

NFL International Series

Jaguars vs Dolphins

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Jacksonville Jaguars

Coach Urban Meyer

Postgame Press Conference

Jaguars 23, Dolphins 20

URBAN MEYER: I want to start off by thanking -- this is my first trip to London. I want to thank The Grove, where we stayed. Our players advised me starting back in February how to organize this trip and that the hospitality, the environment, the setting, our players love to do this. They made it clear to me they love coming over here, and then to get a win like this. I want to make sure on behalf of the Jaguars, our football team and coaching staff, thank you for the hospitality.

Q. Welcome to London; how does it feel to win?

URBAN MEYER: Well, we needed a win. Someone asked me last week if we were desperate for a win, and we are desperate for a win, and we came close a few times.

There was a lot of things to fix, but you saw a young quarterback make a big-time play at the biggest time of the game, and then a young kicker that we just signed a couple weeks ago pop two 50-plus yarders, so it was a great win.

Q. Did you enjoy the game, and can a head coach ever really enjoy a game?

URBAN MEYER: No, can't stand it. No, I'm just kidding.

I do. The actual game part you do enjoy. Obviously it's a three-hour root canal.

But Miami has a good team. They've been in some of the same struggles with injuries that we've been having, but I enjoyed -- I really enjoyed that locker room after the game. I think I enjoyed that more than the actual game.

Q. What were your conversations with Trevor post-game?

URBAN MEYER: Yeah, he came over, and I said, Come here, quarterback, let's watch this young kicker try to drill a 53-yarder, and he said, Coach, we're going to win this regardless. I get to coach a guy like that. That's kind of



cool.

Q. Were you surprised they went for it on 4th down?

URBAN MEYER: No, it was close. I've gone for it three times now on 4th down, and in the NFL, man, it's tough to get first downs. But our defense penetrated and made a big stop there.

Q. Where does the team go from here to improve?

URBAN MEYER: Well, we have a bye week next week and we've got to get -- we were down three offensive linemen during the course of that game. Three. Whenever you have depth, which we do have some depth in the offensive line -- Will Richardson did a nice job, went in there and protected our quarterback. We get Myles Jack back next week, one of our captains. We've just got to get this team full. Tyson Campbell, our corner -- we were beat up a little bit. We've just got to get our guys back.

Q. On the 4th down that you ran at the end, was that designed before the time-out or did you use the time that Miami gave you with the time-out to change the plan?

URBAN MEYER: Yeah, we changed plan. We were going to do a Hail Mary or one of the Big Ben plays just a jump ball in the end zone, and I kept staring at the clock, and we practice this every week, and it's called slider. It's where you get the ball, and we usually say six seconds, five seconds, and we told our quarterback and Laviska, and I had the official right there and I said, as soon as he catches and goes down, time-out. He caught it, time-out, and there was still that one second left. We practice that quite a bit.

Q. You had a lot of 4th down plays to kind of discuss. 4th and 2, this time you guys decide to go for it, don't do the field goal, you run James Robinson. Thought process going into that one instead of taking points? Have you noticed a difference between college and NFL when it comes to 4th-and-short plays when you have an opportunity to grab three?

URBAN MEYER: Yeah, it's not like we don't discuss it. Our line coach and our coordinator, we felt like that was the right call, and that's -- obviously we're not real productive on those 4th-and-shorts. We've had two in the red zone, as well. A bye week we're going to just

keep working at it. I've always been of the philosophy you can't get that far -- I don't believe it was 4th and 2. It was a little bit less than that. But once again, like you said, this is the National Football League, and every inch is hard to get.

Q. You've enjoyed some fantastic crowds in college football; what were the fans like in the UK?

URBAN MEYER: The fans? Oh, they were tremendous. I couldn't exactly understand who they were cheering for at times because I saw -- like I see here, all the different uniforms. But I'll never forget this the rest of my life. And thank you to the people, the fans and the setting and our hosts at The Grove.

Q. You said on Friday you had a decision to make around the kicking game. You've made that decision. How do you feel about that right now?

URBAN MEYER: I feel great for him. Like I said, I don't think anybody on our team ever heard him speak until about 10 minutes ago. I had to tell him to raise his voice. He's a little guy. How cool. How cool is that for him.

Q. Did you have a quick word with him before he came out for that last kick?

URBAN MEYER: Last thing he needs to see is me before he's making that kick.

Thank you very much.

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