

# Baltimore Ravens Media Conference

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## Coach John Harbaugh

### Postgame Press Conference



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JOHN HARBAUGH: At this point, but "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and to not harm you, plans to give you hope in the future. Wait for the Lord and be strong." And that's for me.

What questions do you have?

**Q. After a loss like this, what was your message to the players?**

JOHN HARBAUGH: I was proud of them. I'm proud of the season that they had. I feel like it was a team that had a lot of challenges. I don't think it was a team that was too highly touted coming into the season by the pundits and the prognosticators and all that, and I think they proved a lot of people wrong all year. The quarterback made a statement all year.

So many players. So many players that had so much to prove. I think of a guy like John Simpson just off the top of my head, who had so much to prove and to come in and play the way he did, Jadeveon Clowney, Kyle Van Noy, just two guys that came in late that didn't seem like anybody else wanted, and they came in and played the way they did.

There's so many stories on this team, so many individual stories. The message is eyes straight ahead, your chin up, your chest out, and understand what you did accomplish. I'm proud of them.

**Q. What's your immediate thought as to why the offense wasn't able to put its best foot forward?**

JOHN HARBAUGH: We just weren't able to -- we had a couple opportunities to score down there, didn't get the touchdowns. It was really a defensive struggle if you step back and look at the whole game. They were able to score the points, and we weren't.

**Q. How tough was it obviously to come back from**

**Zay's turnover? I know there were a couple of pivotal moments there --**

JOHN HARBAUGH: We were fighting like crazy to get back in it. I think strategically we moved the ball back down the field. We were fighting to get the ball back at the end with the clock and everything, and they hit the one pass. We were close to getting the ball back at the end, having a chance to score. That's what we were trying to do. You're against the clock there, a lot of different strategic moves to try to get that done, and then they hit the one pass.

**Q. 16 rescue attempts is definitely not what you guys normally do.**

JOHN HARBAUGH: It was that kind of a game I'd say. That's the way it worked out, the way the game went.

**Q. How disappointing were some of the penalties? Seemed like maybe losing composure at a couple of points cost you.**

JOHN HARBAUGH: Yeah, really don't have anything to say about those until I get a better look at them.

**Q. What do you say to Lamar when he's had the season he's had? I know he's not going to like that performance today.**

JOHN HARBAUGH: I told him stand up tall. He's had a great season. His performance today was all heart. He fought. He went out there and gave it everything he had, so I don't think that's anything that I'd be disappointed in.

**Q. What was the message in the locker room afterwards? I know you told them you were proud and all that --**

JOHN HARBAUGH: What was the message --

**Q. Despite what happened in the regular season, what was their reaction afterwards? Did anyone stand up and say anything after you did?**



JOHN HARBAUGH: No. Guys were talking to one another. We said the Lord's prayer. We said that.

**Q. Was Marlon not able to go in the second half? We didn't see him out there after halftime.**

JOHN HARBAUGH: Yeah, it was just the way we went. I'm not sure exactly where he was at physically, but he played as much as he could. I can tell you that. That's how Marlon works.

**Q. Is reaching for the goal line something that you coach or coach to avoid?**

JOHN HARBAUGH: We coach two hands when you reach for the end zone. He had two hands on the ball.

**Q. Is there anything in particular about their defensive plan that you felt like was making it particularly hard on your offense?**

JOHN HARBAUGH: No. They did what they always do. They're very well-coached. They play hard. Spagnuolo, Steve Spagnuolo, Spags is a good coach.

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