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**POSTGAME QUOTES FROM HOUSTON TEXANS**

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**HEAD COACH BILL O'BRIEN** (Transcribed by Charles Hampton)  
(on how the game went for them) "I thought it was a really good team win. I think Jacksonville is a very improved team and I give our guys a lot of credit. I'm very proud of these guys and the way they fought in the game and the way they fought all year. Give our defense credit there at the end. They stiffened up when they had to. Again, I thought it was a really good team win. Our offense did enough and our special teams—I thought we kicked the ball well today and that was a big part of it."

(on finishing 9-7 after going 2-14 in 2013, winning 4 of the final 5 games, but not making the postseason)  
"Yeah, it is what is though. As the old saying goes, 'You are what your record says you are,' but to be over .500, since 1978, not a lot of teams have done that since they went to a 16-game schedule, so I think these guys have a lot to be proud of. At the end of the day, you can't leave it up to somebody else. You've got to control your own fate. You've got to go back and find out why we lost some of those close games, what we can do better, how we can improve in all areas starting with me. To end on a winning note, I think for these guys and what they did and how they came together this year with the coaching staff, it's good to end on a winning note."

(on being 6-3 over the last nine games and what the key is to winning twice as many games as they lost over that time period) "That's hard to say. Again, I give the guys a lot of credit. There are a couple of things that go into that. I think the 'next man up' philosophy these guys really did a good job with that. If somebody went down with an injury, the guys that stepped in did a nice job. I think these guys really learned our system. I think our systems started to really take place here as far as knowledge and communication over the last half of the year, like you said, 6-3. Again, we want to be in the tournament and we're not there. There is still a lot out there for this football team. We'll talk more about that tomorrow with our team, but I'm very proud of these guys and the effort they put in this year. I'm just glad that we ended on a winning note."

(on WR Andre Johnson's performance, his first 100-yard receiving game of the season) "I thought it was a great day for him. A lot of those catches, it's kind of interesting, were made right in front of me. He's just a strong player, has great physical strength, strong hands, a good route-runner. He's a tough, tough guy. He's played a lot of years in this league and it's really good to see him go out on a winning note today, as far as the end of the season here, and scoring a touchdown. I just can't say enough about Andre."

(on how disappointed he was once he learned Baltimore beat Cleveland and the Texans were eliminated)  
"Like I said, you can't leave it up to other people. You've got to go back and figure out the things this offseason that we can do better. If you're depending on two teams to lose, that's not where you want to be

at the end of the year. You want to be, at the end of the year, where you have basically seeded. We weren't there at this point, but I do think we made a lot of strides. Being 9-7, from where we started in April, I think is a decent start, but again, it's not the ultimate goal. We all know that. Everybody understands that. We don't have to sit here and talk about it. It is what it is, but we ended on a winning note and I thought that was important."

(on QB Case Keenum's future with the Texans) "I don't know. He's done a great job. How about my future with the ballclub? You know what I mean? Mr. McNair may call me tomorrow. I'm day-to-day. We're all day-to-day for the future. I'm wondering about my future with my wife. I haven't seen her in six months. No, I give him a lot of credit. The guy came in here and I think he's a good leader. He's a good guy, a fun guy to coach. He's into it. He's here all the time. He loves football. He's the son of a coach. He played right here in Houston; it means a lot to him. I can't say enough about the job that he did and I can't say enough about the guys around him and the way they rallied around him over the last couple of weeks."

(on QB Case Keenum's future as a NFL quarterback) "I think those mistakes that he made, the one interception was just a poor throw. He was going to the right guy. He just threw it behind. (DeAndre) Hopkins might have scored on the play if it was a better throw. He's got to make a better throw there. He got hit there, hit pretty good from behind and it looked like he fumbled it on a strip-sack, so overall, I thought the guy managed the game well. As to your question, I would tell you that my belief is that when a guy is intelligent and he's a good leader and he's a hard worker and he's a good teammate, then those guys have a chance. Those guys have a chance. This guy, people always talk about his record as a starter and I understand quarterbacks are judged by wins and losses. I get that, but he's 2-0 this year. He's 2-0 as a starting quarterback for the Houston Texans and that says a lot about him and the guys around him."

(on staying with the run even after losing RB Arian Foster to an injury) "I think that goes back to the other question when I said these guys, this year and in this meeting room, they've done a good job of understanding that this is pro football. If a guy goes down, you've got to be ready in a moment's notice. You've got to be prepared and focused and ready to go in. I give Alfred Blue and Jonathan Grimes, he ran the wildcat for us today; I thought he did a nice job. He's been a good special teams player for us all year. Blue has gotten better and better, every rep that he's gotten. It was good to see that and those guys did a good job."

(on the MVP chants for DE J.J. Watt and the year that he's had) "We talk about him every week because you should. The guy is a fantastic football player. He disrupts the play on every play. If you sat down and watched the tape of him and really studied the game, the guy really affects every single play of a game. To me, I look like I'm 60 years old, but I'm only 45 and I haven't been around long enough to say if he's the best of all time and all those things, but I can tell you in my time in the league, I've never seen a defensive player like him that affects the play on every play. On top of that, I think he's a great teammate. He's a great person in the community and his work ethic is second to none and he's a great example to young players."

(on the quarterback situation moving into the future and how he looks at that position in the big picture) "I think, and I'm not trying to cop out, I'm not. We've got to sit down as a coaching staff and we've got to sit down with our scouting staff, with Rick Smith, especially myself and Rick. We've got to decide where we're going. Every year is going to be different. Every team is different. That's the nature of pro football, whether it's free agency, the draft or trades or whatever. I think we did a nice job this year, Rick and I, of coming together on being philosophically aligned and now we have to sit back and we have to review this season and what do we need? Where are we going at every position? Quarterback is definitely included in that. Are we going to draft a quarterback? Are we looking at a quarterback in free agency? Is there a quarterback that we have here now on our roster? Is he the quarterback? These are all discussion that we haven't had yet because we've been concentrating on trying to win games. I think you'll see soon enough what our plan is there."

(on the TV broadcast saying that it was O'Brien's directive to not show other NFL game scores on the boards in the stadium throughout the game) "I asked. I wouldn't say it was my directive. It goes Bob McNair, Cal McNair and then I would say it's Rick Smith and I. Nothing is from my directive. I just asked. I said if it's possible, while our guys are out on the sideline, if we could not post those scores so that we're totally

focused on beating the Jacksonville Jaguars because I thought that was the most important thing. I wanted to be focused on that game, on that play, and not be scoreboard watching. Whether you agree with me or not, that was just my idea and I was glad that they did that.”

**TACKLE DUANE BROWN** (Transcribed by Edgar Veliz)

(on not making the playoffs, despite the victory) “Yeah, we knew coming into the game that it was going to be a long shot. We had to depend on two other teams to help us advance, but we weren’t too concerned with that. That was something we couldn’t control. We could control how we came out; we fought hard, played a great team game. There are a lot of things we can fix and could have done better, but the fight was always there for four quarters. Defense played lights out; we made some plays on offense today when we really needed to put us up. It is tough, it is tough to accept. We always have aspirations of playing in the postseason. Especially when you consider how much talent we have on this team. We feel like we should be there, but we control what we can control. We came out and played hard and got this win. So we are proud of that.”

(on the team’s mindset after learning about the Baltimore victory) “It is tough. No one came in here thinking that we didn’t have a shot. No one came in here thinking that. The energy and the morale around here throughout this week and today was like something I’ve never seen before, just how excited guys were. Not really thinking about how potentially this could be our last game but thinking about winning to advance. It is tough to accept. That’s how it goes. We had an up and down season early on, but we finished strong. I think we have a lot to take away from this season.”

(on the culture of the team) “We are relentless. Every game that we’ve played, the toughness has been there. I think we’ve gotten a lot cleaner in the last half of the year. It is tough, it is tough to learn a new system, a new coaching staff, new players, everyone is trying to gel, it is tough to do that. The first half of the season, you kind of see that, us trying to build towards that. Everyone bought in to the philosophy and the culture coach (Bill) O’Brien was trying to bring here.”

(on the job Bill O’Brien and his staff did this season) “They did a great job. My hat goes off to those guys. They worked so hard, day in and day out with preparing game plans, film study and just trying to get everyone to buy in. It is not easy; a lot of us have been here for a long time. He (O’Brien) did a great job, him and the rest of the staff. It has been a pleasure working with them.”

(on if he was aware of the Baltimore score during the last offensive series) “No, I told myself I wasn’t going to look at the board to see if they were going to give any updates on the Cleveland game. I didn’t even want to have that in my mind. We were just trying to go out there and handle business and it was a great feeling going out there. Defense did a great job on that fourth down of getting us the ball back and that is all we really wanted to worry about. I don’t think any of us was aware of what was going on at the time (Cleveland game). We found out soon after. It is tough to accept, but we did all we could and that is all you can ask for.”

(on his assessment of Andre Johnson’s career and season) “I can’t say enough about Andre. It is just a pleasure (to play with him). It is my seventh year playing here and he is a great leader. He is greatness. He just defines greatness, watching him work day-to-day it just leaves you in awe. You kind of get used to seeing the incredible plays that he makes but you don’t take it for granted. You know it is not anything normal by any means.”

(on if Johnson still has fuel in the tank) “Absolutely. Anybody that talks about him slowing down or him not having it anymore, we laugh at that. We see him work every day. The effort is there, the ability is there and he just comes out and makes plays. This is his last game of the season, we are playing to win, it is a long shot to get into the playoffs and he comes out and has that kind of day. It tells you everything about that guy.”

**INSIDE LINEBACKER BRIAN CUSHING** (Transcribed by Omar Majzoub)

(on if he would have been watching the scoreboard) “I think everyone was interested, but I think the most important thing was taking care of our business because if we didn’t do that, you know, it really didn’t matter.”

We did really what we were in control of. Unfortunately, some other stuff didn't happen for us, but we played as hard as we could."

(on not being able to scoreboard watch) "I think that was obviously done purposely. We checked up there a couple times, but we had to take care of the game we were playing in."

(on if it's tougher to miss the playoffs with the team playing so well right now) "Yeah because we want to get in there and we feel like we're playing well at the right time. We could have taken care of business earlier in the year then we wouldn't have to really worry like we have been, so looking forward from here on out, take care of business earlier and we won't have that problem."

(on if the teams play can carry over into next year) "There's no question. There's a good momentum. There's a good feel coming from this locker room. It's obviously a lot different than last year. There was a lot of uncertainty going into the offseason and a lot of uncertainty really even going into the season with a whole new staff. There are a lot of different changes and a lot of different things that you have to really get accustomed to and adjust to. Now we have familiarity around here, a goal, and can attack it."

(on the season as a whole) "I mean, it was a good year. It was a good year. We ended with a winning record. Obviously, we turned around a lot of things and played good football. At times, we didn't but I think we were a very competitive football team. We played hard. We played physical. We dealt with a lot of adversity and just kept going in a positive direction."

(on Romeo Crennel's job this season) "I think he did a great job. I think he did a great job. We played good defense and as the year went on got better and better. You can ask a lot of teams that we've played against. We are physical. We played smart and we're just relentless."

(on Romeo Crennel did a better job as the season went along) "I think so and I think the more we got to learn the system. It was a two way street. Both sides really did a good job of adjusting and understating each other. Everyone bought in."

(on going into the offseason healthy) "It's different, but it's a good thing. It's a good thing. I can really focus on a lot of stuff this year and really come into next year 100 percent. I'm not going to say I wasn't this year, but I wasn't able to really train and prepare the way I want to, so having this time and being able to prepare and recover is going to be very important."

(on if he felt better as the season went along) "Yeah, yeah I felt better especially after the bye week. I got the swelling in my knee under control. I was really able to focus on my knee and on my game. I wanted to improve every week and I feel like I did."

#### **RUNNING BACK JONATHAN GRIMES** (Transcribed by Shelby Wells)

(on how the offense was open to do various things in the playbook) "Yeah it was very fun to keep things interesting. Sometimes, certain playbooks can get monotonous but we are always coming in, learning new stuff, new concepts to attack a certain defense and I think it makes the game a lot more fun."

(on describing this year's team with one word) "Competitors. We never quit no matter how the game was looking. I've never seen people just putting their heads down until the very end. Every single game we were fighting. Were just a team of fighters."

#### **WIDE RECEIVER DEANDRE HOPKINS** (Transcribed by Laci Theriot)

(on new players contributing this season) "You know, they came out and did a great job to help us win games, so 9-7 is a great accomplishment for this season."

(on WR Andre Johnson's performance) "It was great to watch Andre go out there and end the season like this. Statistically, he did not have a great season what people would say, but the guy works hard every day and it showed today."

(on if WR Andre Johnson still has a long career) "I told him that he still has four or five years left in him."

(on how tough it was to not make the playoffs this season) "We left our heart out there on the field. We can't control what happens around the league. This team fought hard to finish out the way we did. Things aren't going to go your way, that's the NFL, but you have next year."

(on his emotions when he found out that today's win wasn't enough to go to the playoffs) "Obviously, they weren't good emotions."

(verifying that the team did not know what was going on regarding the playoffs and the league during the game) "That's true. Correct."

(on what Bill O'Brien said to the team after the game) "That we fought hard and we bought into the system, and it's not easy adjusting to a new staff. A lot of guys have been here a while, and some guys have been here for a couple of weeks, but everybody bought in, and you know, he was proud of us for doing that."

(on his view of the team's steps taken this year and going forward) "I think we left on a good end. Going into the offseason, a lot of guys are going to have motivation and lot of hard things to work for."

(on getting the last touchdown) "Yeah, it felt great. You know, anytime that you are in a drive with a touchdown, it's a good feeling. For Case (Keenum) to come out and be here for two weeks and lead us the way he did, you've got to be proud."

(on if anything changed when RB Arian Foster left the game) "No, nothing changed."

**CORNERBACK KAREEM JACKSON** (Transcribed by Laci Theriot)

(on the new staff and coaching system this year) "From the top man to the last man, I think that our position coaches did a great job with all the players. Us a team, buying in, I think we all did a great job buying into the new system. So, you know, overall, I think everybody did a great job."

(on if he is going to come back to the team next year) "I'd definitely love to be back, you know. At the end of the day, I understand the business side of it. For me, I just have to sit back and just see what happens. Hopefully, I am wearing the Texans colors next year, but like I said, I definitely understand what is at stake."

(on if he is nervous or excited about possibly becoming a free agent during the offseason) "I feel it is an opportunity. Definitely an opportunity for me. I worked so hard to get to this point in my career. From my rookie year to now, it's definitely a huge jump for me, but definitely an opportunity to possibly be a Texan or whomever. At the end of the day, I am not really looking at it right now. We've got our ninth win today as a team. I think we did a great job, so we will just see when that day comes."

(on if he feels that he has demonstrated his value as a player to the Texans) "I think I did a pretty good job. The last couple years, I've showed that I am capable of going out and being a big-time corner. First and foremost, being that player that they need to be a piece of the puzzle and do that job week in and week out, and somewhat show that I am a leader, but at the end of the day, like I said, I just have to see what happens."

(on if the team's season finish and his playing will going into the decision making of becoming a free agent) "I really don't know. At the end of the day, it will be my decision to become a free agent, but it will be whoever's decision to want to bring me back. I am just so excited to get the ninth win today. Like I said, whenever that day comes to make a decision, we will just have to see then."

(on if he was unaware of what was happening with the playoffs and league after the last stop) "Yeah. I was kind of trying to watch it on the scoreboard, but I think Coach O'Brien might have told them not to put the scores up there, so I kind of lost track. At the end of the game, they kind of told us. Like I said, bittersweet moment, but at the end of the day, I am excited how far we came as a team this year. To put it together

how we did these last couple weeks, I definitely look forward to it- possibly being a Texan for the remainder of my career, and continue to build on it, but like I said, we will just have to see.”

**WIDE RECEIVER ANDRE JOHNSON** (Transcribed by Charles Hampton and Omar Majzoub)

(on coming so close to making the playoffs) “To be honest, when you’re out there playing, you’re not really worrying about what is going on with the other teams. We had to have a couple other teams win for us to get in, but if you don’t take care of business, you knew that was out of the question. The biggest thing was just doing whatever you needed to do to win the game today and then let everything else happen. We went out and took care of our part, but unfortunately the other stuff didn’t happen.”

(on if he’s proud to help the Texans to a 7-game win improvement from 2013) “Definitely. I think the coaches came in and did a great job. Our new coaching staff, coming in and getting a 2-14 team and getting us to nine wins, everybody bought in and gave it everything they had every week. The thing I know about this group of guys, no matter what the situation is, we’re not going to quit. We’re going to keep fighting and that’s what we did.”

(on having fun on the field the field today) “When I woke up this morning, that was the first thing that I said. I said I’m going to go out here and enjoy every moment that I’m out here on this field and that’s what I did. I didn’t worry about anything. I was just going to make the best of every opportunity I get and that’s just how the way I approached it today.”

(on making a statement that there is plenty of gas left in the tank for him) “Yeah, well I guess every year you get older, you guys say I lose it. It is what it is. It’s part of the game, but like I said, I can still play the game. I know that. Whatever is meant to happen will happen and I’ll cross that bridge when I get there.”

(on becoming the 11<sup>th</sup> player to have 7 season of 80+ receptions and the 51<sup>st</sup> career 100-yard receiving game) “Very humbling. Like I said, I don’t really get caught up in that. I just play. I’m pretty sure the day I hang up my cleats, I’ll be handed some notebook or sheets of papers from Coop (Kevin Cooper) that have all my stats and everything on it. I don’t really get a chance to sit down and look at it and just go over everything. I think that’s when you’re really able to realize what you were able to accomplish as a player.”

(on if at any point he was thinking this could be the last time he’s in a Texans jersey) “To be honest, no. I never really thought about it until one of my teammates came up to me and said, ‘I hope this is not your last game here.’ I think that’s when it really hit me and I was like, ‘Man...’ because I really hadn’t thought about it. I was just more worried about enjoying being out on the field and playing. When they said that, it kind of hit me a little bit. It doesn’t feel like it’s going to be my last time here so to be honest, I really haven’t given it much thought.”

(on NT Ryan Pickett saying he has never felt so bad after a win) “I think the biggest thing is you have to take care of your business first. That was the main thing I was focused on. If it happened, it would’ve happened. It just wasn’t meant to happen. Of course you would like to be there because they always say once you’re in, you never know what can happen. Of course we would like to be in, but we just didn’t do enough to have control of it.”

(on the culture of this team with this group and this staff) “It was different for me, because I wasn’t here the whole offseason. When I came in for camp, you had to learn new things. Coach O’Brien did things different from Coach Kubiak. When you’ve done things a certain way for so long—staying in a hotel for training camp, which I hated, you’re just kind of like, ‘Man, I’m going back to these Don Capers years.’ It was kind of the same. When you go through it and you step out and look at it, you see how close it made the team, where all the guys are in the hotel together during camp and stuff like that. Fitz (Ryan Fitzpatrick) comes out in the hallway and goes through his cadence loud and wakes everybody up. When you look back on it, it was a lot of fun. It was different, but it was a lot of fun. I think it helped everybody buy in to what was going on around here.”

(on how difficult it was for him to adjust to four different quarterbacks) “I didn’t get to play with Tom Savage, but I think with Fitz (Ryan Fitzpatrick), it was a little different. I think me missing the time in the offseason; I

think that hurt me a lot earlier during the season just trying to get on the same page and stuff like that. When (Ryan) Mallett came in, we kind of worked a lot after practice and stuff like that. We were able to kind of get some timing stuff down, but with Case (Keenum), I'm pretty familiar with him. I've played a lot with Case. When he came in, I had some of the guys tell me, "You can tell you guys are pretty familiar with each other because you can kind of anticipate his throws." I won't say it was difficult, but you have to go out there and play the game, so you just try to make the best of the opportunities."

(on if he feels the Texans are the right team for him) "I think the coaches have come in and done a great job. Me and Coach (Bill) O'Brien had a lot of conversations and stuff during the offseason. The biggest thing was for me to give him a chance and I did. I like where it's headed. I think it's headed in the right direction. I think all things are pointing very positive. We'll just see what happens."

(on if he wishes he did things differently in the offseason) "I can't change that. What's done is done. I don't know. It's happened. Sometimes you do things and sometimes you wish you could do it over, but it's happened. You can't change anything from it."

(on if Case Keenum belongs as an NFL quarterback) "I think he showed that he can play. I think he has a lot of talent. He's been kind of moving here and there, but I think if he is able to get settled in one system and he's there and can learn it. I think Case can be a hell of a player."

(on if J.J. Watt should be the NFL MVP) "I'm mad at you for asking that. If he doesn't win the MVP, the NFL is out of their mind."

**CORNERBACK JOHNATHAN JOSEPH** (Transcribed by Omar Majzoub)

(on what changed with the defense after the bye week) "Just getting everybody healthy and playing on the same page. You know, getting all our top guys back and things like that. The guys that had to step in did a tremendous job as well, so not to leave those guys out. But at the same time, we just got a full understanding of where everybody needs to be and everybody was doing their jobs at all times."

(on how he felt today compared to last year) "Anytime you can end on a high note with a win, it's always good momentum going into the offseason. To finish it the way that we did on a two game winning streak as opposed to last year, you don't want to talk about last year as much, but it's a big turnaround from last year. I think guys did a tremendous job of just staying focused and continuing to grind it out throughout the year."

(on the defense playing well at the end of the year) "I think we started to gel, click and mesh together. I wouldn't say the season was up and down for us, but there was weeks we didn't have everybody on board, whether guys were injured or things like that. I think after the bye week, everybody came back healthy and we had our full stable of guys. We were able to go out and play lights out football."

(on DE J.J. Watt's performance today) "Lights out. Tremendous effort. Nothing he hasn't done each time he hits the field. Today was another example of it. After a performance like that and a year like he's had, if he don't get the MVP, I don't think any year a defensive player should ever be capable of getting it because I don't think you can top that performance."

(on everybody on defense making plays) "I think that's the biggest thing about this defense. It's not predicated and all the pressure is not on one guy to make the play. Obviously, J.J. (Watt) does his thing and makes several plays, but at the same time, everyone has a job to make and a job to do. When a play presents itself and it's your play to make, you have to step up and make the play. I think today was another prime example of it and what we've been doing all year long. Whoever's number is called, just go and make the play when it's your opportunity."

(on if Head Coach Bill O'Brien should be considered for Coach of the Year) "Without a doubt. Anytime you got a coach go through what he went through with three or four quarterbacks in one year. Everyone knows how hard it is to win without a quarterback. He turned it around and came this year with plus-7 wins compared to last year. He got everyone on board and buying into things that he wants from a football team."

On top of that, he's a tremendous coach. I just think anytime you have all those qualities and bundle it up into one season, I think he is deserving of it."

**QUARTERBACK CASE KEENUM** (Transcribed by Hannah Pietsch)

(on being 2-0 as an NFL starter in 2014) "It's still pretty surreal, man. I really can't put it into words. It's been a really special two weeks. It's been a lot of fun. Even though we're not in the playoffs right now, but we did what we can control today, and that was go out and win the football game. The defense played incredible again. I think, I don't know how many points off turnovers, probably all 14 of them, I think. Definitely mistakes I need to make better decisions on, but the defense came through there in the end. We made plays when we needed to on offense. Dre (Andre Johnson), another great day for him. I love throwing him the football. Missed one too. The offensive line did a great job. We ran the ball really well with Arian, and then when (Jonathan) Grimes and (Alfred) Blue came in. But the defense, man, it's a lot of fun to sit over there and watch them play, especially in our house when the fans are going crazy like they always do."

(on coming to Houston and winning back-to-back games) "It means a lot. It means a tremendous amount to me, especially, the whole family. It's exactly like you said. I've worn Houston on the front of my jersey for a long time, and each time I go out, I know, I don't take it lightly. Each time I go out to compete, no matter what it's for, if it's for the playoffs, if it's for not playoffs, whatever it's for, I'm going to go out and do my absolute best. Am I going to play my best all the time? You know, I'm going to make mistakes, but I'm going to compete. I love to compete. I think I'm called to compete and be my best. And in that, making sure that I don't point at the name on the back of my jersey. I try to give credit where credit's due and make sure all the glory goes to God. That's most important for me."

(on NT Ryan Pickett saying that he'd never felt this bad after a win) "You know, I haven't sat down and thought about it yet. I didn't even know. I had to ask somebody walking in the tunnel if we'd made the playoffs or not. I didn't even know what was going on or how close we came even just hearing from guys talk, you know. I'm going to enjoy it. I know how hard it is to win."

(on where he thinks he belongs in the NFL) "I believe the same thing I've always believed: that I can play at this level and succeed. Was I perfect today? No. That's part of being quarterback, I think, is bouncing back from bad decisions. I think learning from those decisions though and not making the same mistakes. You know, ball security, obviously, that's number one in this league at this level, any level you play football at, but especially for a quarterback. You know, the ball to Hop (DeAndre Hopkins), you've got to put that in front of him. We ran the right play, had the right play called, and checked, and Hop ran a good route, just got to put the ball in front of him. And, the sack, just got to be careful, got to know the situation, know even sometimes when it's best to get down and not make a bad play worse."

(on if he feels redeemed personally by having this opportunity and winning) "I don't know if I would say redeemed is the right word. I'm just thrilled that we won two games in a row there to end the season. After how bad last year felt after a lot of those, it makes winning that much more sweet. Even not being in the playoffs, it's still pretty sweet. I know how hard it is to win in this league. It means a lot to me."

(on if he did enough to convince Head Coach Bill O'Brien that he belongs with the Texans) "I don't know. That's not for me to say. I really enjoyed playing for him and Coach (George) Godsey and this system. I really did like it. I thought the game plan was phenomenal both weeks and thought they did a really good job of getting me prepared to play. I don't know any more than that. You'd have to ask him."

**SAFETY KENDRICK LEWIS** (Transcribed by Edgar Veliz)

(on when he found out that the team was eliminated from the playoffs) "At the end of the game, once the offense went out on the field. Somebody on the sideline told me that Baltimore got the win. I knew after the game."

(on how tough it is to win and still not make the playoffs) "It hurt, man. You want to continue playing, but we didn't control our own destiny. We left our destiny in someone else's hand and that's the type of thing that happens. We went out there, took care of our part. Our coach wanted us to go out there and win the ball game and let the chips fall where they may and that's what we did today."

(on if it was tougher to accept the defeat after the performance of the team over the last few games) "It hurt but it is something we can build on for next year, for the upcoming season. We knew we finished the season strong with great performances so it is something to build on. We look at the film and will have to pick up where we left off."

(on almost sacking QB Blake Bortles) "I was that close from getting a sack, man. That would have been awesome to finish the year off with a sack, man. But hey, we got the win and that is all that matters."

(on the team's performance during the last few games) "Once coach said, I believe there was a point in the season where we had maybe six or seven games left, it was must win games. He just told us all, take it one game at a time. It will be seven one-week seasons. That's what we did, one game at a time. Good or bad, however they turned out we just kept pushing."

(on if he would like to see the defense come back next season) "Absolutely. It is unbelievable how we have hit this last stretch and how we've been competing, and how we've been clacking as a defense. The camaraderie, all on the same page, how we're clicking on all phases the front end, the back end, our linebackers. So it is just a blessing and a good feeling to see all of that come together after a long season. I would love to see this defense come back."

(on if the team can build on this season) "Absolutely, this is something we can look at and build on this. We have to pick up where we left off. I believe the defense that we have here, that is the type of attitude that we have. It is like blood in the water, we want a taste for more. So we are going to continue to get better in the offseason and continue to work hard to start off faster this next season."

(on if he was checking the score of other games) "I tried not to look. So it didn't bother me. I didn't look up at the other scores until I came on the sideline and someone told me (Baltimore won). Honestly, I didn't look at the scores. I was content, focused, locked in on our game trying to take care of what we had to take care of."

#### **CENTER CHRIS MYERS** (Transcribed by John Byczek)

(on going through four different quarterbacks) "It's definitely not what you anticipate at the beginning of the season, going through four quarterbacks. But there are injuries in this league. This year we dealt with a few. It just speaks a lot about and is a testament to the quarterbacks themselves, the rest of the offense and the team rallying around each other and being able to kind of deal with that adversity."

(on when he found out other teams' scores) "Once we got back in here. There's no scoreboard watching. You've got to take care of your own business first. It's real disappointing but you look back at the season and it was your own fault for not taking care of business. We'll regroup and learn from this season. It's a huge stepping stone, like I said. I'm real proud of the guys in this locker room for being able to stand up, especially that last drive by the defense."

(on the second half of the season) "Yeah, I think the second half of the season, like I said before, shows a lot about us. A lot of our willingness to be able hone in to whatever the coaches ask. I think that's what it means to be a professional – being able to come and take care of your business and just understand that the coaches know what they're doing, you've got to live up to it and move forward."

(on QB Case Keenum's last drive) "It speaks a lot about his character. Being able to overcome turnovers and being able to overcome adversity is what this team is about. I think he's, the last two weeks, been able to come in here and really impress a lot of the guys in the locker room that weren't in here last year. Obviously, there was a lot of pressure last year, he dealt with it. Coming in here and being 2-0 in the two starts that he had, it speaks a lot about him. He put in the time; he put in a ton of hours with coaches and extra meetings. He's definitely leading this team right now."

#### **TACKLE DEREK NEWTON** (Transcribed by Edgar Veliz)

(on his assessment of the team's season and his play) "It has been great. Ever since OTAs, coming in with a new coaching staff we had to put in a lot of work. Going to training camp, being able to go and practice against other teams, we came together as a team and did pretty good. Once the season started we were still learning the new system, so it was going to take a little time to get it together, but once the season went on we were putting everything together. The season turned out good. As far as me, it is all about working hard. I was able to play this year and not worry a lot. I had a lot of help from my teammates, helping me play and kept reminding me to take it one play at a time. With that it turned out to be a good year for me."

(on his status as a free agent) "I want to stay here, of course. At the end of the day I understand that it is a business. Things might not go how I planned but hopefully I will stay here in Houston."

(on if he would consider a permanent move to the guard position) "I would rather stay outside (tackle). If the coach needs me to go inside at guard I will be able to help."

(on DE J.J. Watt's candidacy for the NFL MVP award) "J.J. is a great guy. A hardworking soul, it is only right. The guy puts in so much work and does so much on the field, off the field; he is an all-around great guy. I commend him for what he does for the city of Houston, for this team. He is a hardworking guy so I think he is going to have a shot at it."

(on Bill O'Brien's candidacy for Coach of the Year) "Bill O'Brien is a great coach. Ever since he came in, from day one, he always wanted us to be better. So, I think he is a good candidate for that as well because he always kept us positive, never negative."

(on when he found out that the team was eliminated from playoff contention) "When we came back in after the game. Coach told us, that kind of hurt. At the end of the day we had no control over that. The only thing we could control was getting a win today. We did that. It was up to the other teams to handle their part."

(on if the team can build on this season) "Yeah. This year has been great. We have a lot of fight in this team, a lot of talent on this team and the only thing is we have to keep it. We have to keep getting better, keep rising. So I think this team, for years to come, can do something great."

#### **NOSE TACKLE RYAN PICKETT** (Transcribed by John Byczek)

(on how the game went) "Defense was playing well. Offense was moving the ball. We just felt confident that we could beat any team."

(on if he's been in an elimination situation like this before) "Not really. Not when I was walking off the field. Normally that night or something. I've never played a blind game like this one. It was just blind. We had no idea what was going."

(on if he would have looked at the scoreboard if the scores were shown) "Absolutely. That's why coach didn't put them up there. I would've been watching the whole time."

(on the defensive stand at the end of the game) "It just shows all our defense has. The second half of year, man, we've been playing some outstanding football. I had no doubt we weren't going to let them in the end zone. It just wasn't going to happen."

#### **OUTSIDE LINEBACKER BROOKS REED** (Transcribed by Shelby Wells)

(on Bill O'Brien's postgame speech) "Good message, I totally agree and hopefully I'm here for next year. I know this team will be better next year. There's still a lot to improve on. We've definitely improved a lot from last year; winning close games, and just an over-all better attitude throughout the season and towards the end of the season."

(on how they grew as a defense towards the end) "The good thing is that a lot of guys stayed healthy. In the years past, a lot of guys have gone down. We still played well, but this year, having our play makers stay healthy is definitely a key in our success, and I'm sure next year we will be even better because this is

our first year in the system. It feels like every week there's something new comes up that we didn't know, so its fun defensive playing and I think next year we will be even better."

(on seeing the core group of guys on defense coming back) "No doubt. It's a special group of guys I think and everyone on this defense plays so hard and you can just tell that they just really care. We put a lot of time and effort into it. It's hard to see guys leave and new guys come in. It's almost kind of like starting over again but its jus the nature of it."

**DE J.J. WATT** (Transcribed by Nida Chaudhry)

(on whether not he is enjoying the win with the season ending) "It's weird, yeah. I don't know."

(on first player in NFL history with 20 or more sacks in two years) "Obviously, to be able to do something that's never been done before, it's unreal. It's a testament to my coaches and teammates and everybody around me. I mean, that's one of the coolest things ever. When you do something that nobody has literally ever done, but I mean, you know, we finished the season a little bit strong here at the end. We are on our fourth quarterback here, come on. It's not ideal by any means where we are, but I think that I'm looking forward to getting back to work. I wasn't ready for it to end, that's for sure."

(on thought about fans chanting MVP) "It's pretty special. As an athlete, I think that's one of the coolest things of all time, to have a stadium chant for you or whatever. I can't say enough about our fans and I've only been here for four years. For them to show me so much love and appreciation, it's unreal and I appreciate them so much and I have to say thank you to them because they make what I do a blast. It makes it so much fun to work out and to watch film and to study because you know that when you go out there and lay it on the line there for them on Sunday's, they're going to show up for you. I am so grateful for our fans, I mean, to hear chants like that, you know, like I said before about some other thing, if you would've told 10-year-old me that, he would've been pretty darn excited, so it was cool."

(on if this feels like the best season of his careers) "You know, I don't know. That's mainly for everybody else to discuss. You all can write about it. People can talk about it on TV. My goal is just to go out there and do whatever I can and so people can judge it how they want. My big thing is, I just, you work hard for the respect of your teammates and coaches and other players around the league and guys who have done it before, so to be honest, and my family. I want to make my family proud. Those are really, mainly the only opinions I care about. No offense."

(on finding out the Texans did not make playoffs) "It's tough. Like I said, it's a weird situation. You're excited about the win and everything that happened and you're hoping, but you know, that's what happens when you leave it in somebody else's hands. We have to make sure that we didn't leave things up to our own hands, so we need to work on that in the future."

(on what kind of goals he set prior to the season) "Win, you know? I just want to win. All those goals are team goals. You can set personal goals and things like that, but at the end of the day, I just want to win football games and try and be the best player I can be. I think that was always a goal."

(on expecting to have an explosive season personally) "I mean, that's always the goal. To have the best season you possibly can, so that's why you work so hard. That's why you spend so much time doing what you do. You want to be the best player you can be."

(on helping the team to a seven game improvement from last year) "I mean, I think, it was a fairly good turn around. We didn't get completely back where we wanted to be, but in Coach O'Brien's first year, I think him and the coaching staff did a very good job. I think our guys did a good job and like I said, we fought through quite a bit of adversity. We were going through quarterbacks at the end, so what we were able to do there at the end was pretty impressive and I think that it sets a good building block to come."

(on what he would like to change if he could) "I'd like to win more games. I mean, what do you mean? I'd like guys not to get hurt. I mean, I don't know what you're asking, man. I want to win more games. We could've won more games, I mean, that's an interesting question."

(on his relationship with Arkansas Head Coach Bret Bielema) "I mean, you know, I transferred in there after being at Central Michigan and I walked on and I had an opportunity to get a scholarship after a year and had a few years at Wisconsin. I love the state of Wisconsin, love the people, love the mentality of everybody there and had a chance to come here and play in the great state of Texas for the Texans, a great owner, and a great fan base. I'm really enjoying my time."

(on meeting a personal desire this year) "I guess that's another thing for you all to write about and figure you, you know. I mean, at the beginning of this year, for the team and the organization to show me that commitment by willing to sign me to a long term deal with the type of money that they did, I'm very fortunate and thankful for that. My goal has always been to go out there and, you know, they gave me a hundred million. I'm trying to give them a hundred million's worth. Whatever that is, offense, defense, special teams, however I can, I'm trying to make sure that they get their money's worth and our fans get their money's worth because they deserve that. I was a kid once, I grew up watching the team, I know what it's like. You want to be that superstar that every average Joe would be if he was a superstar. When you get paid, you want to go out there and play like you deserve the contract that you got. You want to act a certain way. I grew up idolizing guys, not necessarily idolizing guys, but watching how they act and everything. I'm just trying to be the best person and player that I can be because I feel like I want to do what every fan would do if they were in my shoes."

(on where he could get stronger individually) "There are plenty of places I can get better. I watch the film and I've said it before. I kind of click past the good plays pretty quickly. It's the bad plays that you watch and you go over and over and say 'OK. What can I do better here? How can I help the team more here?' I'll go through that evaluation process again this year and I'll look at where I can get better and I'll work on those things. That's the best part about the offseason, is you get to work on your craft and get to be even better, so hopefully that's what I can do."

(on Head Coach Bill O'Brien and the coaching staff) "I think they did a very good job. It's a tough situation to come into, but I think they did a good job. Like I said, having to fight through that adversity, playing with different guys at quarterback and having to go through all that, I think they did a good job and we're only going to get stronger as we move forward because we're getting more and more comfortable with each other. The players and the coaches are all starting to understand each other even better."

(on what he has learned from Coach Bret Bielema and what it's like to have him playing at NRG Stadium tomorrow) "I wish him the best of luck. It'll be a good matchup tomorrow."

(on experience playing with WR Andre Johnson) "He's great. To be able to share some moments with Andre and just spend time with him and get to know him as a person and as a friend, it's awesome. He's such a good guy. As y'all know, he's a little bit reserved, but just to be able to, after he scores a touchdown today, share a hug with him, and then after I get the safety, share a hug with him, you know, the guy has been through some of the worst times around here and he stuck around and he's fought through a lot of stuff and he's done a lot and he deserves all the credit that he gets and probably more because he's a special person and he's a special player."

## **POSTGAME QUOTES FROM JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**

**HEAD COACH GUS BRADLEY**

**QB BLAKE BORTLES**

**CB AARON COLVIN**

**S JOHNATHAN CYPRIEN**

**T LUKE JOECKEL**

**WR CECIL SHORTS III**

**RB JORDAN TODMAN**

**HEAD COACH GUS BRADLEY** (Transcribed by Rachel Jacob)

(opening remarks) "First off I give a lot of credit to Coach O'Brien and his staff, their team. They fought back and battled and played hard throughout and made more plays than we did. With all being said and taking a look at the stats, the 0-for-11 I believe it was on third down, the 5 sacks, the time of possession, still have an opportunity at the end for chances and didn't capture any of them. That's what's disappointing. I think that our team showed a lot today. We are encouraged by the mentality and the effort, but not by the results. I think that is what is disappointing to come out of this game, with the result that was on the scoreboard. But I think there is credit to give to the guys in our locker room. I know this will be the last chance that all of us will be together, as a team cause there are going to be some changes and I think that is part of the business. I really, genuinely appreciate all their efforts and what they brought to this team."

(on what the Jaguars as a team, showed him today) "Their resiliency. I mean to come back. We had some adversity happen and battled through it. Here it was a game, the last game of the season, and I thought their effort was tremendous and they battled throughout. We had some guys that may not have had to play, but they fought TO play this game - guys like (Andre) Branch, Toby (Gerhart), a couple of other guys on the list too, Roy Miller battled to find a way to get up and play this game. I don't know if that happens everywhere, but I know we appreciate it."

(on last sequence - having 4 shots in the end zone) "It's constricted, but you have 4 chances, you would like to think that that one of them we can get and those are the plays that you have to make. You have 4 chances there; you like to think you can come away with one of them."

(on if situations like the last sequence are what separates a win from a loss) "I think so. These scores are getting closer, in the fourth quarter with a minute left to go in the game and we are battling and on the five yard line we've got a chance to get a big victory or big win I should say in Houston with playoff atmosphere. It would have been awesome and we missed that and I think that is why there are some guys hurting in our locker room right now."

(on if changes will be made in the offense) "I just know the business and how it works. We obviously won't be able to keep everybody and you get free agency and draft picks coming in, so I don't know how many guys will be coming back or who isn't going to be here. I just know it's the business and it isn't going to be the same team as we had this year or this last game."

(on the first drive and the defense's dynamic) "And they did a good job. We had a couple pressures, we brought some pressure and they hit us on the zone pressure on the sweep. So they got some plays but I think our defense settled down some. Right away the third downs didn't look very good, I think they were 6 for 8 at one time but I think we calmed that down a little bit and played better at the big part, got an interception, turned that into a touchdown and then another sack caused fumble and put us in position for 14 points."

(on what is the most disappointing thing about this season) "As we get closer, I think it is encouraging but not where we want to be. Like this game. There were times last year where it was done in the first quarter or second quarter and now, but that's not what we are after. Following our process to ensure that we get the result that we want. It felt like there were some games where we had opportunities to get those wins and we didn't capture them. I think that is what's most disappointing."

(on the sudden change call for the touchdown and if it was different from the one executed against the Tennessee Titans) "It was a different formation, different personnel group and a different way we executed based on what we saw. Great call by Jedd (Fisch) to come out, sudden change, and see something on film that we liked. To Cecil (Shorts III) to execute them. Good blocking. It's a challenging play and we did it."

(on if he got a look at the safety) "Yeah, I got to talk to them, they looked at it. I didn't see what happened, I knew we were in slide protection and I think he beat the guard."

(on QB Blake Bortles) "He is really competitive. He really competed. I know his throwing percentage, I don't have it right in front of me, I think 11-for-22 or whatever the case is. I know there were some drops in there but I thought his competitiveness and what he brings to the table, I love that about him. This guy is exactly what we are looking for. We've got some work with him in the off season that we'll get accomplished but that spirit and that fearlessness that he has and competitiveness is exactly what we hoped for."

(on the 5 sacks and DE J.J. Watt) "We will have to take a look at. I know we were siding and trying to do it, he is really good. He's got what, 20 sacks? He is a very, very dominant player and he is going to get some opportunities. We will take a look at those things on tape. Obviously, overall if you look at it without getting in and evaluating the season, far too many sacks we gave up this year. To see them happen today, that is definitely something we have to correct."

(on consistency) "At the end especially, through the adversity that we had that I mentioned earlier and still to be in position on the five yard line with a minute left to possibly get a win in that game- I think on one hand it shows what our team is all about and also we didn't capture the consistency that we are looking for. Every team can look back when you lose and say we weren't consistent enough, but in our case I think it is relevant."

#### **QUARTERBACK BLAKE BORTLES** (Transcribed by Crystin Pactor)

(on the keys to the ending drive and how disappointing it was to not close it off) "That obviously hurts when you get four chances at the end zone at the end of the game and can't capitalize. The first play was a scramble, second play got Hurns for five, then missed Cedes (Mercedes Lewis) and then missed the last one, but it was good. You know to be able to end the game, I think, on four opportunities you know it's a good thing, a good problem to have. Obviously there is a lot of plays, a lot of missed opportunities that we have throughout the game so just learn from them."

(on why they had trouble converting third downs) "Just not executing. It comes down to making plays and we didn't make enough of them. I think everybody had a piece of that so just got to make more plays."

(on if raising the bar is universal throughout the team) "Yeah I think so. You obviously want to go improve off of what you've done in the past and kind of putting the season out there on a resume. You obviously want to go get better and improve."

(on the safety) "(Allen) Hurns ran a double move in the slot and then I guess I just have to be more aware, and if it's not there to throw it away or make sure that doesn't happen."

(on finding consistency) "I think that's the biggest thing being consistent, and decision making being consistent, making plays and execution. Those are the two things we have to focus on, and those are two things that will definitely help us improve."

(on if the throw to TE Mercedes Lewis on third down was the throw he wanted) "Yeah probably threw it a little higher than I wanted to. I want to give him a shot. He's a mismatch on a guy out there. I want to give him an opportunity to go up and make a play, so you know I don't know I have to watch it again."

(on the most disappointing thing about the season) "You know I don't know. I know I'll talk to you guys tomorrow so maybe ill have some more time to think about it. I think there's a lot of room for improvement definitely. You know myself, us as a unit offensively; I think there were a lot of missed opportunities. That's where it probably hurts the most. When you have opportunities that are going to make plays it's not like

they are flat out beating you, you just aren't doing your job. That's probably the biggest thing that's hard to swallow."

(on how far he's come since May) "It's been a lot. I feel like I've learned a lot and there is definitely a long way to go. I think this offseason will be huge. Mentally and physically stuff to improve on, continue to learn, but I definitely feel that I've improved and learned a lot."

(on 4<sup>th</sup> and 10 conversion to WR Cecil Shorts III) "It was good. It was something we had run I think that was the third time we'd run it and hadn't really gotten a chance to throw. You know really that backside dig that Cecil ran and you know they brought pressure and played Samuel high so we knew it was there. Just kind of buy time and move in the pocket and give him a chance."

(on what he saw on his 34 yard run) "Just man coverage. You know when they are playing man they aren't paying attention to you. It allows for the quarterback to run and pick up some yardage. I thought it was a good job by everyone. Guys were running around, guys were blocking their tails of and battling, we were able to get a big play and get down there and give us a chance at the end."

(on if he feels like he protected himself when he ran the ball this year) "Yeah I think so. I felt I slid a lot. Definitely more than I have in my life, but I think you want to live to play another down and not really throw your body and self out there at risk. Unless, it's necessary on a fourth down or going into the goal line or something, but you know I felt good about it."

#### **CORNERBACK AARON COLVIN** (Transcribed by ReShun Gilmore)

(on the defense finishing the season with some strength) "Yeah, I think so. I think we built after the bye week like we talked about. We did some things really well. We just have to continue and build for next year."

(on executing third down conversions better) "I guess just be more detailed. There are some things we can do better. Usually, when guys make plays it's usually on us. So, as long as we have ourselves right and are detailed on our assignments it should pay off."

(on the defense improving tackling in the offseason) "I think there are a lot of things we can improve on and of course that is one of them. I feel like we have been up and down. I feel like we tackle well some games and we tackle bad some games. SO, we just have to be consistent."

(on if some of the defensive problems derive from youth) "I guess you can say that, but I'm not using that as an excuse. I mean, we know what it is. We know what our roles were when we stepped in. We knew we were a young team. We have to do better in that aspect."

(on his play during the season) "I feel like I did some good things, but I'm usually the hardest guy on myself. I feel like I can get better in a lot of ways and I just have to build and be that leader."

#### **SAFETY JOHNATHAN CYPRIEN** (Transcribed by ReShun Gilmore)

(on this game being an example of the year) "Exactly. It was a close, hard fought game. It came to the end like a lot of NFL games come down to the wire. We just didn't come down with it this time."

(on trying to contain WR Andre Johnson early in the game) "He's number eighty and he's a special dude. As that first drive went on, we just continued to play and we just had to have awareness for him. We just have to have our corners contest him and that's all we did. We just continued to play our defense."

(on the progress report of where this franchise is going) "We're obviously better. We did a lot of good things. We showed a lot of flashes. We're in a position now where you know what, it's time to raise the bar. It's either we do or nothing else. That's the mentality for us and was this year. We fell short due to some little things like starting off slow. We have to move on to next year and without a doubt we have to understand that we have to compete."

(on how they will use this game to fuel them in the offseason) “These are always tough to put away. Not only this game, but every game we lost will fuel us this offseason. We know personally, you try to focus on what you have to do to get better in the offseason. That’s exactly what I’m going to do. Get better at the areas that I’m weak at and stronger at the areas that I’m good at.”

**TACKLE LUKE JOECKEL** (Transcribed by Lance Jaramillo)

(on what makes DE J.J. Watt so difficult to block) “He’s got every physical ability and all that stuff. He’s fast, strong, he’s got the reach and all that stuff. He’s a relentless rusher too; he never stops. A mixture of all that stuff makes him a great player. He’s definitely a handful every single rep against him.

**WIDE RECEIVER CECIL SHORTS III** (Transcribed by Lance Jaramillo)

(on the last few plays that could have won them the game) “I felt (Marqise Lee) coming and I didn’t know it was him, I just felt somebody coming, got my hands out and tried to grab it but I think all three of us collided. That happens when you’re just trying to make a play. On the last play, I just dove for it and went all out. I caught it, but only got one foot in. It happens sometimes.”

(on where the team’s development is) “We’re very close. I think if you ask around the league, people will say we’re not far off. We’ve got to continue to work. I think the biggest thing with us is being consistent. Like I said before in past interviews, look at the good teams that are consistent throughout the game. The Patriots or Packers, whoever else is good, they’re consistently good. We’re not that far off. We have to put more pieces together and figure things out and we’ll be ok.”

(on if this was his last game as a Jaguar) “I knew that was coming sooner or later. I don’t know. I don’t know. I love these guys. I got a lot of respect for everybody in this organization. I would love to be here next year and I hope to be here. This is a business and I’ll let the business people handle that. If I’m here, great. If not, that’s part of it. I think in my head I plan on being here.”

**RUNNING BACK JORDAN TODMAN** (Transcribed by ReShun Gilmore)

(on missing a lot of opportunities that could have counted) “That’s a good way to put it. Yeah, but it is the same thing. I kept saying the same thing, just control what you can control. When your number is called just be ready to answer and leave it all on the field. When you get an opportunity like you said, they are small. So, when you get them they all count. I try to leave whatever I have on the field.”

(on the record not mirroring their progress on offense) “Our numbers on the page may not look like that, but everybody in this room and the people that are in that building sees the hard work that we put in day in and day out. They see the leaps and bounds that we start making and going in the right direction. The thing is that we keep it tight, we keep it in the locker room and we keep it in the team. All we know is to keep better and keep moving forward.”

(on the last play fueling them going into the offseason) “It’s definitely going to fuel all of us. It’s a game, it’s football and it’s the game we love to play. When it’s the fourth quarter and the game is on the line right there, we all want it. We’re going to build off of it.”

(on if he is playing to prove something) “Definitely. Your window and opportunity is small so, I feel like every opportunity I get I have to give it my all.”

(on if he is surprised the trick play fooled the Texans) “Great, great play call by coach. It’s usually tough to fool somebody twice. We did a great job by selling it. Cecil (Shorts III) made a great throw and great blocking giving him enough time to roll out and get it. It was just a great executed play.”