

# SAINTS QUARTERBACK JAMEIS WINSTON

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**Q. What was the mindset going into the last drive? You kind of struggled the three preceding drives.**

JW: Finish. That was simple. Just finish and get the win.

**Q. When you're playing across from a defense that's having the type of day y'all did today, does that affect how you approach some of these situations, not putting the defense in a disadvantage position is probably going to be enough?**

JW: Yeah, we just knew that we just had to protect the football. We were going to come out winning this game.

I think we ran the ball really well. I think our defense played really well and we protected the football. That's the formula to win a game in the NFL.

**Q. How often did you hear that message this week from you and just the whole team about that turnover ratio in New England?**

JW: I mean, I think it was our key to victory. We knew we had to come in and do that, and we did that. That's why we won.

**Q. Can you talk us through your decision to throw the TD pass to Marquez even though you were kind of revved up?**

JW: That was all God. I felt zero. I checked it. That was all God. Like, I was trying to throw that ball away. Marquez went up there and snatched it, so... Touchdown, good guys.

**Q. What was the message to you after that throw? Don't do it again but good throw?**

JW: If you are throwing it away, make sure you throw it away. I said, Coach, that's all God. Can't get in the way of God's plan (smiling).

**Q. Did you know it was a free play or were you just going for it?**

JW: No, I did not know it was a free play.

**Q. On the last drive, how clutch was Deonte, especially on the third down play, to keep that drive going?**

JW: He was excellent. He created some separation, got open. It was delivered to him.

**Q. How excited are you to be getting a chance to come back to New Orleans? What have you learned about this team the past three weeks?**

JW: Man, I'm more than excited to be able to prepare to play a team in our home stadium. I think we all excited for that. We excited to get out of Dallas, excited to come home, man. We did it for this city. We knew we needed to get a win.

We knew everybody was going to be coming ready to represent anyway. It would be a better taste in our mouths and in the city for us to come up and get a good win in Foxboro.

**Q. You played in this league awhile now. Can you put into context what it means to come into this stadium with that head coach on the other side? Not a lot of teams come in here and win in this place.**

JW: Yeah, you know, I'm playing for my head coach. Our head coach, he has a lot of accolades as well. Again, we definitely revere Coach Belichick, he's definitely a Hall of Fame coach.

I'm happy we were able to come in as a team, defense dominated, offensive line did their thing, dominated the line of scrimmage, AK had a heck of a day, we made plays in the patting game when we needed to.

Taysom stepped up huge. (Indiscernible) on that last drive. We played Saints football. That's how we're playing right now. We protected the football and got a great win. We're excited, man, to come back home and let other teams feel the wrath of our fans.

**Q. Communication was a big key this week, the protection. Seems like the offensive line, they were**



**able to step up and continue to protect you. How did you feel your communication was better this week and the protection from the offensive line?**

JW: I think we did a better job communicating. Yeah, an incredible job, Landon coming in filling in for James being resilient. We're going to see the details on Terron. We would love to have him back as speedily as possible.

These guys have been resilient. Every week I say I got the best offensive line in the whole league. For two weeks we lose Erik McCoy, Cesar and Calvin come in, they pick up the load. They did an excellent job today. Then we lose Terron today early. James Hurst picks up the load. It just talks a lot about that room, how important it is for those guys to have continuity and be together. I'm just happy those guys were able to persevere today.

**Q. Obviously people know you have the big arm, the ability to go vertical. You said 'Saints football'. Is that now efficiency and physicality up front?**

JW: Saints football has always been efficiency and physicality up front. Those are the only things I knew, so... That's all I know. They win up front and they play tough. That's what we did here.

I think the best thing it's so challenging to win in this league. Any way you do it, you do it to the best of your abilities. Obviously I know I got to get better at the quarterback position, and I'm continuing to do that. But I'm happy we got this win.

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