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Buffalo Bills QB Tyrod Taylor (transcribed by Lexie Balboni)

(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, all that





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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."

