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Jaylen Waddle

Postgame Presser



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JAYLEN WADDLE: We got a lot of playmakers on the team, so somebody normally has a day. If it's not Nu, then it's Ree, then it's Achane, then it's Heem. We've got a lot of playmakers. That's what makes this offense so great. We've got guys that can make a play anytime.

Q. It's got to be hard to be patient because you haven't got the targets in the past and today you really showed up.

JAYLEN WADDLE: I mean, it's good. I can go back to college when we got a lot of playmakers all over the field. That's what makes this game so exciting. That's what brings the fans out, playing with such great talent.

No, it can't be like that.

Q. You haven't been frustrated at any point this year?

JAYLEN WADDLE: No, man. I was more frustrated from the losses than individual, me having individual goals or anything. That's more like a media thing, really.

Q. Speaking of losses and wins, that's three in a row as far as wins go. How close do you think you are where you want to be, the type of team week in and week out, especially on offense?

JAYLEN WADDLE: I think we're headed in the right direction. We've got big games coming up ending the year, so it's important that we start playing our best ball heading into this last stretch of the season.

Q. Have you been seeking anything in terms of confidence, swagger? In the past you've played with so much confidence and so much swagger. Did you feel like you recaptured anything today?

JAYLEN WADDLE: No, man, I have the utmost confidence in myself to go out there week in and week out

and play to the best of my ability. Never confidence, always got swag for real, for real.

Q. Tua said he's excited to go up to Green Bay and kill some narratives. This team in cold weather hasn't had the most success. Do you feel the same way?

JAYLEN WADDLE: Yeah, man. Cold weather game. It's going to be real football weather. They're bringing their best. We're bringing our best. Thursday night football, man, that's what it's all about.

Q. Do you feel Jonnu Smith having the success he's having starts to open things up for you and maybe now Tyreek Hill, too?

JAYLEN WADDLE: Yeah, man, Jonnu has been balling. He's been tremendous for us in the run game, the pass game. Having the defense worry about him might take someone off of Ree, might take someone off me, opening up in the run game. It's great having all these playmakers on the team and on the field, man.

Q. How are you celebrating your birthday?

JAYLEN WADDLE: I don't know, man. My mom didn't even make it down, sadly, so I'll probably just watch some Monday Night Football and go to Runzo's house or something.

Q. How do you think this stretch of games for Tua since he returned from injury, how does it compare to some of his best stretches as a professional in your opinion?

JAYLEN WADDLE: Yeah, man, Tua has been playing great ball. It's really just him, for real. I can't even explain it. He comes to work every day, and he just brings that swag, that confidence, and when he goes out there and plays like that, man, it's just fun.

Q. Take us through that touchdown you scored and the feeling of pretty much capping off the day for you by getting into the end zone.

JAYLEN WADDLE: Yeah, RPO, really. Tua kind of did a no-look that kind of messed me up a little bit, but yeah, man, just had determination. Wes has been telling me about getting in the box all week, previous weeks, and just had to fight to get in there for real.

Q. Did you see Stephen Ross did the Waddle again?

JAYLEN WADDLE: I did not. Ross be hitting it, though. He be hitting it.

Q. Were you waiting for a huge moment or what's going on with the Waddle --

JAYLEN WADDLE: I don't know, man. It was getting like out of hand. When I go out in public, people be telling me to do it, so it's just like, ugh.

Q. What do you mean Tua threw you off? Was he looking over there?

JAYLEN WADDLE: Yeah, he was looking probably safety off, create space for me, allowing me to get past him, and I was making some YAC.

Q. Are you saying you're retiring the Waddle?

JAYLEN WADDLE: I don't know if retiring. I don't know. I don't know if it's retiring. It needs a break for a little minute.

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