



**JAGUARS HEAD COACH GUS BRADLEY
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(Opening statement) "A little bit of what we expected. Really two good showings by two defensive units. I thought, give credit to them, made more plays as far as turnovers than us. I thought our defense came out and played well. We talked in the locker room about total team effort though. They got three turnovers on the defensive side and we didn't get any. It's about possession opportunities for your offense. We had a couple drives where we were driving and then one of the interceptions took place. Hard fought defensive battle. They made more plays than us and the turnovers were a big key."

(On if they did everything well defensively minus creating turnovers) "Yeah. I thought so. They had a couple explosive runs in there but I don't know. I think the big thing for us for the game was time of possession. We really wanted to take care of the time of possession. We felt like we needed to run the ball even though we had Chris Ivory out and T.J. [Yeldon] with his situation, we felt like we needed to really stick to that game plan and we had 155 yards rushing, something like that so that part came just like we had planned. Just the turnovers were the big, key plays."

(On the offense) "You know what, 155 yards rushing. That's a very talented defensive front and I don't know if they had a sack, maybe at the very end, but other than that, there was no sacks in the game. You're seeing the running of the ball, you're seeing the protection part of it. We just didn't make enough big plays and then we gave the ball up."

(On if Blake Bortles was trying to spike the ball on the last play) "I don't know. It just felt like he was trying to make something happen while he was in the pocket and that's where I say it got condensed when he was trying to make something happen at that time."

(On the turnovers) "Yeah. I know. It's tough. It's tough. That part's tough because they just played their tails off. They played their tails off and when you get interceptions and do that and it's easy to throw a lot on Blake because he's—I think we all understand that, but the pocket gets condensed and you're trying to make plays for your team and sometimes things like that happen. It's a talented team. We just need to figure that part out. And what I'm hoping is through all this pain we're going through as far as adversity that we're worthy of it come in the end. When that happens, I don't know if it's next week or two weeks, but I think this team is really trying to gain as much strength from this as they can for future times."

(On how much he changed his defensive game plan when Paxton Lynch was announced the starter) "We thought that it'd be similar as far as the scheme but they're different. They're different as far as arm strength and mobility and things like that. There was some subtle things that we talked about."

(On how Broncos only had one third down conversion and what was the key to that success) "Well I thought we did a good job mixing it up. We kind of had different packages today. We had a bandit

package, we had a nickel package so we changed it up some and I just thought the guys did really good coverage. Todd Wash, those coaches are doing a good job mixing it up, [but] it still comes down to those players executing. I thought the players executed very well.”

(On the penalties) “The Telvin [Smith] one that’s hard. He hit the quarterback’s hand and it deflected and hit the [facemask]. I think that’s a pretty aggressive penalty and we don’t want it. Not saying it’s good but we ended up getting them off the field on that one. The penalty on the sideline, the one with Alex [Ellis] I think on the punt, that was close. We didn’t feel like his foot stepped on the white line, his body was but his foot wasn’t and it’s one of those where the player’s got to make a decision on what to do. That’s one that we’d probably ask and get an interpretation of. What do we do in that situation? Not to give him an excuse but make good decisions. And that A-Rob [Allen Robinson] one too. Upset on that one—here we go, I’m bringing up but don’t forget that one too.”

(On third down calls at the end of the game) “I think the situations we’ve gotten were yards, the third thing, and passing. Depending on the looks, sometimes we had some run-pass options. In that situation, I can’t argue the fact that we tried to throw it to the sticks. We’re doing better on third down—I don’t know what we were this week—but sometimes the ball is thrown underneath and the guy is making plays. When we look back at it, we’d like to get to the sticks, but protection, it was a big part of it. Being able to hold up against the rush was an important aspect of the game.”

(On how the team did against Von Miller) “Does he affect the game? Yeah. I mean when we’re keeping extra guys in or turning our protection towards him. Sometimes we throw it underneath the sticks. We didn’t give up any sacks but he had an impact on the game.”

(On if Bortles’ shoulder is impeding him from throwing the ball the way he’d like to) “I think a lot of our guys right now, like typically, you’re sore and banged up a little bit. He’s probably no different.”

(On if the injury will keep him out of the game) “Not to where it’s affecting him to where he can’t. I know he’s dealing with some issues, some soreness.”

(On what he liked about the run game and Shane Wynn and Corey Grant getting some carries) “I think the changing up—I mean really you had 155 yards rushing, we knew we had to spread these carries out. We didn’t really know how much we’d have T.J. We really went into the game thinking we’d have him for third down. Hopefully we didn’t set him back at all. Hopefully he continues to get better. We need those guys. So we knew we spread them out amongst those guys and a lot of times when they get opportunities they step up so we’ll take a look at it.”

(On if Yannick Ngkaoue’s ankle issue was from his previous one) “From last week, yeah. I think it was the same one, I’m not sure.”

(On third downs) “In third down, yeah. I thought we took our shots. Back-shoulder fade, weird takeoffs, but the way they played it, we ended up turning on the back shoulder. On third down, I’ll take a look at it and see how many were underneath the sticks, but I mean they had good pressure. They had good pressure. Guys got to catch the ball and make plays. We knew it was going to be this kind of a game. I thought really what they’d done in the past is in the second half, they score a lot of points. That’s generally what they did. They did it against Kansas City last week so coming out of the locker room, that was a big emphasis for us and I thought the defense really—I mean they had a pick-six, that was the only points they scored in the second half on the defense. Give credit to our defense there. Nice job.”

(On how important is it to stay on message with these players after seven straight losses) “We’re going to stay on message but it’s still challenging for them. But I mean they want that. I mean we challenge a

lot, we challenged our guys a lot this week. This is a really good team coming into our house and their defense, I mean the offensive line was a huge challenge to put on their plate. Defensively, about the impact of the game and hey we got to be great on third down, we got to stop the run, it's a big challenge for us across the board. In many ways they rose to it, not enough to get the win. I know the question was asked do you think they'll come back next week? Well, I felt like they came back this week. Do you think they'll come back next week? Yes I do. It's who they are. They'll work their tails off and they'll come back and they're going to learn from this and I truly believe these things that this team is going through will only benefit. Will only benefit."

BRONCOS HEAD COACH GARY KUBIAK

(Opening statement on injuries) "I will just injury-wise, Kapri Bibbs has an ankle, Brandon Marshall a hamstring and Billy Winn a neck issue so we will evaluate them when we get back."

(On Paxton Lynch's day) "Well, he got his first win so that's what I feel best about. I thought he did some good things in the first half. He got us in position for a field goal right at the end of the half. He did a good job at two-minute (offense) and didn't turn the ball over, which we knew would be huge here. I'm not sure we helped him much in the second half. We got to do, I have to do, a better job for him. But we came in here and did what we needed to do to win. It's a step forward, keep going and we've all got to get better, but we hung on."

(On the defense possibly rallying around Lynch to help relieve the pressure) "They were exceptional. We knew coming in here that we needed to play great defense; win the turnover battle and win the field position battle against this team. They have a really good defensive football team; we respect them in what they do. You have to plan and come in here. I was concerned about our physical make-up with how tired we were, but we found a way. We showed a lot of character coming back after last week with the long trip to come out of here with W."

(On the linemen helping Devontae Booker's touchdown) "He didn't finish that one. I don't know what you're talking about there. Book had maybe 40 yards and they were some of the toughest 40 yards I've seen. There wasn't a lot of cracks out there. The kid battled. We had one back for a period of the game so it took everybody we had."

(On the slow start for both teams) "I agree with you. We had a bust on the second play of the game on a play that could have been a big play for us. We weren't really, really sharp. I could feel the fatigue in what was going on but we played through that. We pushed ourselves through that and found the juice; that's what you have to have in his league. I told them after the game how I was as proud of them as I have ever been. I could see what they were going through today, but they were able to muster and get the W so I'm very proud of them."

(On the game tone being different up 17-3) "Yeah. The bad thing was when we went up 17-3, we kicked the ball out of bounds. They get the ball at the 40 (yard line), we get two P.I. (pass interference) calls and they make two fourth downs. We get into a position to close the game and we helped them get back into it with the things we did. Those are things we have to look at, but fourth quarter defense was exceptional. We had two fourth down stops, I think, and we get the big turnover at the end. Like I said, they were exceptional today."

(On Trevor Siemian's progress) "There is progress. He was out of the boot. He was walking around. I don't know how much he did before the game today. I don't think he did anything really, but he's out of the boot and walking. He was involved all week so it's a process and we'll have to see when he gets back."

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Blake Bortles

(on the last fumble) "We had shots outside and got two-man so obviously those were out. I was trying to work the guys in the middle. We had some crossing stuff going on there and just kind of got careless with the ball and it got away."

(on how he can help the receivers on the outside) "You've got to give them (Denver) credit. That's a good group. They're the defending Super Bowl champions for a reason. They have a good defense, they have a good front, and they've got guys at every level that can play, especially corners. We knew it was going to be a tough task. You've got to win. (The receivers) have to win. I've got to throw it better, and we've got to make plays. That's really all it comes down too. We didn't do enough of that."

(on whether he expected a penalty on Talib on the last play to Robinson) "Yeah, it's tough, but it's not like he can expect anything else playing here. You've got to make a better throw, make a better play, catch the ball. You can't leave it in the hands of the ref, not on fourth down, trying to get a PI. I've got to throw it better and he's got to catch it."

(on if the lack of calls has been par for Robinson) "I know it's frustrating for him, because he's been getting kind of hammered with guys draped all over him and the lack of calls. I know it's got to be frustrating for him, especially as competitive as he is, as badly as he wants to make a play and make a difference. It's tough. I wouldn't know what to tell him. He's going to play as hard as he possibly can on every single play, he's always done that. Sometimes you get the call. Sometimes you don't. You can't worry about that. You've got to just try and make the play."

(on if getting hit affected his motion on the pick six) "I don't think so. I think (Bradley) Roby made a good play. It wasn't a great throw. I'll have to look at it again, probably behind him. It's kind of what we want, man coverage with A-Rob running across the field with a guy behind him, so you've just got to put it in front of him and let him run."

(on the 22-yard touchdown run) "They had guys trailing in man coverage, so I kind of took off expecting to slide and nobody was really there so I figured I might as well try to score."

(on the difficulty of this season's lack of offensive production) "It's been tough, but something that's cool about it is you get 16 opportunities, so we've got four more chances. Obviously the first 12 didn't go the way we wanted to by any means, personally or as an offense or as a team. I think everybody knows that and understands it. You've got four more chances and then a bunch of time off, so let's go try and play as well as we possibly can for four games and see what happens."

(on if this feels like a nightmare) "It's the biggest nightmare possible, but what are you going to do about it? You can't sit there in a corner and pout. You can't blame people. You can't feel sorry for yourself because I think all that's going to do is affect the way I play. You can't press. I think I was doing some of

that early in the season and that didn't go well. You've got to stay true to what we do and what we believe in and go through the process. For me, it's obviously still trying to take care of the ball. All you can do is put your head down and continue to play as hard as you can and prepare each week."

(on if the shoulder hurt after the scramble) "Just landed on it and nicked it up a little bit. Good thing there was a challenge, got a little break and I was fine."of the ball."

DL Malik Jackson

(on going against his former teammates) "It was cool, a lot of emotions in the beginning and just realizing today was here, but it was a great opportunity and we went out and had a solid day. We just didn't do enough to get it done, but that's the name of the game. You have to keep doing better that's it."

(on today's loss) "It was a tough day at the office and it's all about one phase. It's about going out and playing 60 minutes and we just didn't get it done today."

FS Tashaun Gipson

(on not making key defensive stops) "It shows that we just didn't do enough when you look at it like that. If their defense didn't get a turnover and score a touchdown, this game would be going into overtime and we could potentially win this game, but again their defense came up for them when they needed it. We knew it was going to be a defensive game at the end of the day. We knew it was going to come down to whomever made the most stops and came up with the biggest plays. We were ok with that situation but we went out there and played some good football not great but at the end of the day, like I said if you want to be great you have to find a way to get your offense the ball back."

(on the high defensive ranking) "I mean some guys may be proud of that, but it's hard to be proud about anything when you lose week in and week out and that's the tough part about this business. Each team in this league has capable players but those guys across from us are one of the best. They're Super Bowl champs and Super Bowl contenders. Maybe some guys have that attitude but that's not the attitude you need to have. We know that we're playing good on defense but at the same time nobody should welcome this because there were plays out there that this defense didn't make."

OT Kelvin Beachum

(on if he's frustrated with losing) "This is a man's game, so you never quit. You don't quit in life and you don't quit on the field so we're going to keep on grinding and keep working. We're going to keep holding each other accountable. We're not going to start the blame game so the blame should be pointed at ourselves. We, as individuals, have to find a way to put the team over the cusp. It starts with me and my unit so now we have to do a better job and we're not in positions to turn the ball over. We have a ways to go and that takes us just doing it."

(on missed opportunities) "We had plenty of opportunities to not only tie the game but to take the lead and we didn't do it. We had a chance in the fourth quarter with two possessions I think on our 30 driving and we went three and out twice."

(On the play of the offensive line) "That one play cost us the game. We didn't hold up like we needed to. I don't know what the stats said. All I know is what the scoreboard says and the scoreboard says we didn't win the game. That's what matters."

(On what is missing from this team) "I can't give an answer to that. I just know as a unit, and I can speak for the offensive line, we need to be better. We have to protect better. We have to run for 250 [yards]. We have to do a better job protecting the quarterback and at the end of the day it's on the offensive line. We have to do a better job of putting our offense in better situations."

CB Jalen Ramsey

(on if he feels frustrated) "No I don't like to think like that. Personally, I try to think positive but like I told you before, it's the sale ole thing I don't know what y'all want me to tell you."

(on if he feels he accomplished anything today) "I think we did very well, I mean we only gave them ten points so that's a good solid game from a defense but we still got to get them turnovers so that's what it is."

DT Sen'Derrick Marks

(on what's going through his mind) "We have to continue to play and continue to go out and show what kind of team you are and continue to play. What's the only thing you can do, you have a job to do."

(on how he enters the game from a mental standpoint) "I go out and see how I'm going to beat the guy in front of me every single week. This is what I do and who I am going to come in every week and play ball. I don't know any other way of thinking about it. If you're a football player, you have to go out and play football. Win or lose each week, there's a whole different team we have to prepare for."

WR Allen Robinson

(on why he never seems to get penalties in his favor) "I have no idea. It is what it is. I just try to keep playing and I try not to get too frustrated. I got a little frustrated today. I just try to keep my head in it and make some plays."

(on the play that was intercepted) "I was just trying to make a play. For me, each and every Sunday, I just try to go out and make plays."

S Johnathan Cyprien

(On not getting used to the feeling of losing) "I try not to. I try to go out there every week and play like a winner and try to have energy that will feed off myself and on to my teammates. Hopefully we can continue to play well all around the field."

(On realizing the defensive unit is playing well) "You have to look at the good to be able to keep your head up. I'm sure we'll look at the good. I'm sure there are numbers that our coaches will point out. I doubt the players will reach for them, but we're definitely pointing things out and I know our coaches are going to help keep our heads up about things. We understand what we have to get done."

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QB Paxton Lynch

(on Denver's approach on offense) "We came into the game knowing we had a shot if we didn't turn the ball over especially when you have a defense as good as you have on the other side of the ball. You always have a chance to stay in the game as long as you don't hurt yourself, and that's what we did. It wasn't pretty but we still came out with the win."

(on comparing this start to only other NFL start against Tampa Bay) "Tampa was a little different because I didn't really get reps with the ones that week because Trevor (Siemian) was starting and I sort of got thrown in. This week, I had all the reps with the team so I felt a lot more comfortable coming in. I knew the Jaguars had a really good defense and obviously there are some things we want to correct from this game. We got out of here with the win and we're happy with that."

(on doing what it took to win) "Whenever we got a couple of those turnovers, we knew we had a chance to drive down and end the game with ball in the offense's hands, but we didn't do that. Thankfully, we got our defense on the other side of the ball and still came away with the win."

(feelings about second NFL start) "I had a little butterflies coming into the game, but after that first throw, you are ready to go. I knew we had to get rolling and pick it up, and that's what we did."

(on his thoughts about starting) "You can't be in the game just tiptoeing around and not wanting to make mistakes just because it's football. You just have to keep playing. We knew if we didn't turn the ball over, we had a really good shot at winning. You want to get those guys the ball that are big players and big targets for us, but sometimes the game goes this way and you still get the win and everybody is still happy about it."

(on winning today) "I like winning the most. In my first start, I didn't get the win. I know a couple of those deep balls, I probably should have given those guys a chance to make the catch. Obviously I didn't. That goes with the other side of the ball too. The Jaguars are a good defense and they played well too."

(on Jaguars pressure on defense) "Coming into the game, we sort of had it in our minds that they might play a little more aggressive on defense. They tried to ramp it up a little bit, with it being just my second start, but we still could have done some things better, I think."

(on first time to Everbank Field and growing up in Florida) "I've never been here for a game before. It was exciting to come back in front of my family and friends too – with them being able to watch me start in the NFL. I played with most of them growing up too. It was a special moment to go out there and get my first win as a starter too. I'm not sure the number of ticket requests, because my parents are the ones that handled it. They kept it off my plate."

(on throw to Demaryius Thomas before half) "We knew that any kind of points were good there, so we were just trying to get up on the ball and get in field goal range there. DT (Demaryius Thomas) made a great play on the ball. If I put it on his chest, he might have been able to score, but I missed it low and he still went down and got it. When you get receivers like that on the outside, you can throw it anywhere and they'll catch it."

(on areas Denver needs to improve on offense) "I just think obviously we had a lot of three and outs in the second half. That's not good to do to your defense because they're playing their tails off and you don't want to keep them on the field. It's a big thing we need to do going forward is to get first downs and play better on our side of the ball."

LB DeMarcus Ware

(on Broncos' primary focus on defense) "We knew we had to first of all stop the run. They've been playing consistent, but just haven't been getting the wins. So, we knew we had to make them one-dimensional, stopping the run first and being able to get some pressure on the quarterback."

(on Jaguars QB Blake Bortles) "He's a scrambling quarterback. He scrambled for a touchdown, so you can see how elusive he is. I was more worried about him running out of the pocket than throwing the ball."

CB Bradley Roby

(on interception-touchdown return) "The receiver lined up and when he ran across, I undercut him and anticipated the play. Von (Miller) did a good job putting pressure on the quarterback. That's what we do, we play together and create turnovers."

(on getting a touchdown off a turnover) "It's always huge to get points off a takeaway and a big momentum swing. It demoralizes the opponent. That's what the defense loves to do. I don't know where we're ranked but we have to be up there in defensive touchdowns."

(on the defense forcing three turnovers) "All of us are trying to score and everybody on this defense wants to score. Everybody is hungry and everybody wants to score. All of us work hard and study hard and we make plays every week."

(on road win after last week) "We needed to bounce back after giving the game away last week. This is a big win for us this week."

(on second pick-six touchdown return this season) "I want some more and I'm two for two. And I'm just trying to get another."

LB Von Miller

(on causing turnover late in the game) "I was able to get a strip sack at the end of the game and we got the ball. You would like to make a play every game like that. We were able to put it together and get the win this week."

(on defense forcing three turnovers) "That's the type of defense that we play. I don't know what happened last week and we had our chances to close the game, especially last week. But

we let last week go and we have a great team. And great character in the locker room. I'm excited about this last month of the season. I'm always motivated, and we have a great defense."

(on road win) It was one of those games, travel across the country, early game, and it was great to come away with the win."