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Dolphins vs. Chiefs (transcribed by the Kansas City Chiefs)

## Miami Dolphins

### Head Coach Adam Gase

**On the amount of penalties, third down conversions and negative plays:** “We just never could play together again. That’s the biggest problem. We get a stop, then we turn it over. We had an early turnover that’s just not going to cut it against a playoff team.”

**On Jay Cutler moving the ball well:** “Yeah, he was good. There’s a couple of things I’m sure he’ll, when he goes back and looks at things, probably want one back, but I thought for the most part he did a really good job. He controlled the game for as much as he could. In the second half, he didn’t really do much.”

**On how he feels about being eliminated from the playoffs:** “It’s tough. This is what you play for. We’ve had a couple weeks here in a row where we’ve had good opportunities to do something with the opportunity that we had. Instead, we just came out, didn’t perform well, and didn’t get it done.”

**On what had been the issue on the defensive side of the ball:** “We got beat by a couple of the guys who we talked about stopping. That’s really what hurt us. We thought we had a good plan coming in, got in a couple of situations that we couldn’t use what we had planned and we couldn’t find a way to be consistent and get them off the field.”

**On how surprised he was seeing Kenny (Stills) and Jarvis (Landry) stripped balls:** “Yeah we’ve been pretty good for the most part with the wide outs. That was the one thing we talked about was Marcus (Peters) does a good job. That’s what he does. He goes after the ball and gets those; probably the fifth or sixth one that he’s gotten out or recovered.”

**On what the difference this year was this year with penalties:** “Yeah, we had a really bad streak there the first eight games and then it looked like we were going to clean it up there for a while then we kind of got in the pre-snap penalties for a few weeks and then we get called for a holding at the wrong time and then we get some defensive holdings. We just have to play clean.”

**On his perspective of Ted Larsen’s unsportsmanlike conduct call:** “I didn’t see it. I was trying to figure out what happened the play before, basically on that play. It was a little bit of a surprise the way Jay (Cutler) threw the ball away. I was trying to figure out what happened on that and then somebody said there was a flag.”

**On what happened when it appeared he was yelling at Jarvis (Landry):** “It’s just part of the game. It just happens. Not the first time. You guys just noticed this one.”

**On what Jakeem Grant showed today:** “That he’s a guy we think we’ve got something there. Him and (Kenyan) Drake have done a great job of stepping up especially in the last eight games of the season making plays for us. I





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feel like Jakeem, we wanted to get him the ball. We've been trying to find ways to do it, it's tough sometimes because when he goes into the game, it's a big red flag. We've been trying to keep him in there. It's tough with those other three guys because you like them being on the field too. So we just try to find ways to get him on the field and we kind of used him as really a relief for Drake a lot of the times. We were able to get him involved today and if he would have had a few more that would have kept the game closer."

**On a possible recurring theme for those nine losses this year:** "Yeah that's probably going to be more of an offseason deal. I wish I had a great answer of 'this is why'. The best I can give you is we haven't played one game of complimentary football the whole season. That's just really not going to cut it and we're not going to win many games if we do that."

#### QB Jay Cutler

**Seemed like offensively you had to settle for field goals instead of touchdowns – how did that aspect of the game hurt you?** "It's hard to win football games only kicking field goals. The offense was rolling pretty good at times. I thought we moved the ball really well. There was only one three and out and other than that, a couple fumbles and missed opportunities here, a penalty when we were driving. It's those types of things can hurt you in a big way."

**Does it just seem like the same story to you over and over again?** "I think all those things are recipes for teams, win a few, lose a few. If you're going to be consistent in this league those are the things that you have to eliminate. You got to eliminate turnovers, key penalties, got to be in the red zone, third down efficiency. I think it's a hard recipe or solution. You look at the top 10 teams and the guys that are getting into the playoffs, probably doing all those things really well."

**With the playoffs out of the picture now, how do you approach next week's game?** "Same as this week. We're going to keep going until they tell us not to. I think there's still a lot of fight left in that locker room. It's a good group of guys. We'll get ready for next week and we're going to give it our best shot."

**Anything you can say about the season right now through 15 games?** "No. I don't think it's fair. These things, after 12 years it takes a little bit of time for these things to sink in. To gain perspective I think you have to step away for a little bit to really look back at it and know exactly what happened."

#### WR Jakeem Grant

**On today's missed opportunities:** "We got to capitalize and not have those penalties. We started moving things forward, but then we started shooting ourselves in the foot with penalties. We just got to get those corrected."





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**Did you feel that the passing game was the best that it's been?** "It was good, but I'm not worried about the passing and being involved, as long as we win is what I'm more focused about and we didn't do that today. All that doesn't mean anything to me."

**Is "missed opportunities" going to be the one thing that stands out when looking back at this season?** "Yeah, there's some things you wish you could go back and change. It's the game of football, you got to execute it right there. We just got to hope and get better next week, each and every week. We just have to worry about this next game and executing it as best as we can."

**On his touchdown reception:** "It was just a screen, like a previous screen I ran before. I just made a play and lowered my pads and ran over the guy. I didn't think I was going to run him over, but I did. When he fell off, it was easy running. It was great execution by the whole offense."

**On being eliminated from playoff contention:** "It sucks, just going off last year being in the playoffs, you just want to get back into the playoffs. It didn't happen this way. You can't say anything about it and we just got to go and execute the next game."

#### WR Jarvis Landry

**What was the most disappointing part of today?** "We lost."

**What went differently than you expected from an offensive standpoint?** "Turnovers, penalties, most of the things that cause us lose a game. They showed up today, starting with myself on the first drive and carried on throughout the game. It's hard to win like that."

**What happened on your fumble?** "He made a good hit. It was a hell of a hit, honestly. He hit the ball perfectly. The ball was tucked, I tucked it. I was going down. He made a good tackle. Peters made a good play and made sure he got his feet down."

**You had another milestone for catches, do those things mean something?** "Maybe when looking back, but not immediately after a loss."

**Can you explain what happened between you and Head Coach Adam Gase?** "Nothing. We were in the red zone with third and 10, fourth and 10 and we didn't get the first down. The game is on the line right there. Everyone knows it. We need to score a touchdown right there. I think it's normal for anyone to show frustration at that point. Understanding that this is our season, our season is on the line on this drive. I think we didn't get the ball back until under two minutes after that drive. Anybody would be frustrated. I'm sure you guys were frustrated as well. I wasn't yelling at Adam [Gase] or anything."





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**How would you contrast going from a 10-win season to a 9-loss season?** “It happens. It’s the NFL. A lot of the games we could have won this year. We didn’t due to turnovers, penalties, things that showed up today. That will get you beat any day in the NFL.”

#### S.T.J. McDonald

**On today’s loss:** “We just didn’t do enough. Point blank. We just didn’t do enough. We got to be more consistent. Hats off to them.”

**Did the defense under achieve this year?** “You always think that you can do better. I feel like we have good players here. We have guys that can play good football, but it didn’t happen for us. We have one more game and we’ll go out there and put on some good film and it’s something to build on.”

**On being eliminated from playoff contention:** “It is what it is. It is what it is. It sucks. It sucks. You want to go to the playoffs, you want to continue to keep playing. The whole goal is to win and when you don’t win it sucks. You can’t sugarcoat it. It doesn’t feel good.”

#### WR Kenny Stills

**On being eliminated from playoff contention:** “I’m still processing it. There’s been a lot of ups and downs, but I wouldn’t say it’s been hard. It’s the NFL.”

**What happened on the fumble lost?** “He [Marcus Peters] just stripped it out. He’s good at creating turnovers. We knew that going into the game. He got it out at the last second as I was trying to get down and it popped out.”

**Are you sick to your stomach over that play?** “Yeah, it’s frustrating to individually let the team down, but knowing that one single play doesn’t determine the game. We had an opportunity to make a comeback at that point in time, a crucial part of the game and I let the ball slip out of my hands. Yes, I’m sick.”

**Regarding the missed opportunities, did you guys get in your own way too much this year?** “You could say that. That’s something we talk about every week. We lose a game, it’s penalties, turnovers. We definitely feel like we’re shooting ourselves in the foot. That’s something we got to clean up going forward if we want to win games. I feel like we left some games out there and we have no one to blame but ourselves.”





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DT Ndamukong Suh

**Seemed like it was tough early on for you guys getting off the field on third downs, always seemed to come up with a play to get a first down – frustrated about that?** “You hit the nail on the head. We didn’t get off on third down, due to our own fault. Whether there was a penalty or there was missed tackles. That’s as simple as it gets.”

**Officially out of the playoffs now – how do you look back at the season?** “Personally I’m not going to look back at the season, I’m going to look forward to the Buffalo game. Play as hard and fast as I can. Postseason, then I’ll look back at the season. See what the mistakes were. Review with the coaches then go from there.”

**Next week, Buffalo at home – with your pride how do you expect this team to come out?** “We’ve got a lot to play for. It’s against a division opponent. It’s always an important game, even more important because we’re at home. You never want to allow people to come into your home and beat you up and win games. At the end of the day we have to stop them and go from there.”

**How much were you guys thinking of the playoffs coming into this game?** “You can’t think about it, you have to focus on the game. Task at hand. Kansas City Chiefs were in the way and we didn’t accomplish our job.”

**As far as the defensive penalty holdings, was that frustrating?** “That’s our coaches job to deal with the penalties and if there were controversy around it. Me, personally, whatever happens, happens. I’m going to go out there and beat the man in front of me. Impose my will, make plays and go from there.”





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**Opening Statement:** “Merry Christmas everybody. Congratulations to the Hunt Family for the first time in the history of the organization having back-to-back AFC West Championships. With that, I don’t have a lot to report as far as injuries. Akeem Hunt has a shoulder sprain. Other than that it was a great game by everybody.”

**Tackling wasn’t the greatest in the first half. In the second half they didn’t score any points, did they do a better job in the second half?** “Yeah. I thought all around the second half was better than the first.”

**Do you have a sense of what you’re going to do next week as far as guys playing?** “I don’t. We’ll get through Christmas and then we’ll get on with that.”

**When did it come to you to wear this (the Santa suit) and have you done this before?** “One of Santa’s helpers helped me with this. With the suggestion.”

**Is this win one of Santa’s gifts?** “Well, all of the gifts he’s given us in the city of Kansas City, yes I’d say so.”

**The benefits of giving guys off next week are obvious, are there any drawbacks?** “I’ll go through all that as we go here. I haven’t made any commitments either way.”

**Just general thoughts about sitting guys?** “It gives us flexibility, yes. It gives us flexibility there.”

**How do you separate the six out of the seven games and what you’ve done in the last three?** “I’m proud of the guys. I’m proud of the coaches. I thought the game plans were awesome. My hat goes off to Matt Nagy doing a great job calling the offensive plays and setting up the game plan. Brad Childress works in there too. Then defensively Bob Sutton, for a team like that, not to convert on third down that’s something special. Then Dave Toub continues to be the best in the business at what he does.”

**What does it say about Alex’s (Smith) season as it hit the 4,000-yard mark?** “4,000 yards for Alex, 1,000 a couple different places, it’s phenomenal. What a great year offensively. We’re not done yet though. We’re not going to sit on this. We’re going to move on. We’re going to enjoy the holiday and then we’ll get right back at it.”

**Have you in some ways seen his game go into a different dimension this season?** “You guys know I’m his biggest fan. I love the way he goes about his business.”

**The review where Tyreek Hill caught the ball, what happened there?** “They said their 44 (Stephone Anthony) was in the way and they didn’t have a clear view of the feet and the official on the other side called that he was on the line.”





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**Walk us through what the thought process was on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 1.** “It was actually less than one. I thought we could get it. We had a call in our pocket that I thought we could knock it out, but it didn’t work. Hindsight we probably should have kicked it, but that’s hindsight.”

**What does it mean to you guys that you got the Division title and get to play that playoff game home at Arrowhead?** “Our fans were unbelievable today. They’ve been unbelievable every week here. To welcome in a team, whoever that might be, to play here I think is something special and well deserved for our fans.”

#### Chairman and CEO Clark Hunt

**There was a little bit of a down time earlier this year, but things are trending upwards, not only outside on the field but in the locker room The Backstreet Boys, Paul Rudd and Eric Stonestreet are here for some pizzazz, kind of gets a better vibe in here.** “I think that’s what you’ll find in any winning locker room is the guys coming together and playing for each other. I think that’s what we’ve seen here in the last few weeks. I know the guys are excited about the opportunity to go to the playoffs, excited to win the AFC West doing it two years in a row for the first time in franchise history.”

**Back-to-back, what’s that say about the consistency that you’re looking for as an owner?** “It’s really a credit to Andy (Reid) and the players. Since Andy came we’ve been incredibly consistent. We’ve made the playoffs now four out of five years with the two AFC West titles. He’s done a tremendous job, he and the staff have, and I couldn’t be more proud of them.”

**What are some of the things you guys have had to overcome this year?** “It’s certainly been a year where there’s been a lot of adversity. Eric’s (Berry) injury was probably the first example of that. Clearly when we got into the middle of the season and we were struggling at times on offense, at times on defense, sometimes you wondered will the Chiefs ever win another game. Credit to Andy and the staff getting it turned around against Oakland two weeks ago and then the victory against Los Angeles last week and clinching the division today. That’s what great coaching staffs do. That’s what players who believe in themselves do is they find a way to overcome adversity.”

**Andy had to make the choice to suspend Marcus Peters two weeks ago. He’s come back and had two great games, how involved were you in that process on whether or not he was going to get suspended and what are your thought about how he’s come back?** “He’s played tremendous the last couple of weeks. That decision was purely a coaching decision. The decision that Andy made, that’s in the past. Marcus is playing great. I know he’s looking forward to the playoffs as well.”

**Is that the sort of reaction you want from him, to come back and continue to battle?** “I think it’s really a credit to Andy and the team. When he came back that was in the past and they immediately went to work on winning the next game and that’s what they did.”







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**In drafting Patrick Mahomes, to have Alex Smith respond with a 4,000-yard year, how would you evaluate what you've seen from him this season?** "Well Alex has been tremendous since he's been with us. He's been a big part of the success that we've had for the last five years. Clearly this has been his best year. He's been a tremendous player, a tremendous leader. You saw it today, whether it was scrambling or making key throws, he's been a catalyst in getting us to this point and we're looking forward to going to the playoffs and having him carry us."

**Will you look at this season as a success without going further in the playoffs than you have in the past?** "Probably in the moment it will be hard to evaluate that. That's one of those things where we'll have to look back after it's over. Certainly coming into the year we had aspirations to not only make the playoffs but to go deep into the playoffs, make it to the Super Bowl. I don't really want to comment on how I'd feel at that time. Today we're just celebrating making the playoffs and winning the division because if we don't do that, then we don't have the opportunity."

**When you guys lost four in a row and six of seven, did you lose any confidence in Andy and his staff?** "No, I really didn't. Part of that was having the benefit of seeing Andy a couple year ago when we were in a similar losing streak. That time, early in the year, how he was able to turn it around. We went on to win a bunch of games in a row, make the playoffs, have some success in the playoffs. So I knew it was something he was capable of. Certainly, any Chiefs fan in their heart, you wondered if we would be able to break the losing streak because momentum is a big thing in sports, and clearly the momentum was against us. The great thing is, the momentum is with us as we approach the playoffs."

**Does that momentum give you confidence heading into the postseason?** "It does. You have always heard in professional sports that you want to be playing your best football at the end of the season. I feel that is certainly the case. I feel we are playing better now than we were at the beginning of the season when we started 5-0. I think both the offense and the defense are playing at a very high level and that gives us a chance."

**What does it mean to not only make the playoffs but host a playoff game in Arrowhead?** "That is very big. So great for our fans. We appreciate the fans that were here today. They made a big difference today as they have the entire season. Getting a home playoff game is a way to reward them. It is also something that our players feed off of. For us to advance and go where we want to go, having a home playoff game and the fans behind us is big."

#### QB Alex Smith

**What do you think it says to be able to come back these last three games and get the playoff berth?** "I mean, I think everybody wants to be tough and you want to be a tough team mentally. You strive to do that. You just don't know when the season starts what's going to get thrown at you. What you're going to have to overcome, what type of adversity it's going to be. To have the two swings like we did, to start off as hot as we did and then to have so many tough losses after that and everybody kind of having a hand in it yeah, tough. I think definitely guys







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questioning themselves, searching as a team. I think to stick together and have that resiliency as a group, the entire building to, I think it says a lot about the character that we have. Guys sticking in and staying together.”

**Clark Hunt said that he thinks you’re playing better now than you were at the beginning of the season as a team:** “Yeah, I don’t necessarily disagree with that at all. Tough games, must win games, I feel like we stepped up in all three phases. Been playing pretty good football. Playing together. I think it has been different than the beginning of the year when it was, we were all over.”

**You ready for a week off?** “We’ll see. I’m pumped about the back-to-back thing right now and obviously clinching. We’ll see. We’ll see about what coach does with the time and all of that.”

**Are there any drawbacks about any of the key guys getting a week off?** “I mean I think there’s advantages and disadvantages that you can make arguments for. It just depends. I think you can make that argument, but if something were to happen, the risk factor sometimes you just don’t know. This is a physical game and you don’t know what can happen. We’ll figure it out when coach tells us what the deal is.”

**Momentum – is that something that could be at risk if you sat out next weekend?** “Not necessarily, no. I don’t think that necessarily outweighs the other things. But again I don’t get to make these decisions. We’ll wait and see.”

**If Patrick (Mahomes) has to play next week – any way to gauge what type of progress he’s made?** “Yes and no. I think on the mental side he’s obviously watching and mentally observing and mental reps and things like that. But throughout the week, limited reps. He’s running the look team and obviously then trying to prepare as much as he can to try to get ready. So he hasn’t been in live bullets since camp I mean those practices aren’t like that. So in that sense it’s been a while. But, I’ve said this all along, he’s a pretty natural player. If he has to he’ll bounce back quick.”

**What does the 4,000 yard mark mean to you?** “I think the thing I’m more pumped about is the whole offense all together. To have a 1,000 yard rusher, two 1,000 yard receivers then to hit 4,000 yards passing as a quarterback – to have all that going on at once I think is the most special part of everybody involved. I think taking pride in that as an offensive unit, that we got a ‘can’t stop us all’ mentality.”

**How do you apply that the post-season is the true measure to what you guys have achieved?** “The end goal for everybody is to win a championship. The first step is to punch your ticket to the playoffs and doing that today and we’ll get a home game and find out who we play here as the next two weeks go on. That’s the first step. You can’t get to the end goal unless you accomplish the first step. Then you move onto the next one now and we’ve got to win the first one. I don’t think you get ahead of yourself. You just have to live like that. No question right. I think this game, ultimately is what you’re graded on.”

**This is going to be the type of weather you could have when you host a playoff game – does that help you at all?** “I definitely think it can. It just depends on the team that’s coming in and the matchup. I always think that’s hard to predict with the weather. Definitely can. We’ve had a lot of experience playing in cold weather, practicing





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in cold weather over the years. I do think it can be an advantage. All the ball handling, all the little things, snaps, they're that much harder and all the reps I do think all add up and help having practiced in that kind of weather."

**You had a nice offensive day, how close were you down there on some of those?** "A bunch, really close on a bunch. But that's the name of the game in the red zone. Margin of error is really, really small. Really hurt ourselves with that one penalty. Anytime you get a penalty in the red zone you really back yourself up and it's tough to overcome. The other ones I thought we had chances, we'll look at it and keep trying to improve."

**How important has the offensive line play been up front?** "I think it all starts with them, run and pass. Protection, blocking. I think there's definitely then not a want to, not even a physicality thing, I think just an attention to detail. All those guys really turning it up a bit and finding their focus and communicating really well these last few weeks. Dialed in on the game plan on all of our adjustments that we might get coming up to the line. Being able to block all the different fronts, there's so much that goes into the run game. I think the attention to detail just been turned up that much showed."

**Were you interested in seeing that matchup play out especially between Ndamukong Suh and Laurent Duvernay-Tardif?** "Every week, especially the last three, we've played really good defensive fronts. They don't get much better than that the last three weeks as far as disruptive, playing run and pass. I thought these guys every week have handled it. Just kind of gone about their business. And yeah that defensive front is as disruptive as it gets."

**What impact do you think Darrelle Revis has had?** "It's hard. I think the nice thing is he's come in and worked. I think he's settled in nice. It's hard to come into that situation with that amount of time off to a group that you aren't really in on. I think he did a nice job just coming in, working. Just showing through his practice how it's playing, what he's all about. I think guys have appreciated that a lot."

**What does it mean to have the first playoff game come to Arrowhead?** "I think Arrowhead and Chiefs Kingdom is as special as it gets. We're going to need them. These games are huge and to be able to have a home game, bring it back here and to have the crowd behind us is huge. Hard to put in words."

#### WR Tyreek Hill

**What does it say about the offense to have so many guys put up these huge numbers?** "It just means anybody is capable. Whether it is Kareem, Kelce, myself, Albert, (Demarcus Robinson), all of us are capable. Alex has been trusting us a lot down the field and that gives us confidence as receivers. Make the play for him. Just have to keep at it."

**What does it mean to have a home playoff game?** "It means a lot. Arrowhead fans are great, the Kingdom is nice. Just to have them on our backs, screaming, whether it is defense on the field, it is amazing."





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**How much fun was making the 12 days of Christmas and having this whole weekend come together?** “It was definitely fun. You see me on there swaggin’, having a good time. It was a good time just to show our families and just show Chiefs Kingdom our everyday lives, so it was fun for us to do.”

#### RB Kareem Hunt

**How does it feel to get the win today?** “It’s a great feeling but my biggest thing is winning. We got a win today and we are the AFC West Champions. Now we have our chance to get in the playoffs and we just have to keep it rolling.”

**Did you expect to have this kind of success in your rookie year?** “I always believe in myself. I always think that I am going to make something happen. When (Spencer) Ware went down, I had the opportunity to step in and fill the role. I never want a teammate to get hurt or anything. He is a great player, he has been helping me out and coaching me up through some things.”

**Are you looking forward to a week off next week against Denver?** “I’m looking forward to getting it rolling and getting back out there as soon as possible. I love playing football and that’s what I like to do in my spare time. Now, I am trying to make this Super Bowl run.”

**What does downfield passing do for your run game?** “Honestly, if you have to watch out for the deep ball then you have to put people back there. You can’t just crowd the box up. If you don’t do that we are going to beat you deep. It’s nice having Tyreek (Hill), (Travis) Kelce, 12-gage and all those guys be able to make plays.”

#### LB Derrick Johnson

**How does it feel to win back-to back division titles?** “That’s a big deal. We talked about it all week. This is a pretty special moment. I’ve been here for 13 years. To go back-to-back is pretty cool. Before the season, you want to win the AFC West, that’s what you want to do. You want to take control of the division and today we sealed the deal.”

**What does it mean to be in the playoffs?** “It’s huge. Everybody doesn’t get a chance to get a seat at the table. We get a chance to sit down and break bread with everybody and hopefully we can be greedy.”

**Comments on his forced fumble:** “It was a great play by them. I had number three (receiver from the sideline). They did a knife play where he was going to the sideline. They blocked up everybody else, one and two on the outside, and I had to chase him down. I tried to separate him from the ball. Being a linebacker hitting a receiver, that’s what you try to do and that’s what happened.”





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**Did you see Marcus Peters recover the fumble?** “My head was down and I went in there and speared at the ball. The ball came out. I saw the replay and that’s how MP is. He’s always by the ball.”

#### DL Chris Jones

**What is the feeling getting back-to-back AFC West titles?** “It is remarkable. Coach Reid came here and changed the whole organization. This is the first time back-to-back. Alex Smith, the leaders on this team shaped and formed this team to what it is today. Starting with the leader, Eric Berry, who went down beginning of the year. We had guys surround him and make sure he was comfortable and we just picked it up from there. It has been a remarkable season for us because we started off 5-0, went through the drought and we picked it back up. We were fortunate enough to finish with the AFC West.”

**You were running through the hallways saying ‘Baby we’re in!’:** “We focused on one thing at the beginning of the season and that is winning the AFC West. After the AFC West, you made the playoffs. Now the playoffs we have to worry about, but let’s finish the season first. Let’s get to the playoffs, baby.”

#### TE Travis Kelce

**Talk about this team and the season it has been:** “Definitely some adversity throughout the season. It is cool to see us battle through that and get to where we are right now, but all that means absolutely nothing if we don’t turn it on here in the playoffs. And I think that is the momentum and the mindset that we have as a team.”

**Will you consider this season a success if you don’t go further in the playoffs?** “No, it’s not.”

**Can you talk about how Alex’s game has gone to another level and the impact it has on you guys?** “We are just playing confident football. Confident that guys are going to make plays when the ball is in the air, that Alex is going to put that thing right on the money where it needs to be and that the guys up front are going to give him time. That is just the offensive side of the ball. In terms of teams, we are definitely playing off of each other at another level that we have in the bad stretch of the season.”

**The whole Christmas for Kansas City and this gift that you have given them, what does it mean for this organization?** “We love the Kingdom. Everybody that was out there today, I think it was 20 degrees, it was freezing out there. But for everybody to come out on a holiday weekend like that and show their support and get all fired up, that just shows the type of city we have and all the support we have behind us.”





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## MIAMI DOLPHINS VS. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

### ARROWHEAD STADIUM

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#### POSTGAME QUOTES

##### LB Reggie Ragland

**First time winning the division for you, what is the feeling like?** “It feels good. Still work to be done, though. I am never satisfied until we get that ring. That is my focus now. Trying to get that ring.”

**What is the key to getting so many turnovers?** “Coach has been harping on it. The streak we had, we didn’t have many turnovers so Coach has been harping on it so everybody has been stripping at the ball in practice and it translates to the game so we are doing a good job of that.”

**Is this what you thought it would be like when you moved to this organization?**

“It is a class A organization. The players love to play football and everybody loves everybody inside the organization. It is what you do.”

**You have it clinched now, so what is the approach next week?** “Still come in and work hard. The season isn’t over with and when Coach comes in, he is going to set the tone and he will let us know what we need to do.”

##### WR Albert Wilson

**With Alex Smith throwing for 4,000 yards, does that say something about this season?** “Definitely. He has been doing great for us since I’ve been here. Coach Reid is just doing a great job of getting pieces around him to make him even better. Each year we get a great piece and we keep adding and the offense keeps expanding.”

**What does it mean to you to have back-to-back division wins?** “It is definitely a blessing. Just thankful to God for getting this chance. For this organization, for Mr. Hunt, it is a great thing to get that for him.”

**Does this remind you of the way you started the year?** “Definitely. Attitude, energy, that is our team. We have our energy back.”

**We have been seeing a lot more out of the vertical passing game:** “That is our game. We stretch from sideline to sideline and endzone to endzone every play. The defense has to guard the whole field, that is what Coach Reid is good at. Alex does a great job of spreading the ball around and it is our job to make plays.”

