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Miami Dolphins

Bradley Chubb

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Chiefs 21, Dolphins 14

Q. Bradley, the first drive of the game obviously Kansas City didn't have much trouble scoring. What was the explanation from you guys on defense for what happened on that opening drive?

BRADLEY CHUBB: I don't know exactly what it was. I know for sure on the touchdown, though, I can be a little bit more aggressive playing the screen and get there quicker to try to tackle the man. But throughout the drive -- that's a great team. You're going to get their best shot to open up the game.

It's more about the adjustments we made as a defense, as a unit, just to limit the rest of that for the rest of the game. But opening drives, man, it's a boxing match. You're going to get hit, you're going to take a couple hits, but at the end of the day you've got to keep fighting, and I feel like we did that as a team.

We can look at the first drive when we get back to Miami and figure out what it was, but right now we've just got to take this one and learn from it.

I know we're going to do that when we get to Miami and watch the film and do whatever we need to do to get back on our process. But it's hard to say what was the determining factor on that first drive.

Q. Christian said he's not worried about any narratives about coming up short against these elite opponents. (Indiscernible).

BRADLEY CHUBB: Yeah, it's frustrating for sure because you want to win these big games. It's not like, oh, we're playing these guys this week, let's go out there and lose. We play our hearts out until the whistle ends, and you see it in this team. We've got fight; we've got everything that you possibly need from a championship-caliber team.

It's just about honing in on those little details when it



really matters and finding ways to win these games. We've been in every single one of them, but at the end we just find a way to not execute our standard, and I feel like if we execute our standard for 60 minutes, it's going to be hard to beat us.

We've just got to keep finding ways to, like I said, stay in these games and make it close, and making it close is not good enough for us anymore, so we've just got to find ways to win.

Q. From a defensive standpoint on the last play, is it just even more aggravating, more painful to not even get a real chance at that last -- at the fumble?

BRADLEY CHUBB: That's not how you want the game to end, but at the end of the day there's so many factors going on in this game that you can't control everything. You can only control what you can.

Do we want the play to go off? Yeah, but at the end of the day, we're not going to hold it over Tua's head or the center's head to say you could have did this better. It's just about us learning as a team and coming together and knowing that when we get into that situation how to be better for it the next time.

Q. You've been making big sacks and forcing turnovers in recent weeks. What was the key to that play today?

BRADLEY CHUBB: Just kind of reading my guys. I was getting off the ball and I saw Zach flew off the ball, so when you've got a guy like that playing next to you, it kind of makes my job easier.

He took the guard's attention, I wrapped around, kind of got him twisted up and just tried to go after the ball, make a play, and it was a good play for us. But got to find ways to make more of those.

Q. How big did the momentum feel at that time?

BRADLEY CHUBB: It felt huge. It felt huge. Tried not to celebrate because we were still down and I still wanted us to as a team gather it all and I felt like we were getting to that point, and we were pushing, pushing, pushing, but at the end of the day, it didn't work out how we wanted it



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The momentum for sure shifted in our favor at that point, but like I said, we've got to find ways to sustain that and come out with a W.

Q. You were able to bottle up Travis Kelce pretty well.

BRADLEY CHUBB: Are you asking did we bottle him up pretty well?

Q. You did.

BRADLEY CHUBB: Oh, I didn't know if it was a question or a statement. Yeah, when you've got guys in the back end like that, it makes our job a lot easier, and we make their job easy. Rushing and coverage always goes together, and we've got some elite guys in that back end.

There were some times where I felt like, oh, boom, the quarterback would have got the ball out by now, but he was still back there patting and patting, so that goes to show that the coverage is elite, and yeah, that's pretty much all of that. Those elite coverage guys, man, we appreciate them.

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