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Q. You talked about hopefully getting some more turnovers after getting a couple weeks off. Was this the game plan right now?

KEVIN BYARD: Man, we had so much fun out there today. I mean, would I have liked to join the interception party? Absolutely, but I talk about it all the time, man, and if I get one pick, no picks, man, four interceptions, I don't know how many sacks we had, but I think the stat I'm most proud about is obviously we had the shut-out, but seven yards rushing.

I think seeing some quotes and stuff earlier in the week about Urban Meyer saying they feel like they was able to run the ball, so felt pretty good going into the game.

Seven yards rushing, man. So we went out there and handled our business, man, handled the keys that knew we was going to have to win, which was stopping the run.

Q. You mentioned having the confidence and the pressure. Looks like that's what you did today. How well do you think you guys today?

KEVIN BYARD: Well, it was really good, because I think earlier in the game we really started hitting Trevor Lawrence, got some good pressure. I think we had two sacks on the first drive.

So like I said, just really proud of the guys, proud of the effort. And also proud when I obviously came out of the game late in the fourth quarter, guys were still flying around making plays.

So like I said, just an exciting win. It's going to be a really good time watching film tomorrow. Obviously we're going to have some stuff to correct, but whenever you can get a shut-out, man, it's great.

Q. You also talked about how the speed seems to

really be present out there and kind of heading into the bye was kind of flying around you guys. Out there today did you notice today guys were kind of swarming around the ball?

KEVIN BYARD: Absolutely. I really felt like guys were flying around. And like I said, anytime you can get a shutout, you stop the run, I think we were really good tackling out there today.

They hit a couple -- they had one big play, one big pass play, but other than that, man, I think we did a really good job. The communication was great. Like I said, just proud of my team, proud of the effort that we went out there and played with today.

Q. In the past, collectively you've made mistakes that let things get away. What's it like when you can kind of let the other team implode? (Indiscernible.)

KEVIN BYARD: Yeah, in a game like this, I just felt like even talking to the guys pregame, we've just got to go out there and handle our business. At the end of the day we know what kind of team we are, and I felt like the last two losses that we had we kind of got away from that a little bit.

But, like you said, we're stopping the run, going out there, not giving up big plays. We gave up a couple. They had a little cheap one at the end of the half.

Like I said, guys were just flying around, doing what we needed to do. It wasn't necessarily about Jacksonville Jaguars and their team. It was more about us doing what we need to do and playing to our strengths and who we are.

Q. There's something to be said, too, for letting them make their mistakes while you played --

KEVIN BYARD: Yeah, that's the type of team we want to be. I mean, I know you guys heard Vrabel talk about it before. We want to be the good team, the great team that takes advantage of other teams' poor football, so I think we did that today.

Q. At what point did you guys think, Hey, we can shut them out?



KEVIN BYARD: Probably going into halftime honestly. That's something that we talked about leaving out of halftime, Hey, let's go get a goose egg. We talked about coming out there, dominating, flying around, getting to the ball, getting turnovers. And like you said, it's just an exciting thing. I know we had a turnover 2018 in New York, but to get a shutout at home I think since like 2000, so that's a pretty impressive stat right there.

Q. Did you guys know that late in the game as you were cheering on the guys?

KEVIN BYARD: Vrabel told us at the end of the game, but honestly on the sideline, we were just preaching, shut-out, shut-out. Every time we had to go back out on the field, if we had a turnover or whatever, let's go out here and keep playing so we can get a shut-out. That was the main motivation the second half.

Q. They were able to run pretty much at will in that last game. What was the lessons learned and what motivation did that serve?

KEVIN BYARD: Yeah, we just knew that wasn't us. I mean, giving up 190 yards -- I think that's what it was, 190 yards rushing. We knew they were going to be confident going into this game because they ran the ball so well.

Like I said, I think the most impressive stat in this game other than the shut-out was seven yards rushing. I might have to check that stat. I don't remember the last time we gave up seven yards rushing. I think somebody said it was like back in the 60, but that's like the Oilers. I'm talking the modern day Titans. So it's pretty impressive honestly.

Q. In this league you see over and over again teams get back in it late. Just look back to Thursday night. How important, how impressive that you guys were able to finish this one the way you started?

KEVIN BYARD: That was the most impressive thing, and like I said, the motivation was to go out there and keep being us, keep flying around, but we really wanted to get a shut-out today. Like I said, going into halftime we talked about the shut-out. Still flying around in the second half, so every time we're coming to the sideline we're like, let's get this shut-out. Let's make sure we preserve this shut-out.

I think guys really understood, and we just kept flying around, man, and making plays.

Guys were trying to punch the ball out. We didn't get one. I think we almost had one coming out of halftime. They didn't give it to us, but guys just doing what we were coached to do, man. I think we just have to keep it going

and keep stacking these wins.

Q. The two performances you guys turned in right before the bye week (indiscernible) what changed? Why was today more like the Titans?

KEVIN BYARD: I mean, it could be a lot of different reasons. Obviously I think coming out of the bye week, guys was able to get away. Kind of came in refreshed, reenergized. Guys just wanted to have fun today, and that was the main thing. Go out there, have fun. Let's not worry about all the talk that's been going on throughout the week with this team, that team. Let's worry about us, let's go out here and play our brand of football, and I think we did that today.

Q. (Indiscernible.)

KEVIN BYARD: He did a cartwheel? I didn't see it. Somebody got to send me the video. I'm pretty sure when I get out of here and get on Twitter I'll see it, but that's impressive. I definitely didn't know he could do a cartwheel, but I definitely want to see it. I want to see his technique on there.

Q. (Indiscernible.) There was a play that Jack had two receivers turned right, Buster and Molden were covering that. They kind of -- what was your take on that?

KEVIN BYARD: I was laughing, honestly. It was just, you know, end of the game when guys run into each other, you know, I don't want to speak too much on it, but I was talking some trash a little bit to him.

But it's kind of one of those things, you know what I'm saying? I don't know. Tough for them boys over there.

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