



REDSKINS INTERIM HEAD COACH BILL CALLAHAN

Opening Statement:

“That’s certainly not the outcome we expected or desired, but you have to give a lot of credit to the Jets on their performance today. We were just not on top of our game in any way, shape or form. We got off to a rough start early in the first quarter and it kind of dovetails into the second quarter. By the half, we were down by three possessions and we dug ourselves a little hole. We had to dig out of it in the second half and we did the best we could but to no avail.”

On what he told the team postgame:

“I just let them know that there’s no give-up in myself. I’m a positive person and I believe in positivity. The only way I know how to dig out of this is by going back to work and fixing the problems that we’ve had, whether they’re related to coverage, protection, decision-making, special teams or penalties. It was uncharacteristic. I was really disappointed in how we performed coming off the bye, where we put so much time and effort into those areas that we had discussed during the week.”

On RB Derrius Guice:

“I think there was a good rotation. I think we had planned between he and [RB] Adrian [Peterson]. Sometimes those rotations work out differently. Sometimes some players get featured better with the selection, others don’t, not that the plays are better for one or the other. We felt that the concept was good for Adrian [Peterson], they defended them well. And some of the plays that [Derrius] Guice had lent itself a little bit more opportunity, so there’s a little bit of a give and take in that one play is better than the other. It could have worked out either way.”

On developing players who will be here in the future:

“I think we continue to emphasize what we’ve been doing. We’ve been consistent with our approach with our players. We have good players in Adrian Peterson and Derrius Guice. We have played younger players like [WR] Terry [McLaurin], [WR] [Kelvin] Harmon who played. We played a little bit of [T] Geron Christian [Sr.] today at left tackle and also [WR] [Steven] Sims [Jr.] out in the slot. We’ve moved some players around. We’ve made some subtle changes along the way and we have pieces a little bit differently this game than we have in the past.”

On if this team looks like a 1-9 type roster that needs improvement:

“I think it's a young team. I think it's a very young team. I think if you look at the nucleus of [QB] Dwayne [Haskins Jr.], [RB Derrius] Guice, [WR] Terry [McLaurin], [WR Steven] Sims [Jr.], a lot of young guys playing tight end are. On the line, that was a strength of ours going into this season. We played around [Geron] Christian [Sr.] a little bit more. Defensively, we’re playing some young guys. I think it’s a roster that continues to grow, continues to mature. My only intention is that it gets more consistent from an execution standpoint. I think that’s where we lie right now. I think that’s where we’ve faltered, just with the simplicity of snap counts, false starts, being smarter, when you know you’re rushing a field goal and you know you’ve done a great job making a stand, keeping them out of the red zone scoring situation and limiting them to a three-point score. I think that would have done a lot to come back from – and not have – a margin to dig out of like we had to in the first half, but it was just way too many mistakes. It was, again, uncharacteristic, not what we expected, not what we had worked on, but you have to give credit to the Jets. They are a good defense and did well today on offense. We blew some coverages. We had some missed assignments in the back end that really hurt us, especially down in the red zone.”

On what he saw on the deep play from QB Dwayne Haskins Jr. to WR Terry McLaurin that was called back because of a penalty:

“I never got a good explanation from the officiating crew. Usually, they’re great about coming over and explaining it and they didn’t have a chance. As the time rolled on, there was a meeting at center field there for a long time and by the time they made their decisions and things were basically administered, they never got back to the sideline. There was a holding one on [G Brandon] Schreff and I believe Schreff took his helmet off to fix it, and they called him for taking off his helmet. I’m not sure about that, but that’s what was conveyed to me on the sideline by our coaches. It hasn’t been confirmed by the officiating crew by any stretch. I think our players got frustrated by that to an extent, as you saw Donald [Penn] was really, really upset. I don’t know the exactness of it, I was trying to find out as much as I could. Probably know more through the penalty report as we file it with the league tomorrow morning.”

On whether he intentionally put some of the younger cornerbacks in to give them reps:

“I don’t think so. I think there were some progressions in their passing game where they got on the perimeter and they high-logged the corner and the backend safety. I know that coverage was tied down tight enough and you get in those areas where you know the corner should deepen and the safety should be over the top – sometimes the corner comes upfield and the safety is deeper and it creates that void in the coverage – and that’s what I noticed. Now, I didn’t have a chance to really talk with [Defensive Coordinator] Greg [Manusky] and discuss it as we will tomorrow when we get a chance to evaluate the film, but those are the things that typically happen in zone coverages on the move when a coverage would break down or [there’s] a movement pass that extends the perimeter and puts pressure on the corner.”

On the starting corners remaining on the field towards the end of the game:

“I believe [Defensive Coordinator] Greg [Manusky] made the change and put some other players in at the time, looked at some different combinations at the corner and the slot.”

On how they incorporated WR Terry McLaurin in the game plan early:

“We were definitely trying to get him the ball and get [QB] Dwayne [Haskins Jr.] into a rhythm and comfortable and take the shots. We wanted to take a few shots each quarter and it didn’t work out the way we were playing. I think going back to [WR] Terry [McLaurin] and your point about his ability to make the big play, whether it’s short, deep, intermediate – he’s everything we talk about, he gets better every game and he’s into it. He’s sound, competitive, highly competitive. He knows when to go for the ball and knows where he’s at – great balance. I think he has tremendous focus and framing of the ball as it’s in flight. He knows how to position his body and also the awareness of the boundary lines as well. His instinctiveness, intuitiveness – deep, short, middle – is really impressive. But the shot that he took on the slant down in the red zone, I mean that’s a tough catch in traffic. You know you’re going to get lit up. He stayed strong, clutched it and took a pretty good hit on the catch, but I have the utmost respect for his play and he will continue to get better in the years to come.”

On whether he would consider any changes to the defensive coaching staff:

“No, not at this juncture.”

On receivers not getting open and winning their matchups:

“I think they win, there’s always other elements to coverage that you’re facing, decisions you’re facing. Not only that but we opened it up a little bit more. We got the run phase down to expand the pass. That’s one of the things that we learned in the self-scout this past week, trying to broaden our passing game, attacking more. Unfortunately, it didn’t work out. They’re a good defense. They play tight coverage and you have to beat man coverages or find the zones and be able to work out the squeezes in the zones or the wall often in the zones. At times it worked and sometimes it didn’t, but the most disappointing thing is not coming up with points. We didn’t come up with the three, we didn’t come up with the seven, and that’s frustrating. That’s really, really frustrating. I thought we worked diligently at it and then we were working up at it. We have to

go back and do it again, focus on trying to fix it and address it and not give up on it. I think that's the main thing, that they don't give up. I don't see any quitting in that locker room from our players. We're down, they're hurt, but that's to be expected. We're here to win. You don't win these types of games and you have opportunities to win it, it's a tough scenario. Younger guys are looking to the older guys for leadership, older guys are leading, that's a team tied together. I think that's a vital point when you're in a situation that we're in. I haven't been in this situation very many times, but it happens. I think if you're in the National Football League long enough, you're in there over 25 years, you're going to have great years and you're going to have down years. This is just the ebb and flow of the game and how organizations function.”

On if the team is close:

“I don't think we're close today. I have to be honest with you. I thought in the last few games we played, we were close. We had breakthroughs. We were looking for closers in the second half. We weren't in that scenario today and that was the disappointing aspect of our performance. We didn't come out and really put together the type of game early on to make it competitive and put ourselves in a position late to win or separate or do anything. We've dug ourselves a pretty good hole and we never really recovered from it. There were some flashes of playing by the young players during the course of the second half but not enough to sustain the stamina that's needed to win on a consistent basis. I'm not making excuses, but there are a lot of younger players on the roster that are learning. I think Dwayne's learning. This will be a great learning experience for him and he'll get better from it. We all have those experiences in life where we fail and don't do as well. Then you come out of it learning a little bit more about yourself about, what you can do better and take it to the practice field. Ultimately, changing your game as you move on as a professional.”

On QB Dwayne Haskins Jr.'s rhythm:

“He had rhythm, I thought. It took a little time to get comfortable. I thought we opened the passing game up a little bit more today. We tried to make it more player-friendly for him – we tried to simplify the progressions, the reads that he had in the game. I thought we were both conceived. I didn't think that it was anything that was elaborate or anything that was really too much or that can congest his mind with a lot of thinking. I really felt that the reads were simple, but you have to execute and at times when you have a rush you have issues. Sometimes it's a protection, sometimes it's the receivers not getting there quick enough, fast enough, soon enough to be on time to deliver the ball to, so in those instances there's a holding of the ball. All those things are great learning experiences for him. Unfortunately, it comes in a bad loss and I look at this as a game that was winnable for us. To come out of it in the way that we did was really disappointing.”

On the uncharacteristic mistakes made by the team:

“One of those was in the last four weeks. I think we have improved our penalty play, somewhere in the area of top-five, top-eight in the league. I don't know the exact fact, but it was really a substantial upgrade in our penalty play. We had limited penalties and today we had 11. That to me is uncharacteristic. When you have a load of penalties like we had, it puts you back, pushes the chains for our defense and allows a team to move the ball forward. It hurts and it puts us in a tough position to recover from. Then, the mental errors I felt were uncharacteristic. Six sacks – I don't think we've given up six sacks in a while around here. Just to give those up under really simple pressures – there was nothing really exotic about the pressure package that we were facing, we were prepared for it, we knew where [S Jamal Adams] was coming from, we knew the line, we knew what their stunts were. That was disappointing. I expected more from our players. I think they would tell you the same thing. We could've done better, much better.”



REDSKINS QB DWAYNE HASKINS JR.

On the advice from offensive line:

“Biggest thing with that is trying to figure out the urgency. You have to play the game with some passion. I asked, ‘what do I need to do?’ I got some things that were said to me. I tried to apply it to the game. We made some changes and scored some points at the end.”

On his home debut:

“Life is hard. I’ve got to work harder.”

On what changed after the offensive line’s advice:

“After the conversation, it was just, ‘give me the ball and let me play.’ That’s about it.”

On the second half rhythm:

“Yeah, it was just, ‘give me the ball and let me play.’ Give me plays where I’m comfortable. I could throw the ball on timing and on rhythm, not having to worry about if I got one or not. First one is open and if not, the second, etc. So, that was just the biggest thing with that. We made some changes and we did better.”

On emotion from both he and RB Derrius Guice’s first touchdowns:

“He was probably more excited than me, but I felt really proud of Derrius and everything he’s had to overcome and all of the adversity he’s had in his career. That’s my brother. For him to rely on me, for me to lean on him, and for us to make plays for each other, it meant a lot for me. I know that he really wanted that touchdown, and he’d seen a lot of plays to get there. I gave him the ball, and I hope we can do some more touchdowns like that.”

On throwing to WR Terry McLaurin:

“That first one, regardless of what the coverage was, I was going to Terry. I got some pressure in the pocket. I saw him drift to the left. I put it out there for him to make a play and that’s what he is good at doing. The second play, no matter what the coverage was, Terry is getting the ball. That’s just him making plays and being the beast that he is. I’m glad he is on my team.”

On plays that can help him succeed:

“It’s tough. You have guys who have been in the league a long time. As a young dude with a new voice, you have to earn their trust. You have to earn that ability to ask for what you see out there. As the game went on telling them what I want and what I think would help us make plays. They started listening to me. I have to keep earning that.”

On evaluating his play today:

“It was okay. It wasn’t good enough. We didn’t win.”

On the level of comfort he felt today:

“Going into this game, I felt really comfortable. I felt like I was ready to go. That feeling came from working really hard during the week and preparing as much as I could. Doing all I can to be ready to play. Every week, that’s a new challenge, new team and new defense. Trying to figure out ways to attack them the best way to win a game. That’s something I will continue to work on the rest of my career. Keep applying different techniques and things that can help me out.”

REDSKINS RB DERRIUS GUICE

On scoring his first career touchdown:

“I wasn’t really thinking about it, I was just thinking about trying to catch up and winning. It was a lot of emotions going through my head at the time, but I knew I had to put it all beside because we were losing. So, it’s not about me, it was about the team losing that really stinks, so it kind of took the excitement out of it.”

On the team’s mistakes during the game:

“We shot ourselves [in the foot] a lot. I remember one drive I started, it was first and 26 – you can’t start drives like that, that sets us up for failure. We’ve still got guys that can make plays, we need to make plays, we need to execute. Our mind wasn’t in it today. We’ve got to attack this week, we’ve got to get up on it coming in next week, we’ve got to attack this week for sure, we’ve got to clean up all the mistakes and we’ve got to be ready.”

On his screen pass catch that went for a touchdown:

“When I caught it at first, I wasn’t even facing any blockers – like let me get my head around if I get de-cleated, so when I turned around I had good separation with my guards and my blockers and it was daylight, it was off to the races. Had good down blocking from the receivers down the field, the guards and the pullers – they all set it up for me. I just had to finish it.”

On the team’s overall play:

“It’s just disappointing when we know everything they’re doing and still shoot ourselves in the face with mental and little errors. We knew everything they were doing and they did it just as we planned and we still didn’t stop, we still didn’t execute it, so that’s definitely on us. Like I said, we’ve got to dig into the playbook more, we’ve got to dig into the film more and the next opponent. We’ve got to really grab it. We’ve got to eliminate all the mental errors.”

On what can be improved from this game:

“We’ve got to all stop being selfish, we’ve got to play as a unit, as a team. Too many self-inflicted wounds and that’s hurting us – that hurts us every game. We’ve always had the most penalties out of any other team. We’ve got to cut down on that, that’s just hurting us.”

On QB Dwayne Haskins Jr. taking a leadership role:

“He’s a guy that’s taking on a role and we’re all following. It’s his offense. Like I always tell him, ‘it’s your offense, you’ve got to tell me where to go with protections, tell the line where to go, tell us what routes to run. That’s on you.’ [QB] Dwayne [Haskins Jr.] always has the ability to audible certain plays if he wants to. He has to lead us and we’ve got to all follow. It’s team, it’s a team, it’s a team – we’ve got to play as a team, we’ve got to win as a team and we’ve got to lose as a team. It’s on all of us. We all made mistakes, we all made errors, we’ve got to fix it fast.”

On whether the offense’s success is decided by its young offensive core:

“No because it’s not just about us. We’ve got to have linemen up there that’s going to block for all of us, we’ve got to have all of this. It’s more than just three people.”

REDSKINS S LANDON COLLINS

On the attitude of the locker room:

“Right now, discouraged, kind of down. We had a fighting chance against the Jets, a team that’s trying to do the same thing we’re doing, trying to get a win. From that standpoint, just kind of down because they’re a beatable team and we didn’t come out here with our A-game and put our effort on the field.”

On the defense's ability to create turnovers:

"For the team, it lets everybody know that we come out here – defensively – we still come here to play ball, play hard, try to make plays, try to get off the field, try to get our offense the ball as much as possible."

On whether it's frustrating that turnovers haven't led to points:

"Definitely. When we get turnovers and stuff like that, try to get the ball back for our offense, we expect that. Even three points, seven points, anything that can help us try to get in the range of winning would help."

On keeping the energy level up in a game like this:

"Just keep fighting, honestly. We really do try to stay on top of each other, we call each other out. I mean defensively we call each other out, make sure everybody stays a part of this team. Making sure if you're not going to put your best effort forward, we don't need you on the field and we're going to let it be known."

REDSKINS LB RYAN KERRIGAN

On the impact of the team's mistakes against the Jets:

"Yeah, we're missing tackles, we're leaving guys open. Defensively, those are mistakes you can't overcome. I mean, it's hard enough to win in this league when you're playing well and doing things the right way. When you're making mistakes and beating yourself, you have no chance."

On whether it's harder coming off the bye week to see the team's performance:

"I mean, bye or no bye it's still disappointing. That factor does add a little bit, but when you're allowing 34 it's going to be disappointing no matter what."

On the defense's ability to create turnovers:

"That's one positive, but obviously we didn't take advantage of it as a team and we couldn't do more defensively. Not enough today, obviously."

On whether this season has been particularly tough for him:

"It's obviously been a really tough season, there's no other way around it. I mean, yeah, we were 3-13 in 2013, but right now it's pretty darn tough."

REDSKINS CB QUINTON DUNBAR

On the communication issues defensively:

"It's just getting old. At some point, as a grown man in a professional football league, you've got to get it together. As a group – not just singling anyone out, but everybody as a whole – you've got to get better at communicating and taking pride in wanting to communicate."

On whether he thinks everybody is playing together as a team:

"I feel like it's not a lack of effort and things like that. Like I said, it's just all being on one accord. You can't have two guys doing what they're supposed to do that's playing, then it's this guy the next play. You've just got to be all on the same, one accord."

On any positives he can take from this game:

"No, there's never no positives when you lose. We got our [butts] kicked, so there ain't no positives in that."

On the defense's performance today:

"It ain't about knowing what someone's doing. We just got our [butts] kicked. I mean, they stole how many points on us? That's self-explanatory."



JETS HEAD COACH ADAM GASE

Opening statement:

“The only injury I got is [T] Chuma [Edoga], out with an ankle. Obviously, we will evaluate that and know more tomorrow. So, we can see where that's at.”

On the offense's efficiency:

“We had some better drives this game. Guys did a good job of fighting through some of the penalties that we had. It was probably one of our more productive games.”

On finishing the game strong:

“We had some really well executed plays – just to get three quick ones like that and the quarterback scramble drill. And then the touchdown was a really good read by [QB Sam Darnold], to find [TE] Ryan [Griffin].”

On the ability to run the ball:

“We didn't have the penalties that we've had before where we were second-and-six or less, which helps us run it and if you don't get it, you're third-and-one, third-and-two, third-and-three or you get a first down. So, I think the guys did a good job of staying ahead of the sticks.”

On the future potential of the team:

“I think guys have done a good job of refocusing on Wednesday when they come in and try to get better that week, practicing hard. I've been very impressed with how these guys have stayed consistent as far as practicing goes. We are executing a little bit better. We just gotta keep finding ways to do that and get better each week.”

On the play of QB Sam Darnold:

“I thought it was good. He had the one play that we all want back, I know he does.”

On Darnold throwing outside of the pocket:

“It's what we feel like we can do versus that team. If we could do it every week we would, but not everybody plays everything the same. We were trying to do some things to make sure that we could really, No. 91 [Redskins Linebacker Ryan Kerrigan] does a good job of playing those a lot of times. We were kind of pinning him and trying to get outside of him. A couple times they blitzed us, and it was just the right timing for the play and [TE] Ryan [Griffin] really kind of shut free.”

On the defense and Defensive Coordinator Gregg Williams:

“They had a good plan going in and I know they felt good as far as trying to get to him [Redskins Quarterback Dwyane Haskins]. Just try to put as much pressure on him as possible, keep tight coverage and see if he can make the tough throws.”

On the first drive touchdown:

“It was good. I mean, things didn't go all the way right, but they did a good job of fighting through that – find a way to get into the end zone.”

On if TE Daniel Brown improvised on his 20-yard reception:

“Yeah.”

On if the team was more consistent offensively:

“The last two weeks I’ve felt that way. If we scored every drive, we wouldn’t lose any games. It happens. It’s the NFL. The other team’s going to do some good things and they’ll stop us every once and awhile. As long as we’re consistent, and we can kind of fight through those times where it’s four or five plays and you punt and figure out a way to get some points on the board the next time.”

On S Jamal Adams:

“To me it starts with the energy and attitude – you feel him the whole game on the sideline, on the field. He’s bringing everything he has. He’s just laying it all out there. Some of the plays he’s making, it’s very impressive to watch him play. It’s as consistent as you can get too. He’s making unbelievable plays week after week.”

On how they can continue to win:

“For us, we’re just focusing on just for us to get better. We’re trying to put one drive at a time together. I know it sounds cliché, but our guys are trying to focus on just staying in the moment and not looking ahead, not looking behind, and I think they’ve done a good job the last two weeks. When things haven’t gone right, we just focus on getting those things corrected and working the next drive. You do that and sometimes this happens, sometimes you get a larger victory than three points or seven points. It’s just tough in this league because most games come down to seven points.”

On the contribution TE Ryan Griffin made:

“It’s just one of those games where he kept popping free. We didn’t do anything different than what we’ve done in the past. For whatever reason it was his turn.”

On the 45-yard pass from Darnold to Griffin:

“He had time, he stepped up. Those guys have a good feel of working in practice and those guys kind of do it on their own. It was a good hook up there.”

On the biggest difference for Darnold these last two weeks compared to prior weeks:

“I think, he just to the point, what’s this our seventh game kind of doing it. Probably feeling more comfortable. He knows what he likes, knows what he doesn’t like and he’s not afraid to say it. He’s taking more control of everything, on the field, off the field, in meeting rooms, in film study, in practice. Any time your quarterback gets like that, that’s a good thing for us.”



JETS QB SAM DARNOLD

On secret of the past four opening possessions:

“It was really just Coach [Adam] Gase and the way he game plans. For us, it’s just going out there, executing and staying in rhythm once we get the first down. Making sure we stay in a really good rhythm.”

On his ability to escape the pocket:

“Like I said, I think once our offense is in a really good rhythm. It’s easy for me and a lot of the other guys on offense to make plays.”

On awareness of Redskins defense:

“It was a lot of studying and a lot of good coaching too by our coaching staff. Like I always say every week, it’s me and the other QBs in the QB room getting after the tape and making sure that we really understand what they’re doing. That goes for everyone on the offense, too. We really had a good understanding on what they were doing out there and I think it showed.”

On critical drive before the half:

“It was huge. I mean anytime you can go down there, especially them getting the ball to start the second half. I think whenever you can go down there and score, really anytime in the game, but especially a two-minute drive to try to get momentum for the second half, I think it’s always huge.”

On first touchdown in the game:

“I just scrambled to the left. I was going through my progression, felt a little room on the left, scrambled and he popped wide open.”

On if that was improvised by TE Daniel Brown:

“Yeah. He did a really good job, he wasn’t supposed to be over there or anything but he did a really good job once I broke the pocket to find the open space and get in the end zone.”

On getting through the rough patch over the past few months:

“It was just going back to work, understanding the process and that every week is a new week and understand that every week is a new opportunity.”

On keeping faith:

“I think it’s a really good job by our offense being very resilient. Our defense too, they played a great game today. The way they were able to go out there, especially after my turnover. To be able to go out there and hold them to a field goal. They got the ball as a kickoff return and return fumbled and they did a great job of stopping their offense. Our defense played lights out today and I think that’s a huge reason for the win.”

On building a strong relationship with tight ends:

“They’re so selfless just what they’re able to do every single day in practice. How much work they put in off the field and then what they’re able to do in the run game, even the pass protecting sometimes. But also, out there on some routes. They don’t care who makes the play, but if the play is there to make, they’ll go out there and take advantage of their opportunity. They don’t get enough credit, but they definitely showed up in a big way today.”

On if the team’s success is due to the offense doing more of what he wants:

“Well, I think our whole offense is really getting a feel for the offense. I think just getting in that rhythm and being able to understand exactly what’s going on out there allows us to play a lot faster. Because when plays do break down and I need to get out and scramble, guys feel free to go out there and make a play. We’re just playing with a lot better rhythm, but I think it’s on us to go out there and execute, and I think we’ve been doing that the past couple weeks.”

On his mindset after the interception:

“It was a screen, I was going to dirt it. There was nothing there, and then I felt like something popped free. It was just a really bad play, I was thinking too much on a screen play. It was second-and-way long, so I was just thinking too much.”

On if he empathizes with what QB Dwayne Haskins Jr. is going through:

“I just told him after the game to keep his head up no matter what people say. The doubters, people who are going to say anything bad about you, I said just walk it out man and just continue to go to work and if you go to work every single day, you’ll be alright”

On if Haskins said anything back:

“He just said good game and good luck.”

On how it felt to have fan support on the road:

“It was awesome. It was awesome to have our fans out there like that. It also felt like a home game too, so it was a great atmosphere and credit to our fans for showing up today in a big way.”

On what he took away most from the game: four touchdowns or the interception?

“Towards the end of the game, I was talking more about the interception to the coaches and to the other players, so maybe that. But I think for us as an offense as a whole, it’s just another stepping stone in the right direction. So that’s how we’re going to look at it.”

On what it means for the team to get two wins in a row?

“It’s huge. But, like I said, it’s one game after the other, you know it’s continuing to stack wins but also continue to have the mindset of every single day, you know, tomorrow we’re going to come back to work and have great meetings and get after it. So, I think we just got to continue going back to work every single day and stay with the process.”

JETS RB LE’VEON BELL

On the recent offensive success:

"We've just got to stay on assignments – protecting the football, running the ball efficiently, everybody making a play. [WR Jamison] Crowder and [WR Demaryius Thomas] did a great job of making catches when they needed to. [TE Ryan] Griffin did good on tight ends. So, the guys made plays so that's the biggest thing.”

On how they can continue their winning streak:

"Just continue what we did, have a great practice this week and make sure we stay on the details and not hurt ourselves next week when we play."

On QB Sam Darnold’s play:

"[QB] Sam [Darnold] was comfortable, that's what happens when you protect them. He was really comfortable and made good decisions to play a good game."

On how he felt about the running game:

"Guys are getting on the blocks. I just have to do a better job of falling forward and continue to do my thing."

JETS TE RYAN GRIFFIN

On his chemistry with QB Sam Darnold:

"It's a lot of hard work and practice. When he was sick, it was tough because I was new to the offense and it's a new offense, so it got off to a slow start. But it's coming around and we're getting it down at the right time."

On if playing with him more means he can improvise more:

"Yeah, there's no doubt about it. Especially with [QB] Sam [Darnold], [he has] a lot of talent on the run. You see the way he contorts his body and can use his arm strength to get the ball down the field. It's really remarkable, I just try to stay alive and get open for him."

JETS DL STEVE MCLENDON

On the message in the locker room that is leading to wins:

"First things first, I want to take my hat off to everyone that comes in every week and doing the necessary things to get better. That is the testament of this team that is eager to win. Their mind set is not going to change and, as you know, I'm not going to let their mindset change. This defense holds us to a high standard and all we are doing is the necessary things to get better each week. We come in Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday just putting everything together so we can come out here on Sunday and execute the game plan. Like we always say, just continue to play fast, hard and smart together for sixty minutes and we will come out victorious."

On the lack of NFL experience on the field:

"I just take my hat off to those guys. Everyone had to step their game up. It's an opportunity still to come out here and play. One thing I told them is we are blessed with the gift of life and we have a great gift and we need to live it to the fullest and that's the one life that we have."

On how the offense scoring points helps out the defense:

"The offense is rolling – they're doing the same thing that we're doing. Competition is high and they understand that. At practice, they know the competition is going to be high and we are going to be on them. As you see from game day, they are going to take it from practice to the game – it's not to talk down on the offense, special team or defense. It's just some weeks the offense is going to play harder than the defense and some weeks the defense is going to play harder than the offense. We have to understand we are brothers and we are in this together – don't let your mindset change. That is exactly what we are doing, we are not letting our mindset change and we are going to come in this week and do the same thing and that is get better one day at a time and just handle business. If we do those things, we will be victorious next week as well."

JETS LB JORDAN JENKINS

On QB Dwayne Haskins Jr. looking slow as a rookie:

"We showed him a lot of different looks, showed one thing that looked similar to something we previously ran. Also, sometimes them bye weeks can hurt you – you get too lackadaisical and it is hard to get back in the rhythm of things."

On the Jets 2-0 start in November and what it means:

“We’re just taking it one week at a time and keep getting these wins, and we will look at the wins and losses at the end of the season and let chips fall where they may.”

On the atmosphere in the locker room after two straight wins:

“It feels pretty good seeing everyone happy and us getting the win. It shows that all of the hard work that we put in is worth it, that we are starting to turn the corner and see success. What we can’t do is keep looking back to this week. It is the same 24-hour rule it would be if we would have lost.”

On how it’s been 13 months since the team has won consecutive games:

“It takes maturity and keeping the same approach. We can’t let off of the gas. We have to come in Monday, watch the film and Tuesday forget about last week and work toward next week.”