

# **PATRIOTS HEAD COACH BILL BELICHICK**

## **POSTGAME VIDEO CONFERENCE**

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Saints - 34, Patriots - 0

**Q. Coach, with so many things going wrong, where do you start? Where do you prioritize facing the problems?**

BILL BELICHICK: Obviously it was a poor performance today. So just plain and simply, we've got to find a way to play and coach better than that.

So let's go, start all over and get back on a better track than we're on right now. Slow start. And just couldn't ever really get the game under control.

**Q. What went into the decision to sit down Mac there in the later stage of the game?**

BILL BELICHICK: It was (indiscernible) at the end of third quarter.

**Q. Is he still your quarterback going forward?**

BILL BELICHICK: Yeah, there was a lot of problems. It certainly wasn't all of them.

**Q. When so many things go wrong, where do you start? Where do you prioritize fixing the problems?**

BILL BELICHICK: It's what I just said. Start over again.

**Q. There was a fourth-and-3 situation where you punted. I think you were on the Saints 40-yard line. Was there any thought of going for it in that situation?**

BILL BELICHICK: Until we're better at third and fourth down, I don't think so.

**Q. You mentioned the slow start. What has been contributing to those for you guys over the course of the season here?**

BILL BELICHICK: Turnovers, turnovers and touchdowns.

**Q. How can you remedy it?**

BILL BELICHICK: Can't keep doing it.

**Q. How concerned are you that your message isn't getting through to the players?**

BILL BELICHICK: We'll keep working on it.

**Q. How strongly do you have to consider changes personnel-wise?**

BILL BELICHICK: We'll do what we think is best.

**Q. How concerned are you about players losing confidence after the last two weeks? And what as a coach can you do to help them in that situation or that area?**

BILL BELICHICK: Play the best players we can. Coach the best we can. We need to do better than that.

**Q. Is there any new message to the team after these two losses?**

BILL BELICHICK: Yeah, we'll deal with that this week.

**Q. We've seen Chad Ryland hit only 50 percent of the kicks. Is there any pattern with some of the misses that he's had?**

BILL BELICHICK: We all need to do a better job. It's everybody -- offense, defense, special teams, players, coaches. We've just got to do a better job than we're doing, includes everybody.

**Q. The team has obviously had good practices. You've talked about messaging, working with the guys. What's the disconnect between the messaging and preparation and execution at this point?**

BILL BELICHICK: Got to play and coach better on Sunday. It's obvious.

**Q. You said you guys need to start over. Have you ever had to do that before five games into the season, just for reference? Is it something new?**

BILL BELICHICK: Yeah, I've done it before.

**Q. What does that entail, starting over?**

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BILL BELICHICK: Starting over.

**Q. How would you describe your satisfaction level with the team's effort?**

BILL BELICHICK: I said we've got to do a better job all across the board. It's not good enough.

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