on the next game, the next play. There is no next game and no next play, so when you evaluate this season in its entirety, is there anything you can put your finger on as to the inconsistencies that this team went through all year?)** – “I assure you I'm going to take a long look and try to figure out – as well as some of other guys in the room. Obviously, the guys upstairs, - coaches and management – as well. Because again, like I said, we have the pieces. We've shown we can. You go look at certain games that we've played and certain teams that we beat that were supposed to be really good teams and they look at situations where (there were) teams that we should've beat and we didn't. It was the last three teams in the Super Bowl, we beat those teams but then we lose to teams who obviously I feel like we should've been the guys with the upper hand. I don't have the answer today, but I'm definitely going to spend a significant part of my off season trying to figure it out.”





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**(What about you personally looking forward? I know people are saying, “Is he going to play? Is he not going to play?” Going forward, has that even entered your mind at all?)** – “No. I hadn’t thought about it. Again, as you know, I’m a next play, next down, next game mentality. As I stand here before you, I still feel good. I still feel like I can help the team win. As long as I’m enjoying playing the game and being a contributing factor, I think I’ll continue if they’ll have me, obviously.”

**(So at this point you’d prefer to come back and give it another run?)** – “Sure.”

**(Any positives you can take away from this season?)** – “I think the fight. Obviously, even in a game like today where you go down to the last two drives, guys are out there giving everything they’ve got to go out there and win the game. So, it’s not for a lack of effort. I think that’s obviously a key factor that you’re going to need to be successful, to just work on the details, work on the consistency. I think that the complementary football that I spoke about in weeks in the past, that will be the difference. And if we can get that down with the effort that we got and the mentality and the fight that we have and we’ve shown that we have, I think we should be alright.”

**(A number of games this season has featured altercations like what happened at the end of this game where WR Jarvis Landry and RB Kenyan Drake got kicked out. Do you feel like this team is mature enough or possibly lacks composure?)** – “I don’t think so. It’s an emotional game. It’s hard for people who aren’t on the field to understand. At the end of the day, I trust the guys we have in our locker room. I think, for the most part, we’ve been on the right side of (where) that emotional, that line is. But then again, you’ve got to be careful to not to hurt your team (from an) overall standpoint. You don’t want penalties or get yourself ejected. Today, I guess a couple of guys crossed that line, but I think for the most part, I trust in the guys and the way they go about their business.”

#### **Buffalo Bills Head Coach Sean McDermott (transcribed by Ken Mendonça)**

**(Opening Statement)** – “Opening up, really I just want to praise God, number one. It was a heck of a year. He continues to bless us, and thank the Cincinnati Bengals as well and (Head Coach) Marvin Lewis. Really, just all the sacrifice that goes into this on the players’ behalf, on everyone involved in the building back in Buffalo, for all of our fans, all the families involved, all the sacrifices that have gone into this, I can’t thank everyone enough. Congratulations to everyone. It’s been a long time coming and the best part is we’re building. I’m just happy to be a part of





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it. Also, I want to say congratulations to Kyle Williams. He's worked, he's sweated, he's bled and he's put his heart and soul into this city and this team, and I couldn't be any prouder for him at this moment. Really our players and our fans, just congratulations. I'm just happy to be a part of it."

**(Could you have ever imagined this happening in your first season as head coach?)** – "You know what? I'm a firm believer in faith and I know God brought me here for a reason. He brought this group of men together for a reason, so that's what I fall back on in times like this."

**(How did you manage the balance of concentrating on the task at hand and knowing this help you had to get and having that in the back of your mind, in the minds of your players and everyone else?)** – "Yes, you've heard me say it before, this is a mentally tough football team. That's what you saw out there today. They battled. We had some guys go down and other guys were ready. (It was a) great job by the coaching staff. Guys stepped up and did their job and did it well. The hard part was just trying to close this team out. It's a good football team in the other locker room and give credit to (Dolphins Head) Coach (Adam) Gase and his football team. They battled and made it close at the end."

**(When you got back into the locker room after the game, where was the Bengals' game at the point? They were down at that point, I know. How bleak was the feeling because their situation did not look good there?)** – "There's a lot of guys. We turned it on right away and felt like it was the right thing to do, regardless of what happened for our players and give them a chance to watch it. (There were) a lot of guys praying, a lot of guys just holding hands, and it was just great to have everyone together. (There's) no way I'd rather end the season than together, whether it was going to work out in our favor or not, and to be able to celebrate, to watch a lot of grown men in that room cry because of where they know they're going and all the hard work and sweat and tears that have gone into this thing, this is what we work for right here."

**(Knowing how good that Baltimore defense is, are you shocked by how it ended and how the Bengals scored on that play?)** – "It's unfortunate, I know. There's a winner and there's a loser. (Ravens Head) Coach (John) Harbaugh's a great coach. (Baltimore Defensive Coordinator) Coach (Dean) Pees, from what I read, this may have been his last game, so ... They've been there before. We're just happy to have a piece of it right now, have a chance, and like I said before, we continue to grow, continue to build, and we've got to get better each and every week."





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**(What is LeSean McCoy's status?)** – "I don't know yet at this point. He's still being evaluated. I think we'll know something a little bit more in the next 24-48 hours."

**(The DT Kyle Williams touchdown, is that something put in recently, or was that in the book?)** – "(Laughter) It's just something they put in over the last couple of weeks. Kyle did a great job. Credit (Offensive Coordinator) Rick Dennison, Juan Castillo our offensive line coach. It was well designed and well executed by Kyle."

**(What does it tell you about a team like Cincinnati, nothing to play for today and to come out and play for today to come out and play their tails off, as hard as they did with nothing on the line for them. If your team is in that position, do you feel a responsibility to play hard? There's other teams depending on you. Is that something you like your team to demonstrate?)** – "All situations are different, right? That's a Marvin Lewis-coached football team. They always play hard and I wouldn't expect them to play any different; but every situation's a little bit different. I know this, we go out and play hard regardless of the situation, and we play a certain style of football, and that's Buffalo Bill football."

**(Did you talk to Owner Terry Pegula about this at all yet? About making the playoffs and the drought?)** – "He was in the locker room, yes. He was in the locker room."

**(Was there any discussion? Any interaction?)** – "A lot of hugging going on, and I'm happy for ... I failed to mention the Pegulas. They've invested a lot into the team and into the entire city. I can't thank them enough for this opportunity and like I said, I'm just happy to be a part of it."

**(When you first took the job, you knew this whole 17-year thing had been sitting there. How much of it was something that you took on yourself, knowing that if there was any way to get this done right away and end it now, then do it. How important was it to you, because you know in the community, what it meant to the people here?)** – "That's why it's such an emotional moment. I know it's my first year as a head coach and we're building, and that's the exciting part. There's still a lot of work to do (and) a lot of work to be done. That said, when Cincinnati went ahead and it got to be 44 seconds on the clock, I was just saying to God, 'Why not just now? Let's just get this over with now.' I'm happy, like I said, for all the work that's been put in, the fans that come out, the fans that came here to support us – it's not an easy flight. They travel with us wherever we go it seems like and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Jacksonville next week here."







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**(The play with Dolphins WR Jarvis Landry and the flags that disrupted the game toward the end, did you have to focus the team after that or any concerns after that happened?)** – “There are always concerns. I don’t like to see that on either side. It’s always a tough ... The officials have a tough job when those things go on just to identify what exactly went on. I believe in discipline and in order to win, you have to play disciplined football, so I’ll just leave it at that for now.”

**(In those moments right after the Bengals game went final, can you take me through them?)** – “A lot of happy guys in that locker room, a lot of emotions running pretty wild, guys just happy to be a part of it. This is a team. This is a team, these guys play as a team. From day one, no one gave them the chance. People thought we were tanking and I give a lot of credit to (General Manager) Brandon Beane and our personnel staff. They do a great job and the guys continue to battle. We’re nowhere near where we need to be, but we are very grateful for this opportunity and it’s a well-earned opportunity, and so my hat goes off to everyone involved.”

**Bills Linebacker Lorenzo Alexander (transcribed by Daniel Chavez)**

**(They just couldn’t make it easy, right?)** – “Definitely it’s been that kind of year, a lot of up and downs. And that’s how the game works. We were up by a lot and it comes down and they get an onside kick now somebody else dropped an onside kick too so they can talk about that. It’s just how our season has been: up and down to go out there and get a win and then for us to get in the playoffs now, you never know what’s going to happen.”

**(Alright so all good today but I’ve got to ask you; so you thought you had the touchdown, then they reviewed it and then you’re celebrating so what happened?)** – “I knew he was down so I just ran so I can show people I can run, then I got to the end zone and then they reviewed it and said it stands so I said oh shoot, stands, that means I got a touchdown but then I guess I didn’t listen to the announcer after I heard stands. I was dancing.”

**(You can just say that dance was for making that playoffs, right?)** – “Oh yeah, definitely. They can show that dance, make a gif or whatever they make out of them and have fun with it.”

**Buffalo Bills TE Charles Clay (transcribed by Jason D. Silver)**

**(Talk about the rollercoaster of emotions tonight. Weren’t sure you were going to make the playoffs and now you’re going.)** – “It was pretty crazy. The biggest thing for us was obviously getting the win today. But then to come in and kind of see the game, kind of how it was going





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and for it to come down to the end like that, it was crazy. It was definitely a good feeling for them to come out with a win and for us to go to the playoffs for the first time in a long time. So that was big."

**(Talk about the game tonight. Bills pretty much controlled it most of the way.)** – "It was big. Guys came out and fought. We knew ... No, but it was big. Guys came ... Guys came out and fought from the beginning. We knew it would be a tough game. We knew we had to start fast and we did. They kind of started coming back, so at that time, you kind of have to trust your training and guys did a good job of fighting until the end. It's a great feeling, man."

**(So what do you have to do to get ready for next week?)** – "Go back to work. You can celebrate this one for a little while, but we worked all off season to get to this point and definitely can't just celebrate getting here now. Everything starts over right now. So it's the start of a new season, get back to work and get ready."

#### **Buffalo Bills DE Jerry Hughes (transcribed by Savanna Bell-Stevens)**

**(Walk me through the second half and just how nerve racking it was. You guys pretty much had the game in hand, although it got a little tricky at the end, but they stopped showing the score of the Baltimore game on the screen, so how nerve racking was it for you guys on the sideline?)** – "For us, we weren't really too focused on what was going on in Baltimore, we understand that we had to take care of our business and I feel like our guys answered. Our secondary played fantastic. For them to come up big in the situation that they did in this type of caliber game, is huge. (S Jordan) Poyer made a great play and then, on top of that, our special teams have been spectacular. (K Stephen) Hauschka making all the kicks, (P) Colton (Schmidt) pinning them down deep, (CB) Lafayette (Pitts) making that tackle to help us out, as well. It's just all around a great team effort."

**(In the locker room here, you're watching the Bengals vs. Ravens game. What are you guys huddled around one TV set? Describe the atmosphere in here.)** – "It was electric. Just to see – especially on that 3<sup>rd</sup> and long, a lot of heads were down, I'm not going to lie. We didn't think Cincinnati was going to convert it. Then to see them not only convert it..."

**(Fourth down.)** – Yes, yes, yes. On fourth down, I'm sorry. For them to convert it and score, that was huge. We went crazy. I'm pretty sure they heard us from inside of the stadium, how loud





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we were. It was spectacular. Great team bonding moment for us. Great to see everything work out in our favor."

**(I know Bengals QB Andy Dalton is a very good friend of yours, former college teammate. What might that phone call be like tonight or tomorrow if you get a hold of him?)** – "Oh, he's getting Edible Arrangements. If he wants some Budweiser, he's getting that. Whatever he wants, I'm going to be his Secret Santa for the rest of this week."

**Buffalo Bills S Micah Hyde (transcribed by Ryan Murphy)**

**(On Bengals defeating Ravens allowing Bills to clinch playoff berth)** – "Andy Dalton, you heard it here first, I love you man, I love you."

**(What does it mean to get DT Kyle Williams into the postseason?)** – "Everything. Look at his face. This dude has his sons in here. I'm speechless. It's amazing. I love Kyle, everybody in here loves Kyle. What he brings to this football team is amazing. To see him so happy that finally, he's been here for 12 years and hasn't been to the playoffs."

**Buffalo Bills S Jordan Poyer (transcribed by Ryan Murphy)**

**(The ball was coming right to you [on the game-sealing interception]. Was it almost one of those ones where you're like, 'Oh boy, I've got to catch this one. I know it's coming right to me.')** – "I've got good hands. I knew as soon as (Dolphins QB David Fales) released it, it was going to be my football. No thinking about it, just catch the ball."

**(This secondary – yourself and S Micah Hyde in particular – have keyed this defense in a lot of ways in terms of the takeaways. Again, today, you guys are able to do it defensively and your takeaway leads to it. What did that mean to you to be able to, not just today but all season, lead this team along. You and Micah Hyde are both brand new to this team and you come in, and you said earlier this week, you wanted to establish yourself as one of the best safety duos in the league.)** – "Yes, I just think that we work hard off the field, not just the secondary, it's all 11 guys on the football field. We worked hard all week. It's a tough group of guys. It's a great group of guys. It's a brotherhood. Crunch time you want to play for your brothers. Like I said, we've got a great pass rush, the ball was in the air and I was able to make a play on it."

**Buffalo Bills QB Tyrod Taylor (transcribed by Lexie Balboni)**





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**(Can you describe the scene in here while you were waiting for what you needed to happen, happen?)** – “I don’t know the words to describe it to be honest. I was actually watching it in the back room with ‘Shady’ (LeSean McCoy) and the TV was probably two seconds late, so I had to move to the front room and actually see the game live. The guys are excited. This is definitely a goal of ours, but it doesn’t stop here. We’re excited to be in this position. We have a great opportunity in front of us. We came out and took advantage of the opportunity that was in front of us. I don’t really have all the words right now but I’m just excited for the team. To see them come out and battle with what was at stake today ... It was a crazy game today. A bunch of ups and downs, but we were able to pull it out and ultimately send us off into the playoffs.”

**(You’re a pretty cool customer by nature but how nerve-wracking was the second half? They stopped showing the score of the other game, you guys were wondering what was going on...)** – “I honestly didn’t even look at the score. I didn’t find out the score until James told me after the game and at that time, it was 27-24 I want to say, with a little over two minutes left. That was the first update I had. I was focused on the game. I think everyone was focused on the game because of the way it turned out. We couldn’t look ahead. We had to make sure we closed out on the winning side for us to be able to have that opportunity.”

**(Can you walk us through the DT Kyle Williams touchdown play, working on it in practice and whatever else was involved in that?)** – “Kyle is one of the best athletes on our team. It comes natural to him when you ask him to do things like that. He takes the hand off, he can throw the football. He’s a big body and we definitely think he can get one yard, which he did. I was a little surprised with the touchdown celebration. I was the only one that wasn’t, I guess, aware of it because I didn’t fall down; but that was definitely big for him and big for our offense to punch it in and get a touchdown right there.”

**(Whose idea was it?)** – “I’m not sure where it came from. We started practicing it last week. I’m not sure if that’s something he brought to the coaches or something that was brought up amongst the coaches; but like I said, he’s a big body and he’s capable of doing it. You’ve seen other teams use lineman for blocking purposes down there but we decided to give him the ball and we thought it was a touchdown. We called it a touchdown in practice and it ended up being one in the game.”

**(You’ve been through a lot. How does it feel to be the quarterback of a team going to the playoffs?)** – “I’m excited. The season has been a bunch of ups and downs. I’ve said this before,





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all that I've been through makes me who I am, so I wouldn't change it. I embrace those opportunities to grow as a person, to grow as a player and I'm still going to continue to keep growing. I'm looking forward to seeing what this team does in the playoffs. We have a bunch of talented players, a bunch of people who love each other, who play for one another and we're excited about the opportunity. Back to work."

**(How concerning was it when RB LeSean McCoy got hurt and went out?)** – "It was definitely concerning because he's a big part of our offense, but we didn't know how severe the injury was. Hopefully it's not as bad as it seems. Anytime you see a guy get carted off, you always think the worst. Hopefully it's not as bad and he'll be able to get back, whether it's this week or in a couple weeks. We'll definitely go out there and pick up the slack from him not being out there. We have guys in our locker room that are capable of going out there and making plays in the passing game and running game, so we have to lean on those guys and they welcome the challenge to go out and play well."

**(When we got into the locker room, you had this look on your face like a weight had been lifted off your shoulders to say the least. Did you feel that or am I misreading that? It just looked like the locker room looked care free for the first time this season.)** – "It was just more so excitement, especially to see how that game went down to the wire and guys definitely ... Like I said, I'm just excited. I've probably said that 100 times right now; but it's a goal. As a team, we know a lot of people didn't necessarily have us at the top of their boards or picked us to go to the playoffs. We embrace that underdog role and like I said, nothing's finished for us. It's the start of something special and we've got to carry this over to the playoffs."

**(Does that make it a little more sweet? Because it felt like all season you guys embraced that underdog role. You guys like having that chip on your shoulder. Does that make getting over this hump that much better for you?)** – "Absolutely. Underdogs, like you said, a bunch of guys in our locker room had been wrote off, whether it's by other organizations or other coaches. For some guys, this is their second or third opportunity to go out there and prove themselves as players and collectively we've came together and found a bond that is special. We play for one another and we take that onto the field every day at practice and in games and it shows on the field."

**Buffalo Bills DT Kyle Williams (transcribed by Savanna Bell-Stevens)**





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**(How did you guys watch the end [of the Ravens game]? What was the reaction as soon as it happened?)** – “It was very quiet and somber, it was very low key – No, everybody went crazy the boys loved it, it’s just a great feeling.”

**(What was it like though? A 47-yard touchdown, 4<sup>th</sup> down play, for you to watch that did it sink in right away?)** – “No, because I’m looking at the clock with 30 seconds left and 3 time out and everybody is jumping up and down and I’m so optimistic, I was like I have to see this go double zeros, I have to see this over with, so, like I said I’m kind of speechless, I’m excited, I’m just happy for all of the Buffalo Bills fans, I’m excited for our team.”

**(When this plane lands tonight there are probably going to be fans, reporters, people, have you envisioned what that’s going to be like for you, Kyle?)** – “You know what, I haven’t thought about it. I’ve been a wreck for about 10 minutes, 15 minutes, so what’s a few more hours?”

