



**Atlanta Falcons vs. Washington Commanders Postgame Quotes
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Opening Statement:

"Nice win. Nice to get a win heading into the bye. Let's go get healthy and come out ready to go."

On how he thought the offense performed today:

"Obviously, we go out there and try to win every single week. And this week, it seemed to move a little bit better with Zac [Robinson] on the field. The communication seemed brisk. It seemed more comfortable to what we are and what we want to do. I was really pleased with how that worked out today."

On what it does to open things up on offense when RB Bijan Robinson gets going:

"Just find more ways to get him the football. He's an unbelievable football player. I keep saying it, but he keeps going out and proving it. I'm glad he's on our team. I'm glad we did a great job drafting him here and being part of that young man's life what he's able to do for us. I couldn't be more proud of the young man."

On TE Kyle Pitts' impact:

"He's been doing a great job all season. It's nice to see his work from the offseason, his work from the training camp and his work since he's been here come to life. He made some critical plays for us today. Some big-time third-downs, some big-time third-down catches. He's out there giving us everything he's got, and I'm proud of him as well."

On who got game balls today:

"We've given a couple today. Tomorrow, I'll give those things out like breath mints. So, we'll figure that out. But today, we gave out to Josh Woods. Tough week on the young man, personally. To see him bounce back and play for his football team, I was extremely excited for that. We gave it to Michael Penix for all the scrutiny he went through last week, being able to put his head down, go to work and find the open receivers."

On QB Michael Penix Jr.'s ability to bounce back this week:

"I was really encouraged that he would be able to do that. This young man is one of those guys who is the definition of grit, the definition of resilience. We've talked about his calm demeanor since he's been here, and just another opportunity for him to go out there and show it. He had that game last week, and we acknowledged it. We gave you guys what happened, what went wrong, and we came out and fixed it. I was proud of him."

On whether RB Bijan Robinson was running backwards for a first down:

"I've got to see the tape on that one. Did I miss something? I missed it. He got the first down. That's going to show up on tape for me."

On whether there was a moment where he felt like QB Michael Penix Jr. was going to bounce back:

"Monday, when he came to work. I believed in him that day. I believed in him Wednesday when we got to practice. I believed in him Thursday. I believed in him Friday. I believed in him Saturday night, and I believed in him Sunday when he walked into the stadium. This kid is unshakeable. He's going to be with us for a while. He's going to lead us for a while. I couldn't be more proud of him."

On whether a day like today helps his teammates and the organization believe in QB Michael Penix Jr.:

"I don't think he lost any of the teammates. He definitely didn't lose anybody that's part of our brass, so to speak, when we talk about our ownership and talk about our front office, and we talk about our coaches and our players. They love Mike. He's going to win a lot of games for us."

On QB Michael Penix Jr.'s downfield passing attack:

"We were able to exploit some things down the field today. We were able to get open. We were able to throw the ball out there and put it up there and give them a chance at some things. Definitely some trust built over the first couple of weeks, being able to let some of those things go and the timing of the play. These things aren't open a lot in the NFL. Sometimes you have to let it go and let Drake [London] make some plays. He went out and made them today. And so did Mike and the other guys as well. It was fun to watch those guys go."

On whether there was a specific example of where he saw the improved communication with having Offensive Coordinator Zac Robinson down on the field:

"I think it starts right from the beginning. His energy that he brings from the sidelines, from the corrections on the sideline, being able to evaluate those things quickly. We've got great guys in the box that can see things very well, see it fast. He sees it live as well as anybody I've been around, and that's part of his strength. Him being on the field is beneficial to all of us. Being able to have direct communication with myself, with T.J. [Yates], the quarterbacks, all those guys. Being able to feel the flow of the game from the defense and where we're going. Being able to feel the flow of the game from what's happening from the return standpoint and special teams. All of those things come into play and came into play for us today."

On what he likes about QB Michael Penix Jr. tangibly and where he feels like he's progressed mechanically this season:

"I'd be remiss if I sit up here and talk about mechanics for Michael. But I just think Michael, when I watched him play in college, he had all the things that I loved about him, all the unique tool sets. Being able to get the ball out of his hand to be able to find the open receiver, to be able to throw the ball down the field. To be able to go through the process of our football game and do all those things. I've been absolutely enamored by him since I got a chance to draft him."

On seeing WR Drake London have the game he did today:

"It's always great to see Drake play well. When Drake goes out and he plays with that type of physicality and plays with that type of energy, our team is just different across the board. So, being able to see those things and Drake being able to get out there and get some receptions and have some success is absolutely awesome. To stop you guys from writing about receivers not having touchdowns is beautiful."

On what QB Michael Penix Jr. showed last Monday that made him confident in his ability to bounce back:

"When he walked into the meeting room. When he talked to his group. When he came in and talked to his unit. His ability to put his head down and work. There was no moping. There was no finger-pointing. He took it upon himself, and he came out and fixed it."

On whether he has an update on WR Darnell Mooney:

"I don't. I know he went out of the game. We obviously have a bye week, so I'll be able to get you guys some stuff soon."

On the mentality of the locker room and the reaction of the team:

"They're always big. But when you talk about coming off the nasty, disgusting taste we left out there for ourselves [last week], that was our apology to our fans today to be able to go out and get us a win so we can go out and enjoy our bye week and everybody can be happy."

On an update on CB Natrone Brooks:

"I just seen him walking around the locker room with his son. Those are always good signs. I got a chance to hug his son. His son hugged me back, so that was awesome. Brooks was in there. He's in good spirits, so we'll see where he is from a health standpoint and all those things."

QB MICHAEL PENIX JR.

On how it felt to bounce back with a win today:

"It was great. To be able to get this team a win, it was awesome. I feel like just seeing the guys respond -- after that tough loss last week. I feel like what contributed to it was basically the response and the way the guys went about their business each and every day leading up to this game this week. And it showed true maturity and showed what this team is really about."

On Kyle Pitts' performance on Sunday:

"He's been playing very well. He's been doing everything we've been asking him to do and he's been doing it at a high level. Whenever things like that happen, the ball finds you. He's been doing it consistently. And he made a lot of big-time plays today."

On what he did differently today compared to Week 3:

"I wouldn't say I did anything different. The biggest thing is just to continue to believe and trust in myself, in my abilities that God has given me. And that's all I can do at the end of the day and go out there play my heart out for my team to help us win football games. It's not always going to be perfect. I'm not perfect."

But at the end of the day, as long as I go out there and give it all for my team, I know that's enough. Today it was enough. And we won the game today."

On whether he noticed any differences operationally or with communication having Zac Robinson on the field:

"It's just sideline stuff, just hearing things that he's thinking, that he might talk about on the headsets that other coaches are relaying to me. But to be able to hear, to hear him telling me and not coming from the other coaches but hearing it come from him, who actually is calling the play. I feel like that was definitely big-time. And I feel like it was great."

On the energy it gives the offense, seeing Zac Robinson on the field:

"It was good. It gives us confidence. And to be able to come off to the sideline and be able to hear from him exactly what he's seeing and the way that he wants to set up the plays the next drive. It was awesome to have. And I feel like it definitely was a good thing for us today."

On whether there was a moment or play where he felt like everything was going to click today:

"When I woke up. When I woke up. [I'm] just blessed. I always put my faith and trust in God. Obviously, after the performance last week, there's a lot of people that have a lot of things to say. But the only person I listen to is God. I know that he has my back. He's with me through all the ups and downs. At the end of the day, as long as I go out there, be myself, continue to trust in him, I'll be fine."

On what the week was like coming off last week's loss:

"It was great. The guys responded great. The way that everybody went about practice, it was just everybody was flying around and making the big-time plays in practice, so they could come true, come to light in the game. It did today. But it was really good. I feel like there's just a lot of positive energy in the building. Obviously, it's tough to have after a loss like we did last week. To be able to have that and the guys being ready to bounce back and come out and put on a performance like they did today, it was awesome to see."

On his confidence when he puts the ball in Bijan Robinson's hands:

"As long as I do that, I feel like we're in a good spot. It's a lot of confidence there. Obviously, the player he is, the person he is, it shows on the field and it's great to have him on my team."

On whether he had a message to the team this week:

"To be you, be yourself. We all are here for a reason. It's something that D.J. [Williams] told me, just be yourself. Don't go out there and feel like you've got to be Superman and try to do everything. At the end of the day, we're all here for a reason, and we've just got to believe in that and go out and execute and we'll be all good."

On whether he's had a similar game experience to the Week 3 loss to Carolina and how he responded:

"I did. I didn't recover from that good at all. That was a tough year in 2021. Actually, [it was] my last year at Indiana. After that first Iowa game, that was a tough game. I think I had three picks, something like that. But tough, tough loss. I don't even remember who we had the next game -- I don't remember the bounce-back, but I know that season wasn't the best for me, physically, mentally. But I'm here today; I'm blessed to be here today. And at the end of the day, I'm just [going to] keep being myself."

On whether he learned lessons from that game that helped you better handle this bounce back:

"No, I feel like it was two totally different situations. Two totally different areas of my life that I was in. I wouldn't say that had much to do with what happened today. I think what happened today, the bounce-

back that happened today, is just me continuing to believe in myself and my teammates and believing in God that I deserve to be here. And at the end of the day, it is football. Like I said, I'm not perfect. Nobody out here on the field is perfect. We try our best to be. But today we did enough to win."

On whether he feels like he showed people something about himself today:

"It's about us. It's about us in this building. I don't want to sit here and say I showed other people something about me or about this team. But it's all about us. It's not always going to be perfect. Like I said, I feel like I showed myself that I deserve to be here and I belong. And just not doubt, just not doubt the preparation and don't the process and don't doubt God, because everything is for a reason, and I'm blessed to be here, like I said."

WR DRAKE LONDON:

On what a win like this does for the confidence of the group:

"Everything. It can mean the world to a lot of people. It meant the world to me today. Everybody making plays that may not be shown in the public eye, but it's springing Tyler [Allgeier] free, 'KP' [Kyle Pitts] free, Bijan [Robinson], me, pass protection and all that stuff. So, it does wonders."

On QB Michael Penix Jr.'s demeanor during meetings:

"It's just who he is. We all have to grow in this league at some point, and I think that game pushed him a little bit more to grow faster. It's just who he is and he's getting out of his shell more and more. So, it's the best thing to see, and especially from him."

On whether the locker room needed to see this type of performance from QB Michael Penix Jr.:

"No, we've seen that a long time ago."

RB BIJAN ROBINSON

On how much of this was a 'bounce-back' game for the team and the confidence it gives them after last week's loss:

"First off, I've got to give honor to God. For Him to keep us safe, and for just playing for Him and getting this win for Him. It was huge for all of us. He just blessed us to do so many things today. But, to your question, It was huge to bounce back. Last week, getting shut out, that doesn't feel good at all and for us to capitalize off of every single day and not take it ahead, but, just do it one day at a time, and understand we could become a very good offense and we know we're a very good offense, but we have to do the little things right. That's what we did today and it showed all over the field what we can do. But we've got to keep on going. It sucks we have a bye week because I just want to go back to – get into next week already. But it's all good. We've got to capitalize off of this bye week and then come back rolling when we get back."

On what he saw from QB Michael Penix Jr. this week:

"Yeah, he stayed the same. He stayed his mellow self. He didn't get too high, didn't get too low. He did his routine the same way. But he just knew, like everybody around him, came together. We all came together as offense. We all – from the O-Line, to the running backs, to the receivers, we knew we had a goal that we set in mind for this week, not just this week, but every time we get on the football field, and for us to become the best we want to become, we have to be consistent and he knew that he had to be consistent, as did all of us, and that's what he did."

On how important this win was for the offense to show what they can do:

"It's very important. For us, it breeds confidence. But I feel that last week was supposed to happen because it put us in a new mindset. It drove us to a different way. We understood that if we put that stuff on film, it's not good for anybody. It's not good for us as teammates, for the coaches. So, our urgency was very high this week. Now, as me as a leader on offense, I can't let us do anything less than. I've got to make sure that we're always urgent. We have so much urgency in practice and we're not taking plays off. We're finishing, we're doing all the little things, because when we do that kind of stuff, we put out results like this, and we still have so much more in the tank, in my opinion. This is a small sample size, but for us, we know that we can control the game however we want to control it, but we have to do everything one day at a time, one point at a time and we'll be alright."

EDGE JALON WALKER

On the value of going into the bye week with a win:

"It puts us in a great mindset. My goal was to get a team win and go into the bye week and feel confident. Now we get to roll in on Monday night and face the Bills."

On how he feels he has grown through the first four games of his career:

"I feel like there's still a lot of progress to be made. I feel like being able to play and being able to be a part of the game, adjusting to the speed, I feel like it's slowed down a lot. It's putting me on the right path."

On his plans for the bye week:

"I have my own schedule for my bye week. Last year in Georgia, we had two bye weeks, so it was kind of convenient. I'm going to utilize the rest and recovery and just check in with the family. It's going to be a long season. Just be able to connect with the guys."

S XAVIER WATTS

On the impact he felt his interception had on the game:

"I think it's a momentum swing. They were in scoring territory, so just getting that ball, taking the ball away and giving it back to our offense is a good momentum swing."

On how big it is going into the bye week with a win:

"It's big. After last week, we were pretty down about that loss, so just making sure we got a win before we take a break is key."

On how he would assess the team so far:

"Kind of like you said, just making sure we're cleaning up everything. It's not going to be perfect, especially this early on in the season. I'm still learning along the way. Everybody else is still learning along the way, so just making sure we're getting better each week."

ILB KADEN ELLISS

On how much of a bounce-back game this was for the team:

"It was huge. Last week wasn't to our standard. It wasn't what we wanted to put on tape, but it happened, and those moments are gut checks. You've got to look at yourself in the mirror as an individual, as a team, and we did that. We came out here and shoutout to the Commanders, they're a very good team. I know they're a little banged up, but they threw all the punches they had at us and we were able to keep bouncing back, keep putting points on the board, and then get those stops when we need them most and got the win. It was a big bounce-back week."

On the impact of his sack and quarterback pressures today:

"Big time, any time you can get after the quarterback, it just affects the game in huge ways because it alternates the quarterback's mindset. It obviously is a big, big stop on that play, and it puts a little pressure on them moving forward. It's one of the areas, getting after the quarterback, it's one of those areas that a defense can really put the pressure on an offense, make them react to you. So, when you can get those plays, especially early in the game, it helps you out."

On the team playing complementary football on offense and defense:

"It was big time. Obviously, any time your brother's struggling, pick him up and any time he's rolling, let's just help him keep rolling. So, we were able to keep the offense on the field a lot, solid time of possession was highly in our favor. Loved the way they were running the ball, loved the explosive plays they were able to hit, and when we needed to help them out, we did and vice versa. A couple times we let them score, and our offense was right down the field and scored, and it was great."

S JESSIE BATES III

On the impact of this win on the season:

"I thought the first two weeks we did a really good job of showing that we can be a really good team in this league. Last week, we didn't play well, it's a great way to respond to that, for sure."

On the feeling going into the bye week with a big win:

"It's a big win. It was almost like a got-to-have-it type of game before we go into our bye week, and then we've got a big prime time game coming back. So, we need our fans, we need the whole city to come out and support us because we're going to get hot. I know we will."

On his plans for the bye week:

"Not too much, probably go home for a little bit and see our families. After that, it's time to just lock back in and get back to the grind."

G CHRIS LINDSTROM

On what he saw from QB Michael Penix today:

"Awesome. The same guy we see in practice every day. To see him rip those big plays to [WR] Drake [London] and big third downs and [TE] Kyle [Pitts'] big play was awesome."

On his perspective of QB Michael Penix's performance today:

"You're just happy for guys when they have a great performance. Obviously, Mike had that today. Like I said, I think the biggest thing is in the big moments, there were big plays made by guys. So, for us up front, it was just giving them time and then they did a great job executing."

On what he thinks about the offense's performance today:

"It was great. I think it was just a testament to our belief in ourselves and belief in our execution. To be able to go out and do that today was great."

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

HEAD COACH DAN QUINN

Opening Statement:

"I'll explain what I told the team postgame. I said, 'This stinks, and we've got to grow. That is a must.' I thought, really, third down was a huge factor in the game on both sides. Us. Them. We knew third and fourth down was going to be a big piece of it. But I also said that our two road games, we've started slowly, and our two home games, we haven't. We're on the road again this week, and we need to get that handled. First quarter, down 10-0. We've got to make sure we can get that turned around and play it fast and aggressive like we like. That's kind of where we're at."

On the most frustrating part of the defense's play today:

"Probably the third downs. Got to be the lower times that are the longer ones to go. I would say that would be one. There were explosive plays, obviously. That's the other piece of it. I mean, it's a talented team, running team that could get going that way with Bijan [Robinson] especially. The explosive plays, that was a big thing. And then not winning on third down enough. When you get them into that spot, man, you've got to deliver."

On what he thinks are cause of the team's slow starts on the road:

"I don't know yet, but we're going to dig in for sure. The reason being – I don't have it yet, obviously, I'd already hit it – but we just have to make sure we can hit the gas early. I didn't feel that going into preparation or any of that, but the results are what they are. We've got to make sure we can find our edge and make sure that weigh's different and feels different and feels aggressive at the start."

On his thoughts on how QB Marcus Mariota played:

"I know our team's going to battle back. That part I know. We just don't like ourselves being in the hole to go. I thought, as a whole, we ran the ball effectively with Marcus [Mariota] included into that, making the reads, where to go. I thought we missed some opportunities today and some penalties certainly cost us into those. When you're playing a team, you just can't beat yourself on some things. We've got to be able to nail that to go. I thought Marcus was prepared, ready to go, made some plays. Obviously, the score, the two-point play at the end, those are ones that he's exceptional at. I'll go back and check the tape on others, but trading field goals, that's not the answer. That's not Marcus, that's all of us to make sure we can go and get scores. Please, Matt [Gay], hit them, but I want to make sure let's score some touchdowns."

On big plays being a problem defensively this season:

"We're digging on everything, making sure we can eliminate those because that's not when we're at our best – the big plays to live in that space. Give them credit. Some of the ones – whether it be design or what have you – but we'll dig into those hard to make sure matchups, scheme, all of it is in the right spot. Like I said, give them credit, Atlanta, but that's something we need to get our football – all three phases – really aligned like we like."

On what allowed QB Michael Penix Jr. to get into a rhythm today:

"Probably the run game. That allows you to run, play pass into that spot. We'll dig into it and check. Probably made some good throws, honestly, on some, which, obviously, we know he's capable of. It's a talented group that didn't play well last week. I certainly didn't think that was going to be what we would see this week, but I think third down was one that really hurt us and then time of possession gets affected on both sides. We don't convert a lot. They converted more than half and all of a sudden, it switches. I like

[that] the team was bold. I was not surprised that we battled back and gave ourselves a chance to get back into the fight. I just don't want to be in those spaces too often where we're battling back to go into it. I know who they are and how they'll fight for it, but as we're sitting here 2-and-2, after a quarter, we have a lot of our football to get aligned right like we want it to be to be at our best. Mistakes or fouls, those are things that we have to eliminate."

On whether he's alarmed by the number of missed tackles:

"I knew going into this game, especially based on the running back, that, that was going to be a real factor going into the game. I'll go take a look and see where this game specifically looked like and where it was. I'll have a better answer for you on that, I just want to go back and watch it."

On RB Bijan Robinson's 69-yard catch:

"The speed and the play, all of it, it's a tough matchup on that specific play. Like I said, give those credit, where credit's due on play design and opportunities to go hit it. When you're behind, you're feeling like you're behind. I thought for them, with the run game going, they want you to play aggressive and then that's when the play passes and others can hurt you. It was a fantastic effort by Jeremy [Reaves] to give the team another chance to go fight for it, but we've got work to do to clean it up like we want to play in all three phases, not just defensively, the whole way across."

On the positives from the younger players today:

"They've really put the work in. That's what we expect when these moments are there. When the opportunities arise, are they ready to deliver? Luke [McCaffrey] and Jaylin [Lane], their competitiveness, the way they want to go about it. And I thought same thing, [Ben] Sinnott had a penalty but also some excellent blocks with John [Bates] being out. I'll take a look at all of those. I'll try to point them out. Like I said, total team. This one stinks, and we've got to grow from it. That's the message. We'll get better, I'm certain of it. And it starts right away. We've got to practice, we have to do all of that, but I'm certain that we'll play better."

QB MARCUS MARIOTA

On what's going on with the slow starts in road games:

"We've got to kind of look at it ourselves and reflect on it and do better. But for us, just got to be better on third down - stay on the field, help our defense out. It's one of those things when you're three-and-out early, momentum shifts to them, and they took advantage of it."

On if he feels the team had a stronger rhythm in the second half:

"Yeah, a little bit. I think our team really prides ourselves when our back is against the wall. It's a token of how these guys approach it every single day. Time ran out on us, but I thought if we had another shot, it would have brought us right back into the game and maybe won it."

On how he felt being back in Atlanta:

"Yeah, it was good to see a lot of old faces. Definitely wanted to come out with the win. But, at the same time, it's a good organization. A lot of good people there, and it was just fun to be out there again."

On his success with the younger receivers:

"Well, I thought they had a great week of practice. Given the opportunity, I thought those guys really stepped in and made some plays. It's fun to see their growth, even in the course of the last couple of months. The more that they can add value to our offense, the more versatile we can be and the more we can score points."

On whether it was difficult to direct the sideline in the first quarter after Atlanta's hot start:

"No, again, credit to them. They did a good job of just holding possession. When you get a limited amount of possessions, it makes every little mistake that much bigger. Like I said, we weren't great on third down and unfortunately, when you're not able to sustain drives, they can kind of hold the ball, and we weren't able to get out there and score points."

On what he saw on the deep interception he threw:

"We had a tempo play, and I thought we kind of caught them off guard. I just made a bad throw. I mean, 'Jay' [Jaylin] Lane made a great move, got on top of the corner. I just kind of left it too far inside, and they got me to pay."

On whether he's optimistic or pessimistic, being 2-2:

"I think we're always optimistic. Not exactly where we want to be, but at the same time, there's a lot of good things. When you have a lot of good things that you can work on and still improve, I think eventually we'll kind of crack it and be where we want to be. But, we've just got to find ways to get better, and we'll get back to it tomorrow."

CB MIKE SAINRISTIL

On what the team needs to do to get ready for the next game:

"Yeah, I think you've just got to stay focused. We've got to learn from our mistakes. We've got to watch film tonight, the players, and then make our corrections tomorrow. We've got to have a short memory. Like you said, a short week, so probably leaving Thursday or Friday, whatever it is. Another great opportunity next week to go to L.A. They've got a great team over there, a great system. So just, you know, shift the focus."

On whether today was frustrating after a strong performance last week:

"I mean, you never want to go out there and not play good, you know what I mean? But, as far as frustration, like, it's a long season, you know what I mean? So, it's very early. We have a lot of things to clean up. Whether it's a win or loss, there's always room for improvement. I think right now we're just going to focus on improvement and what areas can we improve, how can we be better, how can we keep gelling as a team. That's all that matters."

On whether he was surprised at some of Atlanta's explosive pass plays:

"I think we've just got to get better with our keys, just make sure we're always focused when we're out there communicating at a high level. That's when we're at our best is when we're all back there talking. Other than that, no, I think it's very easy to beat a defense that you know isn't out there focused and communicating the right way."

S JEREMY REAVES

On issues with coverages:

"We have to do our own job when we're asked to do something right. And situationally, we've just got to understand where the weakness of certain coverages are and where they're going to attack it. That's all part of film study and game planning and everything. So, we've got to do our part. That's the biggest part of it, is when we have the opportunity to make those plays, we're making one."

On whether the Falcons showed anything they didn't expect:

"No, I mean they ran their staples right. They did a lot of different things and motions and putting people in different spots. But, they ran their system. They just did it from different personnels. Like I said, credit to them. They did a great job. They made the plays that needed to be made in certain situations, and we didn't. So, you tip your hat to them. You learn from it, watch the tape and get ready for the next week."

On his vantage point of Falcons RB Bijan Robinson's 69-yard run:

"I was in a post. I kind of saw the situation. It was kind of a mess conceptive. Bijan got out fast. It was just a tough play because there's so much traffic in the middle. So, I was kind of trying to play out the quarterback. Just pitch, turn and run. So that's just what I did. Try to give us another opportunity to get off the field."

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On what happened in today's game:

"We just didn't come out and execute. We're going to get back to the drawing board, watch the game and see what we did."

On his initial thoughts after the game:

"We've got to figure out what we're doing wrong and get it right."

On whether he is more optimistic or pessimistic about what the defense has done so far:

"I mean, it's still early. A lot more football to play, a lot more we can get done. So, we'll just leave it at that."