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Visitors Postgame Presser



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MIKE TOMLIN: Tough hard-fought game. Got to compliment the Miami Dolphins. They made the necessary plays to secure victory, man, and really we didn't, and oftentimes, particularly when it's a defensive battle the way game developed into, it's about who catches the interception opportunities and who doesn't. That's just kind of the lens in which I see it.

The Dolphins caught theirs and we didn't catch ours. That's probably the difference in the game. Sometimes when it's a one-score game and it's back and forth like that and the defenses are controlling it, defensive splash is ultimately the deciding factor.

We didn't give our offense a short field by producing a turnover or two, and they did. So we go back to work. Disappointing, but we got another big game coming up and we'll get focused. We will assess this, learn from it, and put together a plan and ready ourselves for the next one.

From an injury competitive Levi Wallace had a shoulder. He's being evaluated as we speak. I don't have a lot of information on it.

Q. What allowed you to kind of get the game back under control after their fast start?

MIKE TOMLIN: Starts doesn't define games. We gave them the ball first; they went down and scored. But it was a lot of ball left. I didn't feel like it was out of control at any juncture, to be quite on honest with you. A start is a start.

Q. Is your offense getting any closer to forming an identity?

MIKE TOMLIN: I feel like we are, but we didn't make the necessary splash plays today to secure victory. But I certainly feel like we are. Certainly.

Q. Any thoughts on Kenny Logan as third star; he

seemed to look for comfortable in the third half?

MIKE TOMLIN: I thought he was highly competitive, played to win. He made some plays. Unfortunately he and we didn't make enough.

Q. Talking about the interceptions, catching the ball, got a couple that looked like maybe 50/50. Do you consider those plays that should be made or could have been made?

MIKE TOMLIN: I don't know what plays you're referring to, but I just tell you this: We had some interception opportunities and we got to catch them.

Q. Pickens had six targets, made six catches. Does he need to be featured more?

MIKE TOMLIN: You know, it just depends on what the contour of the coverage is. We're a collective. We got a group of capable playmakers, and sometimes coverage in a contour, the coverage dictates where the ball goes. I understand the nature of your question. That's the type of questions you get when you lose.

But we're not focusing on that. We're just focused on doing what's required for us to win. We didn't do enough of that today.

Q. What does it say about your defense that you were able to hold them scoreless the second half?

MIKE TOMLIN: I thought it was a tough, hard-fought game by both defensive units.

Q. The second to last drive you hit the sneak with Kenny. What kind of happened on that sequence there?

MIKE TOMLIN: I didn't get a chance to talk to the officials about the nature of why they called what they called, but obviously we got some penalties in critical moments today that set us back.

Q. That last drive, looked like you might have been



able to run for it.

MIKE TOMLIN: You said it, I didn't.

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