

# **PATRIOTS HEAD COACH BILL BELICHICK**

## **POSTGAME VIDEO CONFERENCE**

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BB: Well didn't do anything well enough today to win. So got a lot of work to do and would he just need to get back to work and improve and perform better than this. That's really all there is to it.

**Q. Did you think of challenging the spot earlier in the fourth quarter and James White's two yard run?**

BB: No, not really.

**Q. Did you get a second look at that run?**

BB: I just answered the question.

**Q. How would you evaluate the current status of your offensive line, given the issues with COVID 19 and the injuries in the game, how much of a challenge was it to maintain cohesion in that group and what challenges did it present during the game trying to keep things together as you shuffled things up at halftime?**

BB: Well it was a big challenge. Playing without guys, getting guys hurt, moving around, had some guys that hasn't played together much, hadn't practiced together much. So we need to get on the field, we need to practice, we need to develop some continuity as a team, but especially there.

**Q. How much did the limited amount of fully padded practice time you've had in recent weeks do you feel had on today's game?**

BB: I don't know. You want a percentage? I have no idea.

**Q. Did you feel like your guys were rusty today. In particular Cam, did you think it was going to be difficult to him to get things going given how long he had missed some time?**

BB: Yeah, I think I just answered that right at the beginning. We need more time together, we need to practice together, we need to execute and do everything better. No question about that.

**Q. Would you say anything more specifically just on Cam, having him back, just what you thought of his game today.**

BB: It's the same for everybody on the team. Nobody's practiced, I mean we all need to do more practice, we need to get our execution levels up a lot higher.

**Q. What you're talking about with what's happened in the last two weeks, what do you take from it now then with as difficult a two weeks as you're probably going to have in your coaching career to see what you guys have gone through. What do you take from it now, what do you say to the team and what do you do moving forward here that you learn from this experience?**

BB: We're going to move forward and work harder to be better.

**Q. Considering that Denver went up-and-down the field, you held them to six field goals and only six points in the second half. Defense gave you a pretty good chance to win this football game from behind.**

BB: Yeah, we need to do a better job in all areas of the game. We need to play better on offense, defense and special teams and coach better and we just, we need to be better on everything.

**Q. On a couple of those sacks where Cam was sacked looked like he was holding on to the football for a fair amount of time there. Is that Cam not being able to find open receivers or is there nobody open for him to throw to? Can you see that when you look back at the pictures?**

BB: Yeah, we'll look at everything on the film. We feel there was a lot going on out there, I couldn't analyze all of it. But we need to do everything better, I think I said that three or four times so I'll just say it again, we need to do everything better.

**Q. What assessment did you have from your defense in the red zone today holding the Broncos to no touchdowns and keeping you guys into the game late?**

BB: What was the question again?



**Q. What was your assessment of your defense and the way they held strong in the red zone and kept the Broncos from scoring a touchdown and keeping the score close enough that you could have a chance for a comeback late?**

BB: As I think I already mentioned here, I think we need to do everything better, offense, defense, special teams. There were some decent things out there today, but we let them into the red area too many times defensively, gave up too many long plays and let them get into field goal range, it's always good to keep them out of the end zone, that's definitely the goal, but they scored more points than we did, so we need to play better defense and give up fewer and try to score more.

**Q. Why was going for two points after that touchdown the right call for you guys at that time?**

BB: We thought it was the best thing to do at that point.

**Q. You made it clear you want more practice time, obviously, that's the goal. You've said before it's hour by hour. Any idea yet what you'll be able to do this week, any sense yet what have you can do going forward in terms of getting practice time.**

BB: Hopefully we'll be able to practice this week. We certainly need it. We'll see.

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