

# NFL International Series

## Jaguars vs Bills

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### Buffalo Bills

### Sean McDermott

#### Postgame Press Conference



Jaguars 25, Bills 20

SEAN McDERMOTT: All right. Credit to the Jacksonville Jaguars. They came out and made the plays they needed to make. Obviously we came up on the short end here.

Injury update for you, Matt Milan know, it's a knee, lower leg injury. I know it's not looking good right now but I don't know any details beyond that at this point. And then DaQuan Jones, pec injury and also not looking good at this point. But I'll know more in a little bit here.

**Q. Must have been good to see Von Miller take the field back and how much positive energy does that bring to the locker room and what he is on the field with the team?**

SEAN McDERMOTT: Yeah, it's been a long road back for Von. He's worked his tail off to get back here. Good to have him back out there with us.

**Q. What didn't work for you today?**

SEAN McDERMOTT: Well, I mean, I think when you look at it, you've got to start the game faster, No. 1. You know, I think we started three-and-out, three-and-out, four-and-out maybe, four punts in a row, I believe. So we have to get started faster.

Just the overall, you know, getting the ball back to the offense. Offense sustaining a drive, right. Penalties. Too many times shooting ourselves in the foot where we are about to get off the field or we are starting to get into a rhythm offensively and then we have a penalty or negative play that sets us back. All in all, not good enough.

**Q. I know that you're -- next man up. When you lose Matt, what does that do in-game in particular?**

SEAN McDERMOTT: It was a setback for us. We were confident in Dorian who went out there, and then T-Dod

was out there as well, so I applaud those guys, T-Dod and Dorian going out there, not getting a lot of reps during the week but going out during the game and having to perform.

**Q. Matt covers so much ground and does so much, what's the dynamic that you lose when he comes out?**

SEAN McDERMOTT: Yeah, the rapport that he has with everybody else out there, TB and the back seven together, they have got a rapport that they have built up over the years, and in particular this season so far. So you lose that a little bit. But like I said before, we are confident in those other guys.

**Q. A lot of injuries, but that third down really hurt you on offense, and certainly on defense, you couldn't come up with plays --**

SEAN McDERMOTT: Yeah, the rushing covers have to work together and it wasn't good enough today.

**Q. Late in the game, looked like you turn to Ja'Marcus Ingram. Was there an injury or were you trying to mix something up?**

SEAN McDERMOTT: No injury. More situationally. I wanted to get another player in there.

**Q. What was the thought of having Micah lined up?**

SEAN McDERMOTT: Yeah, that was a zero blitz. Knowing we wanted to force to get the ball out based on the options that they had at their disposal at third and median there, and the quarterback made a good play.

**Q. Do you have a message for the fans that came out?**

SEAN McDERMOTT: Super appreciative of the fans that came out. I know it's not the result we wanted but Bills Mafia was obviously very present and made themselves heard today and I appreciate that.

**Q. Josh mentioned tempo and urgency, a lack of both early in the game and finally got in a groove. Are you second guessing the decision to fly over**



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**when you did? Were they sluggish, and was that part of the issue?**

SEAN McDERMOTT: We'll see whatever comes up down the road in terms of us coming back here but we need to evaluate everything because I didn't feel like our energy was good enough early in the game. They had better energy than we did.

**Q. How important has the lack of rhythm been for his performance --**

SEAN McDERMOTT: Give me that again, please.

**Q. Kaiir Elam, the cornerback, has been inactive prior to today. How important has the lack of rhythm been to his performance?**

SEAN McDERMOTT: No. You're playing, you're expected to play and perform well, regardless of whether you've played or been active or inactive the week before, and guys have done that over the years.

**Q. Big game against New York next Monday night. How will the game plan change?**

SEAN McDERMOTT: Yeah, we are going to fly back tonight, watch the film on the way home and learn from this. You know, we've got to get ourselves back to where we need to be. Fundamentally we've got to get ourselves back, let's just talk about throwing and catching, tackling, right. Those are the things that are at the forefront of some of the reasons why we got the result we did today.

So we have to go back and make sure we are emphasizing that and along with getting us in sync on both sides of the ball quicker and playing better complementary football all three phases.

**Q. What does it say about AJ --**

SEAN McDERMOTT: Yeah, he showed up. We were getting low on numbers there, the D-Line, we only had so many players down the stretch there but I noticed AJ, I thought he performed well and gave great effort.

**Q. (No mic).**

SEAN McDERMOTT: I think he's playing confident football. I think he's mentioned that before. His confidence is at a different level this year and that's showing.

**Q. With the result, goes under the radar a little bit that Von Miller comes back. How nice to have him back in the lineup?**

SEAN McDERMOTT: Yeah, Von was on a pitch count

today so we didn't have him through the second half like we would hope down the road here but it was great to have him back on the field. You know, you could just see him out there and his impact on the game.

**Q. Would you like to come back here? Do you welcome playing here?**

SEAN McDERMOTT: Yeah, we would. Absolutely we would. We enjoyed just the opportunity to be over here. It's an honor to be selected to play here, and certainly appreciative of our hosts here in London.

**Q. Rushing for 29 yards -- could you see Jackson --**

SEAN McDERMOTT: Yeah, you know, at the end of the day, we've got to be able to win the best of my memory a little bit more. I think we had 29 yards rushing. That's not going to be good enough to win most times in the NFL.

Thank you.

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