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Q. Could you have scripted a better defensive performance than that one?

JORDAN POYER: No. I feel like we left some things out there last week, as you guys heard us throughout the week talk about it. Basically adjustments. We want to go out with some energy, and we were focused all week. It was just great preparation. Went out there today and just had a blast. We emphasized having fun, and winning is fun, and our defense played well. Just great execution by us.

Q. When you left the podium last week, you said a lot of football to be played. You said don't panic. Take us into practice last week. Just the refocus and the energy you're talking about.

JORDAN POYER: That's exactly that. That's exactly what it is. 24-hour window. The whole -- it's one game, don't panic. We learned from that film. We watched it. We spent the 24-hour window on it, and we moved on it. This team has been together long enough to where we dealt with wins and we dealt with losses. We learn how to do both.

Coming out today just kind of shows what the team is about. We took a tough loss last week, and we were able to bounce back and play defense and special teams. We'll continue moving forward.

Q. As much as the defense gave the team a chance to win last week, you were quick to point the finger at yourself. You didn't take the ball away. That changed today. That seem pretty obvious right from the get-go, how aggressive you were. Talk about that mindset.

MICAH HYDE: We talked about last week takeaways are a big part of the game. You win the turnover battle, you're most likely to win the football game. We wanted to come

out here this week and wanted to do just that. I'm not sure how many takeaways we had, but a lot of fourth down stops. Just defense getting off the field. That's what we preach and that's what we weren't able to do last week in the second half.

We were just men on a mission this week and wanted to come down and get a win.

Q. You guys had two sacks on the first three plays. Both came out of the secondary. What can you say about the way Leslie Frazier was diagramming the game plan this week?

MICAH HYDE: Frazee was dialing it up. A few times we came off the field and I was just dabbing Frazee up because just excellent calls. Mixing it up, sending guys. We were able to get a lot of pressure on first and second down, also on third down. The guys up front were eating.

Just an excellent job by Frazee. We had that communication throughout the week of what calls we were going to make. Whether it's first down, second down, third down, we all have a good understanding from the coaches to the players. This is how we come out and execute. This is how we play well.

Q. Did you guys notice them get deflated as soon as Tua was knocked out of the game? Did you notice he took a step back or was hindered?

JORDAN POYER: You don't want to say you sense that, but you want to continue to put pressure on the offense, understanding the starting quarterback is out. The backup may not have gotten as many reps that week. You want to continue to put pressure on them, show different looks, and try to confuse them.

I thought our defense throughout the whole -- we made adjustments throughout the game. It was an incredible way to bounce back after last week. Like I said earlier, we just want to continue that momentum.

Q. Wins are big in this league. Road wins are even bigger. Road wins against a divisional opponent. How big is this one?

JORDAN POYER: It's big. It's one game. We want to

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continue to carry that momentum into next week. Obviously, any time you get a win on the road in the division, it's huge. Like I said earlier, a 24-hour window. We didn't play perfect at all. There was still some football left out there on the field that we can learn from and move forward and put our focus into Washington.

Q. What is it about you guys playing the Dolphins that you guys have the edge over them like this? This is six in a row overall, five since -- I think six overall that you guys have beat the Dolphins. What is it about them that kind of brings the best out in you, and how has it been so lopsided the past couple years?

MICAH HYDE: Honestly, we just focus on the game. I honestly even didn't know 6-0. I didn't know that. We don't talk about that. We just talk about this game and who they've got. They've got a lot of weapons on offense. We knew that coming in, so we had to find a way to get pressure on the quarterback so we could limit their weapons.

We were fortunate enough to get win number one. We're thankful for that. Like Po said, 24-hour window. We've got to move on from that.

Q. Taron Johnson --

JORDAN POYER: He's a dog. Pound for pound. Best in the league. Dude comes to work every single day believing he's the best. He went out there, to me, it was amazing watching him play today. Don't even have to finish the sentence.

The way he played today, it was incredible.

Q. For Greg Rousseau to get a couple of sacks coming back to Miami as a young guy, what does that say about him and what he can mean for the pass rush? As you guys said, that was a focus in the off-season getting a little more beef in the pass rush.

MICAH HYDE: Happy for Greg. We got some guys up front that can get after the quarterback. Anytime we can get up by a couple of scores and force them into one-dimension football, front passing the football, those guys up front are going to eat.

Good for Greg. Happy to see those boys up there eating.

Q. Why did you laugh about Greg? Did something happen in the locker room?

MICAH HYDE: No, I didn't know he had a couple of sacks. Good for him coming back home and getting a couple of

sacks.

Q. When Singletary scores on the second snap from scrimmage, how does change your perspective, to play with you getting the early lead?

JORDAN POYER: It's a long football game, regardless if they score on the first play or the tenth play, our defense has to continue to execute at a high level. Continue to keep pressure on them. It gives us a jolt. Let's go. Our offense is moving. Let's get our side of the football moving too.

Today was a day where offense, defense, and special teams, all came together, and everybody was making plays.

Q. Can you put into words what it's like riding a wave like that defensively? Getting out there -- maybe it takes a few series when you feel things are falling into place, but clearly, I mean, you look back and it seems as though this was just going to be your day.

When do you feel that, and what does that do for you?

MICAH HYDE: Honestly, we felt like we felt during the week. I think we were just so focused and the plan we had in place -- you know, the plan that coaches put together, we felt it. We loved it. We loved the calls that Frazier was making throughout the week, and we knew that, once we get into the game, we had a clear understanding of what they do and what we're going to do against them.

Obviously, the game comes rolling around, you've got the nerves. You're not sure how you're going to perform. But it all starts during the week, and got to give it to the coaches for putting a plan together that we can play fast, play smart, and go out there and execute.

Q. New England had so much history running this division. You guys won it last year. I think today you showed again you guys are the team to beat in division. How does that feel? Do you take pride in kind of being the best team in the division?

JORDAN POYER: One game at a time. That's it. One game at a time. Appreciate you.

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