

# Jacksonville Jaguars

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## Head Coach Frank Reich

### Visitors Postgame Press Conference



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FRANK REICH: We'll learn from it. We'll get better and pick ourselves up off the mat. It's early in the season. Obviously, a very poor showing in every way. We've got to learn from it and move on.

**Q. At this point it doesn't seem like it's about talent. Sloppy, listless; why?**

FRANK REICH: It was not a good effort out there today. It was not good. We'll go back and look at the film, evaluate it play-by-play, evaluate the schemes. We'll evaluate the schemes. We'll evaluate everything. We'll evaluate plays, schemes, everything top to bottom.

**Q. Why haven't you guys been able to play like -- it feels like it's unmotivated so far. Do you feel that from the team? Why do you think you haven't been able to get the team to go?**

FRANK REICH: I actually don't feel unmotivated. I certainly respect the fact that that's what it seems like. If you would feel what it feels like during the week, unmotivated is not a word that you would characterize what our week are like, what this last week was like.

Coming off our performance last week, the intensity at practice was at an all-time high, the intensity in meetings. Honestly, it's not about speeches or anything, but the intensity of the meetings last night, the ferocity of the players, all week long wanting to coaches wanting to get back on track. I don't feel it's a lack of motivation. I just feel it's a lack of we got out-coached and we got out-played.

**Q. It's a weird week with Michael Pittman Jr. injury and then not having him. What was the challenge like of sort of adjusting the game plan to not having him, and how do you get this to a point where you can have a good passing game without him?**

FRANK REICH: Obviously, we didn't know we weren't going to have him until later in the week. We thought we were going to have him. Then it just didn't work out. We just made a few small adjustments.

Our passing game, even if we knew earlier in the week, I don't think it would have changed much. It was just a question who are we going to put in what role? I thought Ashton stepped up and made a couple of plays today in Pitt's absence.

An offense in the first half, we were just not productive on first and second down. We got nothing. Every time we just couldn't get a completion, we couldn't run the ball on first or second down. It seemed like in the first half every run was 2 yards.

Usually when we're humming, we're effective on first and second down. We just ended up in a lot of third and longs today. Put a lot of pressure on our O-line.

**Q. Do you need to make changes on the offensive line?**

FRANK REICH: Like I said, we'll evaluate everything, right? Everything gets evaluated, top to bottom. Coaches, players. I get evaluated. Everybody gets evaluated.

**Q. Are you surprised about the performance of that unit? I know clearly your left tackle is what was going to be a little bit in question, but the rest of those guys, less so.**

FRANK REICH: Last week against a good -- we played a really good front last week, and I thought they played good. We had a lot of yards rushing and a lot of yards passing. This week we didn't play well.

So, one of the things I said to the guys in there -- and it doesn't make anybody feel any better, but I think I've been around long enough to know that as pathetic as that was today, where that is and where we need to be, the distance is not that far. It's not that far because we've got the guys, the players, and coaches to do it.

I know that doesn't play in the outside world, and I'm fine with that. We'll take our medicine. I'll take my medicine, and we'll just keep doing what we do.

**Q. So much was supposed to change after last season. You bring in Matt Ryan and bring in Gilmore. Why does it feel the same as it did in January here today in Jacksonville?**

FRANK REICH: We're two games into it. We're 0-1-1. We're two games into it, and we're 0-1-1. It's a long season.

We'll take our medicine for the pathetic performance today, coaches and players. We'll see how things stack up.

**Q. Can you put your finger on any common theme to the slow starts in each of the first two weeks?**

FRANK REICH: No. Again, I'll go back and look at this one. I mean, we talked about what it was last week, so go back and look at this one. On offense, why the lack of production on first and second down? Have to go back and look at it and break it down play-by-play.

**Q. (Inaudible) .**

FRANK REICH: No.

**Q. How would you assess Matt Ryan throughout just these first two games, specifically today? I know the first throw looked like just a bad decision honestly.**

FRANK REICH: There was a little miscommunication, I felt like, on the play. We got the coverage we wanted, and just a little bit of a miscommunication between he and Ashton on the play.

Obviously, that's one that Ashton is not normally in there on that play, but we just didn't make it. We were just a little bit off on the timing of it. We were a little bit off on the timing, and Matt was kind of holding it waiting for him to break, and it didn't quite break when he thought it was going to break, and he had to let it go. Unfortunately, it ended up in an interception.

**Q. Is he all right? I know he wasn't in there for the last drive. He went down kind of --**

FRANK REICH: As far as I know, he is fine. Thanks.

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