

# **PATRIOTS HEAD COACH BILL BELICHICK**

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Cowboys 35, Patriots 29

BB: It was a tough one to lose tonight. Yeah, it was a good football team. Give Dallas credit. They're a good team. They're well-coached. I know we just came up a little bit short. Thought that we went toe to toe with them for 60 minutes and we just couldn't -- they just made a few more plays than we did, so give them credit for that. We'll move on.

**Q. If you could describe a little bit of those emotional swings from max, the 75-yard touchdown pass. What was that like to be in those final few minutes?**

BB: I don't know, it's like the final few minutes of any close game. Try to make good decisions, try to help your team win.

**Q. The Cowboys ran 82 plays on offense tonight through overtime. How physically taxing against an offense like Dallas is it to defend that many plays and then go into overtime for a defense to go through?**

BB: Yeah, I don't know. They're a good team, and that's what you've got to do. Got to stop them.

**Q. I know you're not much for moral victories. What do you say to the guys after a tough loss like that?**

BB: Yeah, like we do -- every week is the same. Play the game, correct the mistakes, turn the page and move on.

**Q. I think 0-4 for the first time since 1993, not winning at home, how tough is that for you guys?**

BB: I just answered that question.

**Q. All year long your defense has been touted at your strength. What did the Cowboys do exactly to put up the most points they've let all season?**

BB: Yeah, well, they got six of them in overtime, so they're a good offense. They're one of the top two offenses in the league.

**Q. What did Rhamondre Stevenson show you the last**

**couple weeks to have him be a little bit more involved in the offense?**

BB: Yeah, all the backs are involved. We had three backs today and they were all involved.

**Q. How much of a difference was Dak Prescott in this game, just his ability to kind of stretch plays out?**

BB: Yeah, he did a good job. There was a lot of times where I thought we had him covered pretty well, but he was able to extend some plays and made some great throws. They have very good skill players.

**Q. What went into the decision before the half to nail the clock out there?**

BB: Because we were getting the ball the start of the second half.

**Q. What did you think of the pass rush tonight as a whole?**

BB: You know, there's always room for improvement. Again, the quarterback was a hard guy to get. In the end -- they have a good passing game, and they were probably a little better than we were today.

**Q. What did you see break down on that blocked punt in the first half?**

BB: We missed an assignment.

**Q. On that final play in overtime, what did you see? How did CeeDee Lamb end it there?**

BB: Yeah, I mean, I was kind of on the other side of the field, so I'll wait until I see it on film. We covered a flat receiver and then he just on the over route with another extended play. Obviously didn't play it well enough, didn't coach it well enough.

**Q. How did momentum switch for the Cowboys following that Randy Gregory strip sack? Seemed like your group was moving the ball pretty efficiently up until that point.**

BB: How did what?



**Q. Following the strip sack, the offense punted the next five straight series. How did that play, and did that play -- impact the play calling?**

BB: I don't know, there was a lot of other plays in there. I don't think that play affected the other plays. Shouldn't have.

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