



MIAMI DOLPHINS VS. BUFFALO BILLS

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Bills QB Tyrod Taylor (transcribed by the Buffalo Bills)

Q: It looked like movement or mobility wasn't an issue. How did your knee feel throughout the game today?

A: I felt good. Using my legs was definitely part of the game plan. Like I said earlier in the week, the training staff did a great job over the past two weeks of getting me ready to get back out there playing and back to feeling normal. Credit goes to them, along with hard work and God himself.

Q: No pain at all? There were no moments when you felt it?

A: A couple times I did but I think adrenaline, when you mix that into the equation, you are able to go out there and play. I was able to play on it the game I got hurt for three quarters until it just got aggravated again but I didn't really take too many shots today. I was able to protect my knees without really falling or taking any direct hits to it, so I think that also helped.

Q: That was the first time you guys scored a touchdown on your opening drive for this season. How much does that change the whole outcome of the game when get off to a start like that, and be in the rhythm you guys were in earlier?

A: It definitely changes a lot. Coach [Sean McDermott] talks to us a lot about starting fast, something we haven't done so well this year. First drive of the game as well as coming out of halftime and going out and putting up points too. It's definitely something that I focus on and we were able to go out there and execute well and put up points. It's a momentum booster for us as an offense but as well for our team.

Q: As successful as they were on third down defensively the last two games, was there anything that you and Coach Dennison or maybe the offensive coaches put in the game plan that was any special to say? They looked to be a step behind you guys on third down.

A: I think it boiled down to match ups. It's a very good team, a bunch of talented guys. We were able to go out there and execute and make some plays on third down. They still did a lot of the things we saw on film, that's their identity. We were just able to execute.

Q: What is it about you and Miami? You've had a lot of your best games against them. Do you feel more confident knowing it's them and what's happened in the past?

A: I wouldn't say it's necessarily just them. This time of year you want to be playing at a high level, playing meaningful football and winning in December is definitely big for us. It's important to me and I take those opportunities and try to make the best of them. Today we were able to take a great opportunity for us to take a step in the right direction and we have to continue to keep doing so, and use this as momentum going forward.

Q: On the run to the pile on there, did you know you had that corner right away or were you like I hope I get there?

A: Oh hope, that would be not trusting my speed. The play is actually designed to go up the middle and they inserted a safety and he's the free guy. I basically have to make him make a miss. I was able to get behind the lineman and jump back, make a jump cut to the left. Now I know it's just me and him and I have to get to the pylon and I was able to do so. The lineman did a great job of blocking as well as the receivers outside.





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Q: On the touchdown to LeSean McCoy, it wasn't quite a rub but Charles Clay did just enough to kind of slow the linebacker down. Did you see mismatch right away because it's a linebacker on LeSean McCoy, is that what you're thinking?

A: Yes it's definitely a check for us. Something we've had in the game plan for a couple weeks we just haven't had the opportunity to get the look. We were able to get the look we wanted today. I have all the confidence in the world in Shady in going out there and making a play. In the passing game he was able to win his one on one matchup and make a big play for us.

Q: Just the team's support for LeSean, guys wearing the 10k sweatshirts, Coach [McDermott] even congratulates him during the game. Just the team support that surrounded getting him there, could you just speak to that?

A: Shady is a special talent of course. For him to get 10k at such a young age is definitely impressive as well too. The team, we want to see guys achieve of course their personal goals, but as well the team goals. We were trying to get him that last week, we were short. Guys love when guys make history. It's big for him. I know he's excited, I'm excited for him but as a team we are more excited about the win. He would tell you the same.

Q: You talked about how the momentum boost is good for the offense. Does it give you any more boost knowing what they had done to the Patriots offense 6 days earlier?

A: Two totally different teams when you look at us and the Patriots. This team that we just played is definitely a very talented team. We were able to go out there and execute, that's what it boils down to. Each and every week we just play the opportunities that are in front of us, and we were able to take advantage of a big opportunity today.

Q: Do you allow yourself to just wrap your mind around the possibilities that are here given that you haven't been to a playoff yet, with this team? You haven't done it as a starter. Your team as a whole, this team as a whole, when you see a game like this and what this team's fit for, what do you allow yourself to embrace?

A: Really just take it one game at a time. Yes we got the win today, but there is a bunch of things that we could have done better in all phases, special teams, defense, and offense. I think very good teams look themselves in the mirror after a game like this and still try to figure out ways were we can get better. That's what we have to do to be the team that we want to be moving forward.

Q: Could one of those things be stepping on a team's throat? You guys had that 15 point lead at halftime, you want to just go for that kill shot.

A: Absolutely. Finishing games, starting fast of course, but finishing games. Like Coach [McDermott] talked about at the halftime, the killer instinct. We've been able to put some teams away throughout the year but not on a consistent basis. That's something that we have to do.

